

beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; <sup>22</sup>and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,<sup>a</sup>  
because she was taken  
out of Man.”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.



ow the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid

themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all cattle,  
and above all wild animals;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between  
you and the woman,  
and between your seed  
and her seed;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
“I will greatly multiply your  
pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring  
forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for  
your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to  
the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all  
the days of your life;

<sup>a</sup> 2.23 Heb *ishshah*    <sup>b</sup> 2.23 Heb *ish*

2.21 1 Sam 26.12    2.23 Eph 5.30; 1 Cor 11.8    2.24 Mt 19.5; Mk 10.7, 8; 1 Cor 6.16; Eph 5.31    2.25 Gen 3.7, 10, 11    3.1 2 Cor 11.3; Rev 12.9; 20.2    3.3 2 Cor 11.3    3.4 Jn 8.44    3.6 1 Tim 2.14    3.8 Job 31.33; Jer 23.24    3.10 1 Jn 3.20    3.12 Prov 28.13  
3.13 2 Cor 11.3; 1 Tim 2.14    3.14 Isa 65.25; Mic 7.17    3.15 Jn 8.44; Acts 13.10; 1 Jn 3.8; Isa 7.14; Mt 1.23; Rom 16.20;  
Rev 12.7    3.16 Isa 13.8; Gen 4.7; 1 Cor 11.3; Eph 5.22    3.17 1 Sam 15.23; Gen 2.17; Rom 8.20-22

taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah<sup>a</sup> and Mer'ibah,<sup>b</sup> because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

<sup>8</sup>Then came Am'alek and fought with Israel at Reph'idim. <sup>9</sup>And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Am'alek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” <sup>10</sup>So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Am'alek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Am'alek prevailed. <sup>12</sup>But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup>And Joshua mowed down Am'alek and his people with the edge of the sword.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Am'alek from under heaven.” <sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD is my banner, <sup>16</sup>saying, “A hand upon the banner of the LORD!<sup>c</sup> The LORD will have war with Am'alek from generation to generation.”

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ethro, the priest of Mid'ian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup>Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zippo'rah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away, <sup>3</sup>and her two sons, of whom the name of the one was Gershom (for he said, “I have been a sojourner<sup>d</sup> in a foreign land”), <sup>4</sup>and the name of the other, Elie'zer<sup>e</sup> (for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”). <sup>5</sup>And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. <sup>6</sup>And when one told Moses, “Lo,<sup>f</sup> your father-in-law Jethro is coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her,” <sup>7</sup>Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare, and went into the tent. <sup>8</sup>Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. <sup>9</sup>And Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

<sup>10</sup>And Jethro said, “Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh. <sup>11</sup>Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians,<sup>g</sup> when they dealt arrogantly with them.” <sup>12</sup>And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, offered<sup>h</sup> a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

<sup>13</sup>On the morrow Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup>When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing

<sup>a</sup>17.7 That is *Proof* <sup>b</sup>17.7 That is *Contention* <sup>c</sup>17.16 Cn: Heb obscure <sup>d</sup>18.3 Heb *ger* <sup>e</sup>18.4 Heb *Eli*, my God, *ezer*, help <sup>f</sup>18.6 Sam Gk Syr: Heb *I* <sup>g</sup>18.11 Transposing the last clause of v. 10 to v. 11 <sup>h</sup>18.12 Syr Tg Vg: Heb took

17.6 Num 20.10; Ps 114.8; 1 Cor 10.4 17.7 Ps 81.7 17.8 Num 24.20; Deut 25.17–19 17.9 Ex 4.20 17.14 Ex 34.27; Num 24.20; Deut 25.19 18.1 Ex 2.16; 3.1 18.2 Ex 4.25 18.3 Acts 7.29; Ex 2.22 18.5 Ex 3.1, 12 18.7 Gen 43.26–28 18.8 Ps 81.7 18.10 Ps 68.19, 20 18.11 Ex 12.12; 15.11; 1 Sam 2.3

up after me; for the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.”<sup>13</sup> Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him;<sup>14</sup> and that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, was of about twenty men within as it were half a furrow’s length in an acre<sup>a</sup> of land.<sup>15</sup> And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison and even the raiders trembled; the earth quaked; and it became a very great panic.

