

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

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Which

Together with the Alphabetical Chart

renders it

An A.B.C. study of the Bible for all children and Sunday School Scholars,

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An useful Bible appendix for their Seniors.

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N.B. The poem to be read uninterruptedly, without reference to charts, lines or notes. To be studied with reference to them all, carefully and understandingly from Beginning to end. To be recited as 48 Minor poems, as designated by the dividing lines thus -----; the connection from poem to poem being readily remembered through the Alphabetical arrangement of the whole- Adam being Poem 1<sup>st</sup>, Abel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Babel 3<sup>rd</sup>, &c.

	<b>Ge</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>B.C.</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>A - A dam</i>	II. 2	Adam was formed from the dust of the ground,	4004	<i>The Creation.</i>
	21	And when he awakened the woman he found!		<i>Adam and Eve</i>
	III. 1.5	In the garden of Eden, were Adam and Eve,		<i>In the garden of Eden</i>
		When the couple were completed to sin and deceive.		
		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
		Twas Satan, who tempted the woman to sin,		<i>The serpent deceiveth Eve.</i>
		And thus did the woe of all mortals begin.		<i>The Fall of Adam</i>
	6-7	And Adam she tempted, the apple he ate,		<i>And the loss of Eden.</i>
		And they fell from their holy and happy estate!		
		<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>
		And the man and the woman in Eden were hidden,		<i>The promise of a</i>
		When the fruit had been eaten that they were forbidden		<i>Savior, the same</i>
	8-24	And God was displeased with their sinful behavior,		<i>Evening that they</i>

		And Adam was punished, but promised a Saviour!		<i>Had sinned.</i>
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		<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>
	IV	Then Adam and Eve were father and mother	4003	<i>Cain &amp; Abel born.</i>
<i>A -A bel</i>	1-25	Of wicked Cain, who had killed his brother.	3875	<i>Cain kills Abel.</i>
		Then wicked Cain, he had no brother,	3874	<i>Seth born, the 3<sup>rd</sup> son.</i>
		Till Seth was given to comfort the Mother!	3769	<i>Enos born, son of Seth.</i>
		<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>
	V	And thus from Seth, is Enoch descended,	3679	<i>Cainaan born, son of Ham.</i>
	6-24	The noble Enoch, who never offended	3609	<i>Mahaleel born, son of Cainaan.</i>
		God took him to heaven while still alive,	3544	<i>Jared born, son of Mahaleel.</i>
		Aged three hundred and sixty five.	3382	<i>Enoch born, son of Jared</i>
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		<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>
		And who was his son? Can you divine?	3317	<i>Methuselah born, son of Enoch. The oldest of men, and he died the year of the flood.</i>
	25-27	His years were nine hundred and sixty nine!		

		When you tell his age, then his name is told,		
		For who but Methuselah grew so old?		
		<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>
		The years of his son were numbered lower,	3130	<i>Lamech born, son of Methuselah.</i>
	26-31	His name was Lamech, the father of Noah;		<i>Noah born, son of Lamech. Noah commences the Ark.</i>
		And this is the Noah of Rain-bow fame,	2948	
		Who built the ark and filled the same.	2468	
		<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>
	VI	Of all living things there were two of a kind	2448	<i>Japheth born, son of Noah.</i>
	10-22	And Shem, Ham and Japheth with Noah we find	2446	<i>Shem born, " " "</i>
	VII. VIII.	And their mother was there, and they each had a wife	2444	<i>Ham born, " " "</i>
	IX.	So the Ark was the saving of many a life.	2348	<i>The deluge.</i>
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		<b>9</b>		<b>9</b>
<i>B - Babel</i>	X.	And now with the flood, we will mark the new era,	2346	<i>Arphaxed born, son of Shem.</i>
	22-25	Beginning with Shem, and concluding with Terah	2311	<i>Salah born, son of Arphaxid.</i>

