On Daniel

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My main point is that the revelators discuss the problems with the book of Revelation in the Bible, and the 24th chapter of Matthew. However, although they point out the limitations of the Messianic and apocalyptic prophecies of Daniel, they also make the following curious statement:

Down through the ages there has been great confusion on Urantia regarding the various universe rulers. Many later teachers confused their vague and indefinite tribal deities with the Most High Fathers. Still later, the Hebrews merged all of these celestial rulers into a composite Deity. One teacher understood that the Most Highs were not the Supreme Rulers, for he said, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." In the Urantia records it is very difficult at times to know exactly who is referred to by the term "Most High". But Daniel fully understood these matters. He said, "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever he will." (43:3.4) (Daniel 4:17, 4:25, 4:32, 4:34, 7:18, 7:22)

My question is: why did Daniel fully understand these matters? Why wasn't he confused like everyone else? I am reminded of the passage:

(The cosmic reserve corps of universe-conscious citizens on Urantia now numbers over one thousand mortals whose insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends the sphere of their terrestrial abode, but I am forbidden to reveal the real nature of the function of this unique group of living human beings.) (114:7.10)

The cosmic reservists also fully understand. Is there a connection?

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Matthew

Chapter 1

1 The book of the generation of Yesus Christus, the son of David, the
2 Abraham begotten Ishak; and Ishak begotten Yakob; and Yakob begotten
3 Yehudah and his brothers; and Yehudah begotten Peres and Zerah
4 of Tamar; and Peres begotten Hezron; and Hezron begotten Ram;
5 and Ram begotten Aminadab; and Aminadab begotten Nahshon; and Nahshon
6 begotten Salmon; and Salmon begotten Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begotten
7 Obed of Ruth; and Obed begotten Yesse; and Yesse begotten Dawid the king;
8 and Dawid the king begotten Shelomoh of her of Uriah; and Shelomoh begotten
9 Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begotten Abiyah; and Abiyah begotten Asa; and Asa begotten
10 Yehoshaphat; and Yehoshaphat begotten Yehoram; and Yehoram begotten Uzziah; and Uzziah begotten
11 Yotham; and Yotham begotten Ahaz; and Ahaz begotten Hezekiah; and Hezekiah begotten
12 Menashah; and Menashah begotten Amon; and Amon begotten Yosiah; and Yosiah begotten
13 Yekonyah and his brothers, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon. And after the
14 carrying away to Babylon, Yekonyah begotten Shealtiel; and Shealtiel begotten Zerubbabel;
15 and Zerubbabel begotten Abiud; and Abiud begotten Eliakim; and Eliakim begotten Azor;
16 and Azor begotten Tsadok; and Tsadok begotten Yakim; and Yakim begotten Eliud;
17 and Eliud begotten Eleazar; and Eleazar begotten Matthan; and Matthan begotten
18 Yakob; and Yakob begotten Yosef, the husband of Miryam, of whom was born
19 Yesus, who is called Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to Dawid are
20 fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon to Dawid are fourteen
21 generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon to Messiah are fourteen
22 generations. Now the birth of Yesus Christ was in this way: When
23 his mother Miryam was betrothed to Yosef before they came together, she was found
24 with child of the Ruach Hakodesh. Then Yosef, her husband, being a tsaddiq and
25 not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.
26 But while he was thinking on these things, see, a messenger of Yehwah appeared
27 to him in a dream, saying, Yosef, son of David, do not be afraid to take
28 Miryam your wife, for what is begotten in her is of the Ruach Hakodesh.
29 And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call his
30 name Yesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Chapter 2

1 Now when Yesus was born in Bethlehem of Yehudah in the days of
2 Hordus the king, behold, there came from the east to Yerushalayim
3 magi, saying, Where is he who is born king of the Yehudim? For we have
4 seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When
5 Hordus the king had heard this, he was troubled, and all
6 Yerushalayim with him. And when he had gathered together all the
7 chief priests and the scribes of the people, he demanded of them where
8 the Messiah was to be born. And they said to him, In Bethlehem
9 of Yehudah, for so it is written by the prophet, And you,
10 Bethlehem, in the land of Yehudah, are not the least among the
11 princes of Yehudah, for out of you will come a Ruler who will
12 shepherd my people Yisrael. Then Hordus, when he had privately
13 called the magi, learned from them what time the star appeared.
14 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search for the young child;
15 and when you have found him, bring me word, that I may come and
16 worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed;
17 and see, the star which they had seen in the east went before them,
18 till it came and stood above where the young child was. When they saw
19 the star, they were very exceedingly glad. And when they had come into the house,
20 they saw the young child with Miryam his mother, and fell down and
21 worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and
22 and Mattan died, and was buried in the city of David
23 his father. And Yosef also went up from Galilee, out of the city
24 Nazareth, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;