<sup>16</sup>And the watchmen of Saul in Gib’e-ah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude was surging hither and thither.<sup>b</sup> <sup>17</sup>Then Saul said to the people who were with him, “Number and see who has gone from us.” And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there.<sup>18</sup> And Saul said to Ahi’jah, “Bring hither the ark of God.” For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel.<sup>19</sup> And while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more; and Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.”<sup>20</sup> Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle; and behold, every man’s sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion.<sup>21</sup> Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with<sup>c</sup> the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.<sup>22</sup> Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hid themselves in the hill country of E’phraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle.<sup>23</sup> So the LORD delivered Israel that day; and the battle passed beyond Beth-a’veen.

<sup>24</sup>And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul laid an oath on the people, saying, “Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am

avenged on my enemies.” So none of the people tasted food.<sup>25</sup> And all the people<sup>d</sup> came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground.<sup>26</sup> And when the people entered the forest, behold, the honey was dropping, but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath.<sup>27</sup> But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath; so he put forth the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes became bright.<sup>28</sup> Then one of the people said, “Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, ‘Cursed be the man who eats food this day.’” And the people were faint.<sup>29</sup> Then Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land; see how my eyes have become bright, because I tasted a little of this honey.<sup>30</sup> How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found; for now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great.”

<sup>31</sup>They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ai’jalon. And the people were very faint;<sup>32</sup> the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood.<sup>33</sup> Then they told Saul, “Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD, by eating with the blood.” And he said, “You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here.”<sup>e</sup> <sup>34</sup>And Saul said, “Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, ‘Let every man bring his ox or his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.’” So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night, and slew them there.<sup>35</sup> And Saul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

<sup>36</sup>Then Saul said, “Let us go down after the Philistines by night and despoil them

<sup>a</sup>14.14 Heb yoke <sup>b</sup>14.16 Gk: Heb *they went and thither*  
<sup>c</sup>14.21 Gk Syr Vg Tg: Heb *round about, they also, to be with* <sup>d</sup>14.25 Heb *land* <sup>e</sup>14.33 Gk: Heb *this day*

14.15 2 Kings 7.6, 7; 1 Sam 13.17 14.16 2 Sam 18.24 14.19 Num 27.21 14.20 Judg 7.22; 2 Chr 20.23 14.22 1 Sam 13.6  
 14.23 Ex 14.30; Ps 44.6, 7; 1 Sam 13.5 14.24 Josh 6.26 14.27 1 Sam 30.12 14.29 1 Kings 18.18  
 14.32 1 Sam 15.19; Lev 17.10–14 14.35 1 Sam 7.17

- 4 I do not sit with false men,  
nor do I consort with dissemblers;  
5 I hate the company of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence,  
and go about thy altar, O LORD,  
7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all thy wondrous deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation  
of thy house,  
and the place where  
thy glory dwells.
- 9 Sweep me not away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,  
10 men in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands  
are full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.  
12 My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great congregation I  
will bless the LORD.

→▶▶▶▶▶ **PSALM 27** ▶▶▶▶▶

A Psalm of David

**T**he LORD is my light and my  
salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold<sup>a</sup>  
of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers assail me,  
uttering slanders against me,<sup>b</sup>  
my adversaries and foes,  
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after;

that I may dwell in the  
house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under  
the cover of his tent,  
he will set me high upon a rock.
- 6 And now my head shall  
be lifted up  
above my enemies  
round about me;  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody  
to the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and  
answer me!
- 8 Thou hast said, "Seek ye my face."  
My heart says to thee,  
"Thy face, LORD, do I seek."  
9 Hide not thy face from me.

Turn not thy servant away in anger,  
thou who hast been my help.  
Cast me not off, forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!

- 10 For my father and my mother  
have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD;  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- 12 Give me not up to the will  
of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have  
risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.

<sup>a</sup> 27.1 Or *refuge*    <sup>b</sup> 27.2 Heb to eat up my flesh

26.4 Ps 1.1    26.5 Ps 1.1    26.6 Ps 73.13    26.7 Ps 35.18; 9.1    26.8 Ps 27.4    26.9 Ps 28.3    26.10 1 Sam 8.3    26.11 ver 1; Ps 69.18  
26.12 Ps 40.2; 27.11; 22.22    27.1 Isa 60.19; Ex 15.2; Ps 62.2    27.2 Ps 14.4    27.3 Ps 3.6    27.4 Ps 26.8; 90.17    27.5 Ps 31.20;  
40.2    27.6 Ps 3.3    27.7 Ps 39.12; 13.3    27.8 Ps 24.6    27.9 Ps 69.17    27.10 Isa 49.15; 40.11  
27.11 Ps 25.4; 86.11; 5.8    27.12 Ps 41.2; 35.11; Mt 26.60; Acts 9.1

- <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the  
goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your  
heart take courage;  
yea, wait for the LORD!