	XI	Though between and betwixt them, we shall have rehearsed	2281	<i>Eber born, son of Salah.</i>
		The manner in which all the people dispersed.	2247	<i>Peleg born, son of Eber. Babel built.</i>
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		<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>
	XI	How to speak but one language the people were able	2217	<i>Reu born, son of Peleg.</i>
	1-9	Till punished for building the Tower of Babel.	2185	<i>Serug born, son of Reu.</i>
		And how they were punished and greatly alarmed!	2155	<i>Nahor born, son of Serug.</i>
		And how they were scattered and nations were formed!	2126	<i>Terah born, son of Nahor.</i>
		<b>11</b>		<b>11</b>
		And from one of these nations, the name of it Ur,	1996	<i>Abram born, son of Terah.</i>
		Where most of the people idolaters were,	1922	<i>Call of Abram to Haran.</i>
	26-32	Went Abram to Haran; content to abide,		<i>Terah goes with Abram.</i>
		And Terah went with him, and there Terah died.		<i>Terah dies in Haran.</i>
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		<b>12</b>		<b>12</b>

<i>C- Canaan</i>	XII	Goes Abram to Canaan, when Haran he leaves,	1921	<i>Call of Abram to Canaan.</i>
	1-7	And rich are the blessings that Abram receives	1913	<i>God's Covenant with Abram</i>
		He looks on fair Canaan, with acres so broad,		<i>concerning children promised and the promised land.</i>
		The land of his children, conferred by the Lord.		
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		<b>13</b>		<b>13</b>
	XVII	Now Abram as Abraham marks the next era;	1897	<i>God changes his name</i>
	5	And who was his father? His father was Terah!		<i>To Abraham. Isaac promised</i>
	XIX	And his nephew was Lot, and this Lot had a wife,		<i>Sodom be destroyed.</i>
	26	Who turned into salt as she fled for her life.		<i>Lot's wife turned to Salt.</i>
		<b>14</b>		<b>14</b>
	XXI	And his wife, she was Sarah, of Isaac the mother,	1896	<i>Isaac born, Ishmael being in his 14<sup>th</sup> year.</i>
	1-3	(Ishmael, who mocked him, was born of another)		<i>Abraham sends away</i>
		And Isaac they feast him, and Ishmael banish	1892	<i>Hagar and Ishmael.</i>
	8-14	And Hagar and child in the wilderness vanish.		

		<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
		Her searching is fruitless, no water is found,		<i>Hagar and Ishmael in the Wilderness of Paran.</i>
		And faint and exhausted they sink to the ground;		
	15-19	But an angel discloses the waters that gush		
		And the cries of her famishing Ishmael hush.		
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		<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>
		And an angel discloses the horns that are caught,	1872	<i>To prove Abraham's faith, God commands him to sacrifice his son, Isaac.</i>
	XXII	When Isaac is rescued, whom Abraham brought;		
	1-9	Ay! Brought him to kill and to burn in the fire		
		As ordered by God in the land of Moriah.		
		<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>
		For his father had bound him, the knife was upheld,	1872	<i>The Lord confirmed his covenant and said; "In thy seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed".</i>
	9-1	When the angel appeared, and the ram he beheld;		
		And God was well pleased with such noble behavior,		



		And God, unto Abraham, promised the Savior!		
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		<b>18</b>		<b>18</b>
<i>D-Defrauded</i>	XXIV	When Isaac was older, he married Rebeccah,	1856	<i>Isaac marries Rebeccah in his 40<sup>th</sup> year.</i>
	67	With costliest jewels, he'd proudly bedeck her		
	XXV	One son was their Esau, and Jacob, the other,	1836	<i>Esau and Jacob born, Isaac being 60 years old.</i>
	24. 34	Who pottage for birthright exchanged with his brother.		
		<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>
	XXVII	Rebeccah deceived him! And Isaac believed!	1760	<i>Jacob fraudulently obtains the blessing from Isaac, during Esau's absence.</i>
	1-29.	And Jacob not Esau, the blessing received!		
		As Isaac perceived not the skin of the goat,		
		Since Esau's was hairy! Add Esau's his coat!		
		<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>
		And Esau defrauded, was Esau enraged!		<i>Jacob flees from the rage of Esau; he journeys and has a vision of a ladder.</i>