Chapter 3

1 (because he was of the house and family of David), to be taxed with
2 Miryam his betrothed wife, being with child. And so it was, while they were there, the days were fulfilled
3 that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him down
4 in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds
5 abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, the messenger of Yehwah came upon them, and the glory of
6 Yehwah shone round about them: and they were very afraid. And the messenger said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good
7 tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is
8 Messiah the Yehwah. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.
9 And suddenly there was with the messenger a multitude of the host of heaven praising Yehwah, and saying,
10 Glory to Yehwah in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, when the messengers were gone
11 away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which
12 Yehwah has made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Miryam, and Yosef, and the babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen it,
13 they made known abroad concerning the saying which was told them concerning this babe. And all they that heard it wondered
14 at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Miryam kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
15 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising Yehwah for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was spoken unto them.
16 And when the eight days for the circumcision of the babe were fulfilled, his name was called Yesus, which was called by the messenger
17 before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of their purification according to the Torah of Moshe were fulfilled, they brought him to
18 Yerushalayim, to present him to Yehwah; (As it is written in the Torah of Yehwah, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to Yehwah;)
19 And to give a sacrifice according to that which is said in the Torah of Yehwah, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.
20 And behold, there was a man in Yerushalayim, whose name was Shimeon; and the same man was tsaddiq and devout, waiting for the
21 Consolation of Yisrael: and the Ruach Hakodesh was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Ruach Hakodesh, that he should not see death,
22 before he had seen the Messiah of Yehwah. And he came by the Ruach into the temple: and when the parents brought in the babe Yesus,
23 that they might do for him according to the custom of the Torah, Then he took him up in his arms, and blessed Elohim, and said,
24 Now let your servant depart in peace, Adonai, according to your word: For my eyes have seen your salvation,
25 Which you have prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Goyim, and the glory of your people Yisrael.
26 And Yosef and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken concerning him. And Shimeon blessed them, and said unto Miryam
27 his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Yisrael; and for a sign which is spoken against;
28 (Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Hannah, a prophetess,
29 the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher: she was very old, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity;
30 And she was a widow of about eighty years, which departed not from the Temple, but served Elohim with fastings and prayers night and day.
31 And she coming in at that time gave thanks likewise unto Yehwah, and spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Yerushalayim.
32 And when they had performed all things according to the Torah of Yehwah, they returned into Galil, to their city Nazareth.
33 And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the favour of Yehwah was upon him.
34 Then his parents went every year to Yerushalayim at the feast of the Passover.
35 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Yerushalayim after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned,
36 the child Yesus tarried behind in Yerushalayim; and his parents knew not of it. But they, supposing that he had been in the company, went a day's journey;
37 and they sought him among their kinsfolk and among their acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Yerushalayim, seeking him.
38 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.
39 And all that hear him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him,
40 Son, why have you thus dealt with us? behold, your father and I have sought you sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that you sought me?
41 Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spoke unto them.
42 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these things in her heart.
43 And Yesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with Elohim and man.

Chapter 4

1 Then was Yesus led into the midbar by the ruach to be tested
2 by the Satan. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward
3 hungered. And when the tested one came to him, he said, If you be the Son of
4 Elohim, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written,
5 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of Elohim.
6 Then the Satan taken him up into the Holy Place, and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple, and said unto him,
7 If you be the Son of Elohim, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his messengers charge concerning you:
8 and they shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Yesus said unto him, It is written again,
9 You shall not test Yehwah your Elohim. Again the Satan taken him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world,
10 and their glory; And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Then said Yesus unto him,
11 Get you hence, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship Yehwah your Elohim, and him only you shall serve. Then the Satan left him,
12 and see, the messengers came and ministered unto him. Now when Yesus heard that Yochanan was cast into prison, he departed into Galil.
13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the seacoast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naftali:
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Yesaiah the prophet, saying,
15 The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naftali, by the way of the seacoast, beyond Yarden, Galil of the Goyim;
16 The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light sprung up.
17 From that time Yesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the Malkut Shamayim is at hand.
18 Now Yesus, walking by the sea of Galil, saw two brothers, Shimon called Kefa, and Andrew his brother, casting their net into the sea: for they were
19 fishers. And he said unto them, Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
20 And they immediately left their nets, and followed him.
21 And going on from there, he saw other two brothers, Yakob the son of Zebedee, and Yochanan his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father,
22 mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him.
23 Then Yesus went about in all Galil, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Malkut Shamayim, and healing all manner of sickness among the people.
24 And his report went forth into all Aram: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with various diseases and torments, and those which were possessed, and those which were lunatic, and those that
25 had no ruach, and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes from Galil, and from Aseret, and from Yerushalayim, and from Yehudah, and from beyond Yarden.