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A Psalm of David.

- T**o thee, O LORD, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if thou be silent to me,  
I become like those who  
go down to the Pit.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my supplication,  
as I cry to thee for help,  
as I lift up my hands  
towards thy most holy sanctuary.<sup>a</sup>
- <sup>3</sup> Take me not off with the wicked,  
with those who are workers of evil,  
who speak peace with  
their neighbors,  
while mischief is in their hearts.
- <sup>4</sup> Requite them according to their work,  
and according to the evil  
of their deeds;  
requite them according to the  
work of their hands;  
render them their due reward.
- <sup>5</sup> Because they do not regard  
the works of the LORD,  
or the work of his hands,  
he will break them down and  
build them up no more.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD!  
for he has heard the voice  
of my supplications.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD is my strength  
and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts;  
so I am helped, and my heart exults,

<sup>a</sup>28.2 Heb thy innermost sanctuary <sup>b</sup>29.1 Heb sons  
of gods <sup>c</sup>29.9 Or makes the hinds to calve

and with my song I give  
thanks to him.

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is the strength of his people,  
he is the saving refuge  
of his anointed.
- <sup>9</sup> O save thy people, and  
bless thy heritage;  
be thou their shepherd, and  
carry them for ever.

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A Psalm of David.

- A**scribe to the LORD, O heavenly  
beings,<sup>b</sup>  
ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the  
glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy array.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is  
upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, upon many waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful,  
the voice of the LORD is  
full of majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD  
breaks the cedars,  
the LORD breaks the  
cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sir'ion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes  
forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes  
the wilderness,  
the LORD shakes the  
wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes  
the oaks to whirl,<sup>c</sup>  
and strips the forests bare;  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**27.13** Ps 31:19; Jer 11:19 **27.14** Ps 40:1; Josh 1:6 **28.1** Ps 83:1; 88:4 **28.2** Ps 140:6; 5:7; 138:2 **28.3** Ps 26:9; 12:2; Jer 9:8  
**28.4** Rev 18:6 **28.5** Isa 5:12 **28.6** Ps 116:1 **28.7** Ps 18:2; 13:5 **28.8** Ps 20:6 **28.9** Deut 9:29; Ezra 1:4  
**29.1** 1 Chr 16:28, 29; Ps 96:7-9 **29.2** 2 Chr 20:21 **29.3** Job 37:4, 5 **29.4** Ps 68:33  
**29.5** Isa 2:13 **29.6** Ps 114:4; Deut 3:9 **29.8** Num 13:26 **29.9** Ps 26:8

shall not escape from their hand, but shall be seized by the king of Babylon; and this city shall be burned with fire.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Zedeki'ah said to Jeremiah, “Let no one know of these words and you shall not die. <sup>25</sup>If the princes hear that I have spoken with you and come to you and say to you, ‘Tell us what you said to the king and what the king said to you; hide nothing from us and we will not put you to death,’ <sup>26</sup>then you shall say to them, ‘I made a humble plea to the king that he would not send me back to the house of Jonathan to die there.’” <sup>27</sup>Then all the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him, and he answered them as the king had instructed him. So they left off speaking with him, for the conversation had not been overheard. <sup>28</sup>And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

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In the ninth year of Zedeki'ah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadrez'zar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and besieged it; <sup>2</sup>in the eleventh year of Zedeki'ah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city. <sup>3</sup>When Jerusalem was taken, <sup>4</sup>all the princes of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate: Ner'gal-share'zer, Sam'gar-ne'bo, Sar'sechim the Rab'saris, Ner'gal-share'zer the Rabmag, with all the rest of the officers of the king of Babylon. <sup>4</sup>When Zedeki'ah king of Judah and all the soldiers saw them, they fled, going out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate between the two walls; and they went toward the Arabah. <sup>5</sup>But the army of the Chalde'ans pursued them, and

overtook Zedeki'ah in the plains of Jericho; and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrez'zar king of Babylon, at Riblah, in the land of Hamath; and he passed sentence upon him. <sup>6</sup>The king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedeki'ah at Riblah before his eyes; and the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. <sup>7</sup>He put out the eyes of Zedeki'ah, and bound him in fetters to take him to Babylon. <sup>8</sup>The Chalde'ans burned the king's house and the house of the people, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>Then Nebu'zarad'an, the captain of the guard, carried into exile to Babylon the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to him, and the people who remained. <sup>10</sup>Nebu'zarad'an, the captain of the guard, left in the land of Judah some of the poor people who owned nothing, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

<sup>11</sup>Nebuchadrez'zar king of Babylon gave command concerning Jeremiah through Nebu'zarad'an, the captain of the guard, saying, <sup>12</sup>“Take him, look after him well and do him no harm, but deal with him as he tells you.” <sup>13</sup>So Nebu'zarad'an the captain of the guard, Nebushaz'ban the Rab'saris, Ner'gal-share'zer the Rabmag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon <sup>14</sup>sent and took Jeremiah from the court of the guard. They entrusted him to Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam, son of Shaphan, that he should take him home. So he dwelt among the people.