	41	And then was his brother to Laban engaged!		
	XXVIII	But ere there arriving, his calling to ply,		
	5. 11-15.	He dreamed of the ladder that led to the sky!		
		<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>
		And then when he saw them! - the angels descend,	1872	<i>Jacob vows "Of all that thou will give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."</i>
		He knew that His God would his footsteps attend!		
	16-22.	And then of his own, and his willing accord,		
		He promised a tenth of his wealth to the Lord.		
<i>10</i>				
		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>
	XXXI	And when he had cattle innumerable earned,	1739	<i>Jacob having served Laban 20 years, starts for Canaan. Laban pursues him, but is pacified.</i>
	24	Believing this promise, he later returned.		
	43-45	And Laban pursuing! His anger conveyed,		
		Till he dreamed of his God, and His wishes obeyed!		
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		<b>23</b>		<b>23</b>
<i>E - Esau -Edom</i>	XXXII	And later the angels to Jacob appear.		<i>Jacob meets with angels at Mahanaim, and God at Peniel, where he receives his name "of Israel".</i>
	1-6	And then of his brother approaching, we hear.		
		And then when his fears of this Esau appalled him,		
	24-32	The Almighty blessed him, and "Israel" called him.		
<i>11</i>				
		<b>24</b>		<b>24</b>
	XXXIII	Though Esau, with Jacob in anger had parted,		<i>Esau receives Jacob with affection. Esau departs for Edom, and Jacob resides in Canaan.</i>
	4	He, Canaan resigned him! To Edom departed!		
	XXXVI	And as he was married to Ishmael's daughter,		
	6-8	With Adah and others to Edom, he brought her!		
		<b>25</b>		<b>25</b>
	XVIII	And this was the Ishmael, who Sarah offended,		<i>Genesis XIII. 20.</i>
	20	And from him are all of the Arabs descended.		<i>12 princes promised.</i>
	XXV	Since twelve were the sons God had promised and given,		<i>Genesis XXV. 16.</i>

	16	Long after the boy from his home had been driven.		<i>12 princes given.</i>
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		<b>26</b>		<b>26</b>
<i>F- Father's Favorite</i>	XXIX	And Jacob's the sons that were also a dozen!		<i>Jacob had served Laban 7 yrs for Rachel, and being given Leah had served 7 more for Rachel.</i>
	20-29	Each mother a sister! Each brother a cousin!		
		And his wives were fond Leah, and Rachel the fair,		
		And fourteen the years that he served for the pair.		
		<b>27</b>		<b>27</b>
	XXXV	As Rachel's were two sons, then whose were the ten?	1732	<i>Rachel dies at the birth of Benjamin, the twelfth and last son of Jacob.</i>
	16-20	As she died at the birth of her dear little Ben.		
		Oh! Four sons with two of the hand-maids you see,		
	23-26	And Leah's as many as all of the three!		
<i>12</i>				
		<b>28</b>		<b>28</b>

		And 'twas Joseph, the son of the beauteous wife,	1728	<i>Joseph sold by his brethren to the Midianites, who sell him to Potiphar, the Egyptian.</i>
	XXVII	Whose dreaming engendered unbrotherly strife!		
	3-31	And to Joseph was given the wonderful coat,		
		That his brethren stain with the blood of a goat.		
		<b>29</b>		<b>29</b>
	XXXVII	This proof of his death to their father, they bring,	1715	<i>Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's prophetic dream is made Lord of the land. The 7 yrs of Plenty commence.</i>
	32-36	But Joseph finds favor with Pharaoh, the King,		
	XLI	The dreams of this Pharaoh, doth Joseph explain,		
	14-42	Foretelling a famine, and housing the grain.		
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<i>13</i>				
		<b>30</b>		<b>30</b>
<i>F- Famine</i>		And when unto Egypt the Canaanites haste,	1708	<i>The seven years of Famine commence.</i>
	XLII	When Canaan is sterile, and Canaan is waste;		