Chapter 5

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and
2 when he was set down, his talmidim came unto him:
3 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
4 Blessed are the poor in ruach: for theirs is the Malkut Shamayim.
5 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
6 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
7 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after tsadiqutsah: for they shall be filled.
8 Blessed are the rachamim: for they shall obtain rachamim.
9 Blessed are the clean in lev: for they shall see Elohim.
10 Blessed are the makers of shalom: for they shall be called the children of Elohim.
11 Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Be glad, and be very exceeding glad: for great is your reward in the Shamayim: for so persecuted they the nevi'im which were before you.
13 You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its taste, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trampled on by men.
14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand; and it gives light unto all that are in the house.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your tovim ma'asim, and glorify your Father which is in the Shamayim.
17 Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah, or the nevi'im: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
18 For Amen I say to you, Till Shamayim and Eretz pass away, one yod or one tittle shall in no way pass from the Torah, till all be fulfilled.
19 Whoever shall break one of these least mitzvot, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Malkut Shamayim: but whoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called gadol in the Malkut Shamayim.
20 For I say to you, That except your tsadiqutsah shall exceed the tsadiqutsah of the Sofrim and Perushim, you shall in no way enter into the Malkut Shamayim.
21 You have heard that it was said by them of olden time, Thou shalt not ratsach; and whoever shall ratsach shall be in danger of the judgment:
22 But I say to you, That whoever is angry with his achi without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whoever shall say to his achi, Raca, shall be in danger of the Sanhedrin: but whoever shall say, Moreh, shall be in danger of the Eretz Gehinnah Esh.
23 Therefore if you bring your korban to the Mizbe'ach, and there you remember that your achi has something against you;
24 Leave there your korban before the Mizbe'ach, and go your way; first be reconciled to your achi, and then come and offer your korban.
25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him; lest at any time your adversary deliver you to the shofet, and the shofet
26 deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison. Truly I say unto you, You have been moved
27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of olden time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:
28 But I say to you, That whoever looks on an isha to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his lev.
29 If your right eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole guf should be cast into Gehinnah.
30 And if your right yad offend you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole guf should be cast into Gehinnah.
31 It has been said, Whoever shall put away his isha, let him give her a sefer kritut:
32 But I say to you, That whoever shall put away his isha, except for the matter of zenut, causes her to commit adultery: and whoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.
33 Again, you have heard that it has been said of them of old time, Thou shalt not make false shevu'ot, but shalt perform unto Adonai your shevu'ot:
34 But I say to you, Swear not at all; neither by the Shamayim; for it is the Kisse Elohim:
35 Nor by the Eretz; for it is the Ragleiyot Elohim: neither by Yerushalayim; for it is the Ir Melech Gadol.
36 Neither shalt you make shevu'ot by your rosh, because you cannot make one seir to be lavan or adom.
37 But let your Yes be Yes; and your No, No: for whatever more than these comes of the Ra'.
38 You have heard that it has been said, Ayin tachat ayin, and shen tachat shen:
39 But I say to you, That you resist not evil: but whoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.
40 And if any man will sue you at the mishpat, and take away your kuttonet, let him have your talit also.
41 And whoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him twain.
42 Give to him that asks you, and from him that would borrow of you, do not turn away.
43 You have heard that it has been said, You shall love your rei'a, and hate your sonei'a.
44 But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do tov to those that sonei'a you, and pray for them
45 that spitefully use you, and persecute you; That you may be children of your Father which is in the Shamayim: for he causes his shemesh to rise on the evil and the tov, and sends the matar on the tzaddiq and the evil.
46 For if you love those who love you, what sechar have you? do even the moshe'im the same?
47 And if you greet your achim only, what do you more than others? do even the moshe'im so?
48 Be you therefore complete, even as your Father which is in the Shamayim is complete.

Chapter 6

1 Take heed that you do not your tzedakah before men, to be seen
2 of them: otherwise you have no reward of your Father which is in the Shamayim.
3 Therefore when you do your tzedakah, do not sound a shofar before you, as the
4 hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored of men. Truly I say unto you, They have their reward.
5 But when you do tzedakah, let not your left yad know what your right yad does:
6 That your tzedakah may be in secret: and your Father which sees in secret himself will reward you openly.
7 And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Truly I say unto you, They have their reward.
8 But you, when you pray, go into your chamber, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and your Father which
9 sees in secret himself will reward you openly. But when you pray, do not use vain repetitions, as the goyim do: for they think that they will be heard for their
10 Be not you therefore like them: for your Father knows what you need, before you ask him.
11 In this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in the Shamayim, Let your Shem be kodesh.
12 Let your Malkut come. Let your will be done in Eretz, as it is in the Shamayim.
13 Give us this day our lechem chukim.
14 And forgive us our chovot, as we forgive our chayavim.
15 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Ra': for your is the Malkut, and the koach, and the tehilah, l'olamim. Amen.
16 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
17 But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
18 Moreover when you fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Truly I say unto you, They have their reward.
19 But you, when you fast, anoint your rosh, and wash your face;
20 That you appear not unto men to fast, but unto your Father which is in secret: and your Father which sees in secret himself will reward you openly.
21 Do not lay up treasures for yourselves upon the eretz, where moth and tarnish doth corrupt, and where ganavim break through and steal:
22 But lay up treasures for yourselves in the Shamayim, where neither moth nor tarnish doth corrupt, and where ganavim do not break through and steal:
23 For where your treasure is, there will your lev be also.
24 The ayin is the light of the guf: if therefore your ayin be tov, your whole guf shall be full of light.
25 But if your ayin be ra', your whole guf shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!
26 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Neither can you serve Elohim and Mammon.
27 Therefore I say to you, Take no thought for your nefesh, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your guf, what you shall put on. Is the nefesh more than ochel, and the guf than the beged?
28 Behold the birds of the Shamayim: for they neither zera, nor qatzir, nor asaf into the barns; yet your Father which is in the Shamayim feeds them. Are you not much more than they?
29 Which of you by taking thought can add one ammah unto his qomah?
30 And why take you thought for the beged? Consider the shushanim of the sadeh, how they grow; they toil not, they neither do they spin:
31 And yet I say to you, That even Shlomoh in all his kavod was not arayed like one of these.
32 Therefore if Elohim so clothe the grass of the sadeh, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the furnace, how much more will he do for you, O you of little emunah?
33 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewith shall we be covered?
34 (For all these things do the goyim seek after:) for your Father knows that you have need of these things.
35 But seek you first the Malkut and his tzedakah; and all these things shall be added unto you.
36 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow will take thought for the things of itself. Enough is the evil of the day.