<sup>15</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the guard: <sup>16</sup>“Go, and say to E'bed-mel'ech the Ethiopian, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will fulfil my words against this city for evil and not for good, and they shall be accomplished before you on that day. <sup>17</sup>But I will deliver you on that day, says the LORD, and you shall not be given into the hand of the

<sup>a</sup>39.3 This clause has been transposed from the end of Chapter 38

38.25 ver 4-6, 27 38.26 Jer 37:15, 20 38.27 1 Sam 10:15, 16; 16:2-5 38.28 Jer 37:21; 39:14 39.1 2 Kings 25:1-4; Jer 52:4-7; Ezek 24:1, 2 39.2 2 Kings 25:4; Jer 52:7 39.3 Jer 38:17 39.4 2 Kings 25:4; Jer 52:7; Am 2:14; 2 Chr 32:5 39.5 Jer 32:4; 38:18, 23; Josh 4:13; 2 Kings 23:33 39.6 2 Kings 25:7; Jer 34:19-21 39.7 2 Kings 25:7; Jer 52:11; Ezek 12:13; Jer 32:5 39.8 2 Kings 25:9, 10; Jer 38:18; 52:13 39.9 2 Kings 25:11, 20; Jer 52:12-16; 24:8; 38:19 39.10 2 Kings 25:12; Jer 52:16 39.11 Jer 1:8; 15:20, 21; Acts 24:23 39.14 Jer 38:28; 40:1-6; 2 Kings 22:12, 14 39.16 Jer 38:7, 12; 21:10; Dan 9:12; Zech 1:6 39.17 Ps 41:1, 2; 50:15

men of whom you are afraid. <sup>18</sup>For I will surely save you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but you shall have your life as a prize of war, because you have put your trust in me, says the LORD.’”

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he word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD after Nebu'zarad'an the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he took him bound in chains along with all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah who were being exiled to Babylon. <sup>2</sup>The captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, “The LORD your God pronounced this evil against this place; <sup>3</sup>the LORD has brought it about, and has done as he said. Because you sinned against the LORD, and did not obey his voice, this thing has come upon you. <sup>4</sup>Now, behold, I release you today from the chains on your hands. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will look after you well; but if it seems wrong to you to come with me to Babylon, do not come. See, the whole land is before you; go wherever you think it good and right to go. <sup>5</sup>If you remain,<sup>a</sup> then return to Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam, son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon appointed governor of the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever you think it right to go.” So the captain of the guard gave him an allowance of food and a present, and let him go. <sup>6</sup>Then Jeremiah went to Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam, at Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land. <sup>7</sup>When all the captains of the forces in the open country and their men heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, women, and children, those of the poorest of the land who had not been taken into exile to Babylon, <sup>8</sup>they went to Gedali'ah at

Mizpah—Ish'mael the son of Nethani'ah, Joha'nan the son of Kare'ah, Serai'ah the son of Tanhu'meth, the sons of Ephai the Netoph'athite, Jezani'ah the son of the Ma-ac'athite, they and their men. <sup>9</sup>Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam, son of Shaphan, swore to them and their men, saying, “Do not be afraid to serve the Chalde'ans. Dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. <sup>10</sup>As for me, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand for you before the Chalde'ans who will come to us; but as for you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and store them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken.” <sup>11</sup>Likewise, when all the Jews who were in Moab and among the Ammonites and in Edom and in other lands heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant in Judah and had appointed Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam, son of Shaphan, as governor over them, <sup>12</sup>then all the Jews returned from all the places to which they had been driven and came to the land of Judah, to Gedali'ah at Mizpah; and they gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.