	20	Then Joseph espying his brethren ten,	1707	<i>Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy corn.</i>
		Forbids their returning, excepting with Ben.		
		<b>31</b>		<b>31</b>
		And Benny returning, his heart doth rejoice!	1706	<i>Jacob sends them again with Benjamin.</i>
	XLIII	Of fruits and of viands, he getteth the choice!		
	16-28	For Joseph:--he feasts them and questions he plies,		<i>Joseph feasts his brethren.</i>
		And eagerly ponders their meager replies!		
		<b>32</b>		<b>32</b>
		And then when they speak of his mother asleep!		<i>Joseph's policy to stay his brethren; he commands his cup to be put in Benjamin's sack</i>
	29-30	He grieves them, and leaves them, unnoticed to weep!		
	XLIV	And sorely it grieves him, that Benny should leave him		
	1-2	And thus he endeavors to keep and deceive him		
		<b>33</b>		<b>33</b>
		So when they've examined the sacks of the ten,		<i>The cup is found in Benjamin's sack.</i>

	10-12	The cup is discovered with dear little Ben,		
		And Joseph informs them that Benny must stay		<i>They are brought before Joseph.</i>
		But, Hark ye! What Judah, the elder, doth say--		
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		<b>34</b>		<b>34</b>
		He tells of the father so aged and sad!		<i>Judah's humble supplication unto Joseph in behalf of his brother Benjamin.</i>
	XLIV	How dearly he loveth his dear little lad!		
	16-32	That already he mourneth a favorite son,		
		And Ben is his youngest, his motherless one.		
		<b>35</b>		<b>35</b>
		And Judah determined his brother to save,		<i>Judah promises to be the slave of Joseph in the place of Benjamin.</i>
	33-34	Replies unto Joseph that he'll be his slave.		
		And yet he had proven relentless and cold,		
		When another, a brother, was earlier sold.		
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		<b>36</b>		<b>36</b>
<i>G- Goshen</i>	XLV	And then could kind Joseph no longer refrain,		<i>Joseph maketh himself known to his brothers, and engages them to come to Egypt with their father.</i>
	1-15	And when with his brothers, no others remain		
	XLVI	He tells them that other, that brother, they name,		
	1-7	And him whom they honor are one and the same.		
		<b>37</b>		<b>37</b>
		His brothers approach him! Their fault is confessed.		<i>The going of Israel into Egypt. 70 persons in all. Goshen is assigned them by King Pharaoh.</i>
	XLVII	And Joseph and children by Jacob are blessed.		
	6-11	And then by King Pharaoh is Goshen assigned them!		
		And thus not in Canaan, but Egypt, we find them!		
		<b>38</b>		<b>38</b>
	XLVIII	And "Israel" dying, through blessings describes,	1689	<i>Jacob, having blessed his sons and the sons of Joseph, dies in Egypt, and is buried in Canaan.</i>
	5-6	His children appointed to govern the tribes!		
	XLIX	And he equally blesses the dear "little ones"		
	1-33	Mannaseh and Ephraim, of Joseph, the sons.		



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		<b>39</b>		<b>39</b>
<i>H- Hebrews (in Egypt)</i>		When the children of Jacob, and Jacob had died,	1574	<i>Aaron born. Joseph's Pharaoh being long dead and a wicked Pharaoh reigns in his stead.</i>
	<b>Exod</b>	And their children's children had multiplied		
	I	Changed was the king, not in name but in nature		
	7-14	That Pharaoh to love you! This Pharaoh to hate you!		
<i>16</i>				
	<b>Exod</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>40</b>
	I	This Pharaoh he worked them, he starved them, he beat them,	1573	<i>About this time Pharaoh orders all the male children of the Hebrews to be drowned.</i>
	15-22	He did all he could to out-rage and ill-treat them,		
		Each life was a burden, devoid of all joys		
		He murdered their children, their poor little boys!		
		<b>41</b>		<b>41</b>
	II	So wicked the King, but so kind was his daughter,	1571	<i>Moses is born, and is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.</i>
	5-9	She took little Moses from out of the water,		
		And his dear little sister, the princess espying,		