Chapter 7

1 Judge not, that you be not judged.
2 For with what mishpat you judge, you will be judged: and with
3 what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
4 And why beholest you the speck that is in your achi's ayin, but
5 considerest not the beam that is in your own ayin? Or how will you say to your
6 achi, Let me pull out the speck from your ayin; and, behold, a beam is in your own ayin?
7 Chazer'im, first cast the beam out of your own ayin; and then shall you see clearly to pull the speck out of your achi's ayin.
8 Do not give the holy unto the kelavim, neither cast your pearls before the chazerim, lest they trample them under their
9 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
10 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.
11 Or what man is there of you, whom if his ben asks for lechem, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a dag, will he give him a serpent?
12 If you then, being ra'im, know how to give tovot unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in the Shamayim give tovot
13 Therefore all things whatsoever you want that men should do to you, even so do you to them: for this is the Torah and the nevi'im.
14 Enter you in at the sha'ar tzar: for wide is the sha'ar, and rachav is the derech, that leads to the abbdut, and there are many
15 Because tzar is the sha'ar, and tzar is the derech, which leads to the Chayim, and few there be that find it.
16 Beware of false nevi'im, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening zeivim.
17 Ye shall know them by their tzedakah. Do men gather grapes of the bramble bush, or figs of the tzelonim?
18 Even so every tov etz brings forth tov fruit; but a ra etz brings forth ra fruit.
19 A tov etz cannot bring forth ra fruit, neither can a ra etz bring forth tov fruit.
20 Every etz that does not bring forth tov fruit is cut down, and cast into the esh.
21 Therefore you shall know them by their tzedakah.
22 Not every one that says unto me, Adoni, Adoni, shall enter into the Malkut Shamayim; but he that does the ratzon of my Father which is in the Shamayim.
23 Many will say to me in that day, Adoni, Adoni, have we not prophesied in your Shem? and in your Shem have we not cast out shedim? and in your Shem have we not done many wonderful ma'asim?
24 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that practice torah.
25 Therefore whoever shall hear these words of mine, and shall do them, I will liken him unto a chakham man, which built his bayit upon the
26 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the ruchot blew, and beat upon that bayit; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the
27 And every one that shall hear these words of mine, and shall not do them, shall be like unto a kesil man, which built his bayit upon the
28 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the ruchot blew, and beat upon that bayit; and it fell: and great was the
29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the sofrim.

Chapter 8

1 When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes
2 followed him.
3 And, behold, there came a metzora and worshipped him, saying, Adoni,
4 if you will, you are able to make me tahor. And Yesus put
5 forth his yad, and touched him, saying, I will: be
6 you tahor. And immediately his metzora was tahor.
7 And Yesus said unto him, See you tell no man; but go your way, show yourself to the kohen, and offer the korban that
8 Moshe commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Yesus was entered into Kfar Nachum, there came unto him a centurion,
9 beseeching him, and
10 Saying, Adoni, my talmid lies at home sick and is in great
11 pain. And he said unto him, I will come and heal him.
12 The centurion answered and said, Adoni, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my talmid
13 For I am a man under authority, having under me talmidim, and I say unto this man, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes, and to my
14 And when Yesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to those that followed, Truly I say unto you, I have not found such emunah, no, not in Yisrael.
15 And I say unto you, That many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Avraham, Yitzhak, and Yakob, in the Malkut Shamayim:
16 But the children of the Malkut will be cast into the Gehinnah Esh: there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
17 And Yesus said unto the centurion, Go your way; and as you have emunah, so be it done to you. And his talmid was healed in the same
18 Now when Yesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave order to depart to the other side.
19 And a certain sofer came, and said unto him, Rabbi, I will follow you wherever you go.
20 And Yesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the shamayim have nests; but the Ben Adam has not where to lay his head.
21 And another of his talmidim said unto him, Adoni, let me first go and bury my father.
22 But Yesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.
23 And when he was entered into a boat, his talmidim followed him.
24 And, behold, there arose a great storm in the yam, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.
25 And his talmidim came to him, and awoke him, saying, Adoni, save us: we perish.
26 And he said unto them, Why are you afraid, O you of little emunah? Then he arose, and rebuked the ruchot and the yam; and there was a great
27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the ruchot and the yam obey him!
28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two demonim, coming out of the kivrot, so fierce that no man might pass by that way.
29 And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with you, Yesus, Ben Elohim? art you come here to torment us before the time?
30 And there was a herd of many chazirim feeding at a distance from them.
31 So the demonim beseeched him, saying, If you cast us out, let us go away into the herd of chazirim.
32 And he said unto them, Go. When they had come out, they went into the herd of chazirim: and, behold, the whole herd of chazirim ran violently down
33 And they that fed them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told everything, and what was done to the demonim.
34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Yesus: and when they saw him, they beseeched him that he would depart from their