<sup>13</sup>Now Joha'nan the son of Kare'ah and all the leaders of the forces in the open country came to Gedali'ah at Mizpah <sup>14</sup>and said to him, “Do you know that Ba'alis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ish'mael the son of Nethani'ah to take your life?” But Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam would not believe them. <sup>15</sup>Then Joha'nan the son of Kare'ah spoke secretly to Gedali'ah at Mizpah, “Let me go and slay Ish'mael the son of Nethani'ah, and no one will know it. Why should he take your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered about you would be scattered, and the remnant of Judah would perish?” <sup>16</sup>But Gedali'ah the son of Ahi'kam said to Joha'nan the son of Kare'ah, “You shall not do this thing, for you are speaking falsely of Ish'mael.”

<sup>a</sup> 40.5 Syr: Heb obscure

39.18 Jer 21.9; 45.5; Ps 34.22; Jer 17.7, 8 40.1 Jer 39.9, 11, 14; 31.15; Eph 6.20 40.2 Jer 22.8, 9; 50.7 40.3 Deut 29.24, 25; Dan 9.11 40.4 Jer 39.11, 12; Gen 20.15 40.5 Jer 39.14; 2 Kings 25.23; ver 4 40.6 Jer 39.14; Judg 20.1 40.7 2 Kings 25.23, 24; Jer 39.10; 52.16 40.8 Jer 41.1 40.10 ver 6; Jer 35.19; ver 12; Jer 48.32 40.11 Isa 16.4; 1 Sam 11.1; 12.12; Isa 11.14 40.12 Jer 43.5; ver 10 40.13 ver 8 40.14 Jer 41.10 40.15 1 Sam 26.8; 2 Sam 21.17; Jer 42.2 40.16 Mt 10.16

saying, "Drink of it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the<sup>a</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'<sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."<sup>33</sup> Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."<sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsem'ane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray."<sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb'edee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch<sup>b</sup> with me."<sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."<sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch<sup>c</sup> with me one hour?"<sup>41</sup> Watch<sup>d</sup> and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."<sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done."<sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping

and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him."<sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!"<sup>e</sup> And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?"<sup>f</sup> Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"<sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false testimony against

<sup>a</sup> 26.28 Other ancient authorities insert *new*

<sup>b</sup> 26.38 Or *keep awake* <sup>c</sup> 26.40 Or *keep awake*

<sup>d</sup> 26.41 Or *keep awake* <sup>e</sup> 26.49 Or *Rabbi* <sup>f</sup> 26.50 Or *do that for which you have come*

**26.28** Ex 24.6–8; Mt 20.28; Mk 1.4; Heb 9.20 **26.29** Acts 10.41 **26.30** Mk 14.26 **26.31** Jn 16.32; Mt 11.6; Zech 13.7

**26.32** Mt 28.7, 10, 16 **26.34** Jn 13.37 **26.35** Jn 13.37 **26.37** Mt 4.21 **26.38** Jn 12.27 **26.39** Jn 12.27; Mt 20.22;

Jn 6.38; Phil 2.8 **26.40** ver 38 **26.41** Mt 6.13; Lk 11.4 **26.42** Jn 4.34; 5.30; 6.38 **26.45** ver 18;

Jn 12.23, 27; 13.1; 17.1 **26.49** ver 25 **26.50** Mt 20.13; 22.12 **26.52** Gen 9.6; Rev 13.10

**26.53** 2 Kings 6.17; Dan 7.10 **26.54** ver 24; Lk 24.25, 44, 46

**26.56** ver 54 **26.58** Jn 18.15

Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes, and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>a</sup>27.16 Other ancient authorities read *Jesus Barabbas*

<sup>b</sup>27.17 Other ancient authorities read *Jesus Barabbas*

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hen morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; <sup>2</sup>and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup>And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." <sup>7</sup>So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barab'bas. <sup>a</sup> <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barab'bas<sup>b</sup> or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that

**26.60** Ps 27.12; 35.11; Acts 6.13; Deut 19.15 **26.61** Mt 27.40 **26.63** Isa 53.7; Mt 27.12, 14; Lev 5.1; Jn 18.33 **26.64** Ps 110.1; Dan 7.13; Mt 16.27, 28 **26.65** Num 14.6; Acts 14.14 **26.66** Lev 24.16; Jn 19.7 **26.67** Isa 53.3; Mt 27.30; Jn 19.3

**26.75** ver 34; Jn 13.38 **27.2** Mt 20.19; Acts 3.13 **27.3** Mt 26.14, 15 **27.4** ver 24 **27.5** Acts 1.18 **27.8** Acts 1.9

**27.9** Zech 11.12, 13 **27.12** Mt 26.63; Jn 19.9 **27.13** Mt 26.62; Jn 19.10 **27.14** 1 Tim 6.13