Chapter 9

1 And he entered into a boat, and passed over, and came into his
2 own city. And, behold, they brought to him a palsied man, lying on a
3 bed: and Yesus seeing their emunah said unto the palsied; Be of tov
4 lev, ben; your chatot be forgiven you. And, behold, some of the sofrim said within themselves, This man blasphemes.
5 For what is easier, to say, Your chatot be forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk?
6 But that you may know that the Ben Adam has koach on earth to forgive chatot, (then he said to the palsied,) Arise, take up your
7 mat, and go your way into your bayit.
8 And he arose, and departed to his bayit. But when the multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and glorified Elohim, who had given such koach unto
9 And as Yesus passed forth from there, he saw a man, called Matityah, sitting at the mekes: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
10 And it came to pass, as Yesus sat at the table in the bayit, behold, many mokhsim and chatot came and sat down with Yesus and his talmidim.
11 And when the Perushim saw it, they said unto his talmidim, Why does your Rabbi eat with the mokhsim and chatot?
12 But when Yesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be hale have no need of the rofe; but they that are cholim.
13 But go you and learn what this meaning: I desire rachamim, and not zevakhim: for I have not come to call the tzaddiqim, but the chatot
14 Then came to him the talmidim of Yochanan, saying, Why do we and the Perushim fast often, but your talmidim do not fast?
15 And Yesus said unto them, Can the ben hatan mourn, while the chatan is with them? but the days will come, when the chatan shall be taken
16 No man sews a patch of raw beged on an old beged: for that which is put in to fill it up takes away from the beged, and the tear is made
17 Neither do men put yayin hadash into old nevlot: else the nevlot will burst, and the yayin will run out, and the nevlot will perish: but they put
18 While he spoke these things unto them, behold, there came a ruler, and worshipped him, saying, Adoni, my bat is even now
19 And Yesus arose, and followed him, and his talmidim.
20 And, behold, a woman, which was cholah of a dam zavah shneim esreh shanah, came behind him, and touched the tzitzit of his beged:
21 For she said within herself, If I only touch his beged, I shall be
22 But Yesus, turning him about, and when he saw her, he said, Be of tov lev, bat; your emunah has made you whole. And the woman was made whole from that
23 And when Yesus came into the ruler's bayit, and saw the minstrels and the multitude making a commotion,
24 He said unto them, Make place: for the yeladah is not mat, but yashen. And they laughed him to scorn.
25 But when the multitude was put forth, he went in, and took her by the
26 And the report hereof went forth into all that eretz.
27 And when Yesus departed from there, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Have rachamim on us, Ben David.
28 And when he was come into the bayit, the blind men came to him: and Yesus said unto them, Do you believe that I am able to do this?
29 Then touched he their eynayim, saying, According to your emunah be it unto you.
30 And their eynayim were opened; and Yesus strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.
31 But they, when they were departed, spoke of him throughout all that eretz.
32 As they went forth, behold, they brought to him a man ilem shedim.
33 And when the shed was cast out, the ilem spoke: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Yisrael.
34 But the Perushim said, He casts out shedim by the rosh of the shedim.
35 And Yesus went about in all the ir and kfarim, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Malkut Besorah, and healing every
36 But when he saw the multitudes, he had rachamim on them, because they were nebelim, and nefutzim, as tzon that have no
37 Then said he unto his talmidim, The qatzir is lavan, but the fellow workers are few;
38 Pray you therefore the Adoni of the qatzir, that he will send out fellow workers into his qatzir.

Chapter 10

1 And when he called unto him his twelve talmidim, he gave them koach against ruchot of tameim, to cast them out, and to heal
2 Now the names of the twelve talmidim are these. The first, Shimon, called Kefa, and Andrew his brother; Yakob the son of Zebedee,
3 and Yochanan his brother; Philippos, and Bar-Talmai; Thomas, and Matityah the mokhes; Yakob the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus,
4 Shimon the Kanai, and Yehudah Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
5 These twelve Yesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not
6 into the derech of the goyim, and into any ir of the Shomronim shall you not
7 But go rather to the lost tzon of the Beit Yisrael. And as you go, proclaim, saying, The Malkut Shamayim is at hand.
8 Heal the cholim, tahr the metzora, raise the metim, cast out the shedim: freely you have received, freely give.
9 Provide neither zahav, nor kesef, nor nechushtan in your
10 Neither tsedah for the derech, nor two kitonot, nor nenalim, nor
11 And whatsoever ir or kfar you shall enter, inquire who in it is
12 And when you come into a bayit, greet it.
13 And if the bayit be worthy, let your shalom come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your shalom return to you.
14 And whoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when you depart out of that bayit or ir, shake off the
15 Truly I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the eretz of Sodom and Amorah in the Yom Din, than for that ir.
16 Hinneh, I send you as tzon among the zeivim: be you therefore
17 But beware of the men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and will scourge you in their
18 And you shall be brought before the governors and melakim for my sake, for a testimony against them and against the goyim.
19 But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious how or what you
20 For it is not you that speak, but the Ruach of your Father which speaks in you.
21 And the achim will deliver up the achim to death, and the
22 And you will be sonei'a of all men for my Shem: but he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be
23 But when they persecute you in this ir, flee you into another: for Amen I say to you, You will not have finished with the
24 The talmid is not above his rabbi, nor the eved above his
25 It is enough for the talmid that he be as his rabbi, and the eved as his
26 If they have called the Ba'al Bayit Zevuv, how much more shall they call them of his household?
27 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing
28 And fear not those who kill the guf, but are not able to kill the nefesh: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both nefesh and guf in Gehinnah.
29 Are not two tsippor sold for a kesef? and one of them shall not fall on the eretz without your Father.
30 But even the sheirot of your rosh are all counted.
31 Fear you not therefore, you are more tov than many tsippor.
32 Whoever therefore shall confess with me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in the Shamayim.
33 But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in the Shamayim.
34 Think not that I am come to send shalom on eretz: I came not to send shalom, but a cherev.
35 For I am come to make a machloket between a man and his father, and the daughter against her eem, and
36 And a man's enemies shall be those of his own household.
37 He that ohev eem or bat more than me is not worthy of me: and he that ohev ben or bat more than me is not worthy of me.
38 And he that does not take his tzelav, and follow after me, is not worthy of me.
39 He that finds his nefesh shall lose it: and he that loses his nefesh for my sake shall find it.
40 He that receives you receives me, and he that receives me receives him that shalach me.
41 He that receives a navi in the name of a navi shall receive a navi's sechar; and he that receives a tzaddiq in the name of a tzaddiq shall receive a tzaddiq's sechar.
42 And whoever shall give to one of these ketanim a kos of mayim only in the name of a talmid, Truly I say unto you, he shall in no way lose his sechar.

Chapter 11

1 And it came to pass, when Yesus had made an end of commanding his
2 talmidim shneim esreh, he departed from there to teach and to preach in
3 Now when Yochanan had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he
4 sent two of his talmidim,
5 Saying unto him, Are you the Ba'al Mashiach, or do we look
6 Yesus answered and said unto them, Go and show Yochanan what things you do hear and see:
7 The blind receive their eynayim, and the pasechim walk, the metzora are tahor, and the cherashim hear, the metim are raised up, and
8 But what went you out for to see? A navi? Yes, I say unto you, and more than a navi.
9 For this is he, concerning whom it is written, Hinneh, I send my messenger before your face, which shall prepare your way before you.
10 Truly I say unto you, Among those born of women there has not arisen a greater than Yochanan
11 Nevertheless he that is katan in the Malkut Shamayim is greater than he.
12 And from the days of Yochanan the Immer until now the Malkut Shamayim suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
13 For all the nevi'im and the Torah prophesied until Yochanan.
14 And if you will receive it, he is Eliyahu, which was to come.
15 He that has ears let him hear.
16 But whereunto shall I liken this dor? It is like unto yeladim sitting in the markets, and calling unto their
17 Saying, We have piped unto you, and you have not rakad; we have
18 For Yochanan came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has
19 The Ben Adam came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man
20 Then began he to upbraid the ir in which most of his mighty ma'asim were done, because they repented not:
21 Woe unto you, Korazin! woe unto you, Beit Tzaidah! for if the mighty ma'asim, which have been done in you, had been done in Tzur and Tzidon, they would have long ago
22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tzur and Tzidon in the Yom Din, than for you.
23 And you, Kfar Nachum, which are lifted up unto shamayim, you shall be brought down to Sheol: for if the mighty ma'asim, which have been done in you, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until
24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the eretz of Sodom in the Yom Din, than for you.
25 At that time Yesus answered and said, I thank you, O Father, Adoni of the shamayim and eretz, because you have hidden these things from the chakhamim and nevonim, and have revealed them unto
26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed tov before you.
27 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knows who the Father is, but the Ben, and he to whomsoever the Ben will reveal him.
28 Come unto me, all you that are amal and are overburdened, and I will give you menuchah.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am gentle and nevertheless in lev: and you shall find menuchah for your nefesh.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my mas is light.

Chapter 12

1 At that time Yesus went on the Shabbat through the kerem; and
2 his talmidim were ra'ev, and began to pluck the rosh of the grain and to
3 But he said unto them, Have you not read what David did, when he was ra'ev, and those that were with him;
4 How he entered into the Beit Elohim, and did eat the lechem hapanim, which neither he nor those that were with him
5 But have you not read in the Torah, how on the Shabbat the kohanim in the Beit Hamikdash violate the Shabbat, and are
6 But I say unto you, That in this place there is one greater than the Beit Hamikdash.
7 But if you had known what this means, I desire rachamim, and not zevakhim, you would not have condemned the
8 For the Ben Adam is adon even of the Shabbat.
9 And when he had departed from there, he went into their beit tefilah:
10 And, behold, there was a man which had a yad yavesh. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Shabbat? that they might accuse him.
11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one tzon, and if it fall into a bor on the Shabbat, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?
12 How much more then is a man better than a tzon? Therefore it is lawful to do tov on the Shabbat.
13 Then said he unto the man, Stretch forth your yad. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like the other.
14 Then the Perushim went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.
15 But when Yesus knew it, he withdrew himself from there: and many followed him, and he healed them all;
16 And he warned them that they should not make him known:
17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Yesaiah the navi, saying,
18 Hinneh, my eved whom I have bechirah; my ahuv in whom my nefesh is pleased: I will put my Ruach upon him, and he shall show
19 He shall not quarrel, nor shall any man hear his kol in the
20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and a smoking pishtah shall he not
21 And in his name shall the goyim tikvah.
22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind, and
23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is this not the Ben David?
24 But when the Perushim heard it, they said, This man does not cast out shedim, but by Ba'al Zevuv, the rosh of the shedim.
25 And Yesus knew their machshavot, and said unto them, Every malkut divided against itself is brought to
26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how
27 And if I by Ba'al Zevuv cast out shedim, your ben by whom do they cast out? therefore they shall be your shofetim.
28 But if I cast out shedim by the Ruach Elohim, then is the Malkut Elohim come upon you.
29 Or how can one enter into the bayit of the ish hakoach, and plunder his
30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that does not gather with me gathers
31 Therefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,
32 And whoever shall speak against the Ben Adam, it shall be forgiven him: but whoever shall speak against the Ruach Hakodesh,
33 Either make the etz tov, and his pri tov; or else make the etz
34 O you of the tzelonim, how can you, being ra'im, speak tov?
35 A tov man out of the tov otzar of his lev brings forth tov
36 But I say unto you, That every dabar shaveh that men shall speak,
37 For by your words you shall be tzadeq, and by your words you shall be
38 Then some of the sofrim and of the Perushim answered,
39 But he answered and said unto them, A ra'a and nit'af dor seeks
40 For as Yonah was three yamim and three leylot in the belly of the
41 The men of Nineve

wheat, and went his way.
26. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
27. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
28. He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
29. But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.
31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:
32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
34. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
35. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.
36. Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
37. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
38. The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
39. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
40. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
41. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
42. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.
44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.
47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.
49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
51. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.
52. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.
53. And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.
54. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?
55. Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?
56. And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?
57. And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.
58. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

1. At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,
2. And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
3. For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
4. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
5. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.
6. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.
7. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.
8. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
9. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.
10. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
11. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.
12. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.
13. When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.
14. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
15. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.
16. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
17. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.
18. He said, Bring them hither to me.
19. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
20. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.
21. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.
22. And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
23. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
24. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
25. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
26. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
27. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
28. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
29. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
30. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
31. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
32. And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.
33. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.
34. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.
35. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;
36. And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Chapter 15

1. Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
2. Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
3. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?
4. For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
5. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;
6. And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.
7. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
8. This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
9. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
10. And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:
11. Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
12. Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?
13. But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.
14. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.
15. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
16. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
17. Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
18. But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.
19. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
20. These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.
21. Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
22. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
23. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
24. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
25. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
26. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
27. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.
29. And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.
30. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:
31. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.
32. Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.
33. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?
34. And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.
35. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.
36. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
37. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.
38. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.
39. And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

Chapter 16

1. The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.
2. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.
3. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?
4. A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.
5. And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
6. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
7. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.
8. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?
9. Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
10. Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
11. How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?
12. Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Chapter 17

1. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
2. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
3. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
4. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
5. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
7. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.
8. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.
9. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.
10. And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?
11. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.
12. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.
13. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.
14. And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,
15. Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.
16. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
17. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
18. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.
19. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?
20. And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
21. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
22. And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:
23. And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.
24. And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?
25. He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?
26. Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.
27. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Chapter 18

1. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
2. And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
7. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
8. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
9. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
10. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
11. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
12. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.
15. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
16. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
17. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
18. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
19. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
20. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Chapter 19

1. And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;
2. And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.
3. The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
4. And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
5. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
7. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
8. He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
9. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.
10. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.
11. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.
12. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.
13. Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.
14. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
15. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.
16. And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
17. And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.
18. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,
19. Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
20. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?
21. Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
22. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.
23. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
24. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
25. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?
26. But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.
27. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?
28. And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
29. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
30. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Chapter 20

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.
2. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
3. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
4. And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.
5. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.
6. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
7. They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.
8. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
9. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
10. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
11. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,
12. Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
13. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
14. Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
16. So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.
17. And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,
18. Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,
19. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.
20. Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.
21. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
22. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
23. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.
24. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.
25. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
26. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
27. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
28. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
29. And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.
30. And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.
31. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.
32. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?
33. They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.
34. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Chapter 21

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.
12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,
13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,
16. And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?
17. And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.
18. Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.
19. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
20. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
21. Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
22. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
23. And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?
24. And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
26. But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
27. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.
28. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.
29. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
30. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.
31. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
32. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.
33. Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:
34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.
35. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.
36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.
37. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.
38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.
39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.
40. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?
41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
44. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
45. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.
46. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

Chapter 22

1. And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
2. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3. And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
5. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
6. And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
7. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
8. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
9. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
10. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.
11. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:
12. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
13. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
14. For many are called, but few are chosen.
15. Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.
16. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.
17. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
18. But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?
19. Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.
20. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?
21. They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
22. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.
23. The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,
24. Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
25. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
26. Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.
27. And last of all the woman died also.
28. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.
29. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
30. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.
31. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,
32. I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
33. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.
34. But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.
35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38. This is the first and great commandment.
39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
41. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42. Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.
43. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
44. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
45. If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
46. And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Chapter 23

1. Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
2. Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
3. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
4. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
5. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
7. And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
9. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
10. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
11. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
13. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
14. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
15. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
16. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!
17. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?
18. And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.
19. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?
20. Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.
21. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.
22. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.
23. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
24. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
26. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
27. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
28. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
29. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,
30. And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
31. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.
32. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.
33. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
34. Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:
35. That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.
36. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.
37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
38. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
39. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Chapter 24

1. And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.
2. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
3. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
6. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8. All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
15. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
16. Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
17. Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
18. Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
19. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
20. But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
21. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
23. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
24. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
25. Behold, I have told you before.
26. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
27. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
28. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
29. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
30. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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Daniel

Chapter 1

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with
part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god;
and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.
3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs,
that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;
4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge,
and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace,
and whom he might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank:
so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.
6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:
7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar;
and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.
8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself
with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love
with the prince of the eunuchs.
10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord
the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me
the king to lose my head.
11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.
13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children
that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with your servants.
14 So he consented unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days.
15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh
than all the children which did eat of the portion of the king's meat.
16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.
17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge, and skill in all learning and wisdom:
and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
18 Now at the end of the days which the king had spoken of, he brought them in, then the prince of the eunuchs
brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
19 And the king talked with them; and among them all was found none like unto Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:
therefore stood they before the king.
20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king asked of them, he found them
ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.
21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Chapter 2

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep broke from him.
2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans,
for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my
spirit is troubled to know the dream.
4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever:
tell your servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone
from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof,
ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.
7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation thereof.
8 The king answered and said, I know of certain that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.
9 But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can give me the interpretation thereof.
10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: forasmuch as no king, lord, nor ruler, hath asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.
11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.
12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.
13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.
14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:
15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.
16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.
17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:
18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
20 Daniel spake, and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and strength are his:
21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and light dwelleth with him.
23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and strength, and hast now made known unto me what we asked of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.
24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.
25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.
26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?
27 Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded, cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the astrologers, shew unto the king;
28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are this;
29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came upon thy bed, what should come hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.
30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou might know the thoughts of the heart.
31 Thou, O king, saw, and behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.
32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,
33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.
35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.
36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.
37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
38 And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.
39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.
40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.
41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.
42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.
43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.
44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.
46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.
47 The king spake unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou canst reveal this secret.
48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.
49 Then Daniel sat in the gate of the king. Then said the king, Let Daniel be made a great man, and set him over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

Chapter 3

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was
threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.
2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes,
the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image
which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
3 Then the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges,
the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, the ruler of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up,
and they stood before the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,
5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
6 And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
7 Therefore at that time, when all people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.
9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.
10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:
11 And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.
14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well. But if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.
18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
20 And he commanded the strongest men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.
26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, and spake and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.
27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.
28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their God.
29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which shall speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: forasmuch as there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.
30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

Chapter 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all nations, people, and languages,
that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
2 I thought good to shew the signs and wonders that the
Most High God hath wrought with me.
3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders!
his kingdom is an kingdom of all ages, and his dominion is from generation to generation.
4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace:
5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.
7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they made not known unto me the interpretation thereof.
8 But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and before him I told the dream, saying,
9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my head that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.
10 Thus were the visions of my head in my bed; I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.
11 The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached unto heaven, and its sight to the end of all the earth:
12 Its leaves were fair, and its fruit abundant, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed from it.
13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven;
14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts flee from its shadow, and the fowls from its branches.
15 Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:
16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.
17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.
18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, inasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.
19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.
20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and its sight to all the earth;
21 Whose leaves were fair, and its fruit abundant, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:
22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.
23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;
24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the king:
25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy habitation shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.
27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thy iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.
28 All this came upon king Nebuchadnezzar.
29 At the end of twelve months he walketh in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.
30 The king spake, and said, Is this the great Babylon, that I have built
for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?
31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.
32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy habitation shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.
34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lift up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an eternal dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:
35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?
36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.
37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Chapter 5

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his
lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem;
that the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.
3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem;
and the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, drank therein.
4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace:
and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.
7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.
8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.
9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.
10 Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:
11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar, your father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;
12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.
13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake, and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, which my father the king brought out of Jewry?
14 I have even of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.
15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the matter.
16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.
17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.
18 O thou king, the most high God gave to Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:
19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.
20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingdom, and they took his glory from him:
21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his habitation was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the God of heaven ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.
22 And thou his son, Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this;
23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:
24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him, and this writing was written.
25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.
27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.
28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.
29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.
30 In that night was king Belshazzar the Chaldean slain.
31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about the age of threescore and two years.

Chapter 6

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty
princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;
2 And over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was first: that
the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.
3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes,
because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the realm.
4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom;
but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.
6 Then these presidents and princes assembled unto the king, and thus said unto him, King Darius, live for ever.
7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and princes, and the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which alteration not.
9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber over against Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast not thou signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which alteration not.
13 Then answered they before the king, that Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regarded not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.
14 Then the king, when he heard these words, sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.
15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.
16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee from the lions.
17 And a stone was laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
18 Then the king went unto his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.
19 Then king Darius arose very early in the morning, and went in haste
unto the den of lions.
20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?
21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.
22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurted me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
23 Then was the king exceeding sorry for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.
24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.
25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
26 I make a decree, that in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall even be unto the end.
27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders, in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.
28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Chapter 7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had
dreams and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.
2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.
3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld
till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
5 And behold a second beast, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.
6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.
8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.
9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was like snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.
12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.
13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came even to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.
15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.
17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.
18 But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the rest, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;
20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came, and whose horn did grow, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.
21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
25 And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Chapter 8

1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision
appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.
2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.
3 Then I lift up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.
4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according unto his will, and became great.
5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.
6 And came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.
7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it there came up four notable ones toward the four winds of the heaven.
9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.
10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.
11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
12 And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.
13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that saint which spake, How long shall the vision be concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?
14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.
15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.
16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.
17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.
18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.
19 And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.
20 The ram which you saw having two horns, are the kings of Media and Persia.
21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.
22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.
23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand against the prince of the princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.
27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterwards I rose up, and did the king's business; and I marvelled at the vision, but none understood it.

Chapter 9

1 In the first year of the reign of Darius, of the seed of
the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;
2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understand by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to make my petition by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him and to them that keep his commandments;
5 We have sinned, and have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the lands whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
8 O Lord, belongeth confusion of faces to us, our princes, our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
9 To the Lord our God belongeth mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed your law, even by departing, that they might not obey your voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet make we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we may turn from our iniquities, and understand your truth.
14 Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth, and we obeyed not his voice.
15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast made thee a name, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
16 O Lord, according to all your righteousness