		The question of "Nursing" was apt in applying.		
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		<b>42</b>		<b>42</b>
		For dearly she loved him, her dear little brother!		<i>His sister, Miriam, called the mother of Moses, and the Princess gave her the boy to nurse.</i>
	2	And quickly she sought for, and brought her, her mother!		
		As she knew that that boy to their home was forbidden,		
		As three were the months that the child had been hidden.		
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		<b>43</b>		<b>43</b>
<i>H- Hebrews (expelled from Egypt)</i>		Thus Moses was rescued, the Hebrews to save,	1531	<i>Moses, being 40 years old, kills an Egyptian whom he finds smiting A Hebrew.</i>
	11-12	We know of his dying, but not of his grave!		
	<i>De.</i>	We know that he saw them! -- his people afflicted,		
	XXXIV 6	And death on the cruel Egyptian inflicted.		
		<b>44</b>		<b>44</b>
	<i>2 Exod.</i>	And when he had killed him, from Egypt he fled!	1491	<i>Moses flees to Midian.</i>

	II	And then to the daughter of Jethro was wed.		<i>God appears in the Burning Bush, and sends him to deliver Israel.</i>
	15-21	And whilst he, the sheep of her father, attended		
	III 1-3	His God in the bush, that was burning, descended!		
		<b>45</b>		<b>45</b>
	4	And God bade him return to the Israelites aid,		<i>On Moses inflicting the ten plagues at God's command, the Israelites are expelled from Egypt.</i>
	XII	And there he, the wicked Egyptian dismayed.		
	29-33	Till Pharaoh permitted the Jews to depart,		
		When the tenth plague had smitten his child and his heart.		
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<i>18</i>				
		<b>46</b>		<b>46</b>
<i>H- Hebrews (over the Red Sea)</i>		And yet was that heart with unkindness imbued!		<i>The Egyptians pursuing the Hebrews are drowned in the Red Sea, they passing over as if on dry ground.</i>
	XIV	And yet were the Hebrews departing, pursued!		
	5-31	And then when the Red Sea the Hebrews had crossed,		

		The soldiers so rashly pursuing, were lost.		
		<b>47</b>		<b>47</b>
	XV 20	And merry the singers that Miriam led!		<i>God sends manna – and quails – and water from a rock. Moses on Mount Sinai.</i>
	XVI 13-14	The Manna descended, the people were fed!		
	XXXII	And yet before Moses from Sinai descended,		
	1-6	The God of the Hebrews, the Hebrews offended.		
19				
		<b>48</b>		<b>48</b>
		They'd fashioned a calf that should serve as a god!		<i>Moses puts 3,000 idolators to death, and intercedes for the rest of the people.</i>
	28	Three thousand were slain, and forgiveness implored!		
		The tables were two, the Commandments were ten!		
		God-given, to govern the conduct of men.		
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		<b>49</b>		<b>49</b>
<i>H- Hebrews (in the Wilderness)</i>	<i>Lev. VIII</i>	And Aaron and sons by their God were appointed!	1490	<i>The Tabernacle is erected. Aaron and his sons are consecrated. Jethro brings Zipporah and her sons.</i>

	6-36	And Moses, his brother and children, anointed!		
	<b>Num.</b> 1.19	And then of the Israelites numbered, we hear!		
	<b>Ex.</b> XVIII 1-7	And then do the children of Moses appear!		
		<b>50</b>		<b>50</b>
		The people had murmured for water and bread,		<i>The people lust for flesh and God gives them quails in wrath at Kibroth hattaavah.</i>
	<b>Num.</b>	And when they'd received them, had murmured as bad!		
	XI	And when for the flesh-pots of Egypt they lusted,		
	31-35	They feasted, till sickened, diseased and disgusted.		
		<b>51</b>		<b>51</b>
		And when they with Aaron at Paran arrive,		<i>The 12 spies return from Canaan, all save Caleb and Joshua, bringing a false report of the land.</i>
	XIII	An entrance to Canaan the chosen contrive.		
	17-33	They bring them an evil report of the land,		
		That Caleb and Joshua deny and withstand.		
<i>20</i>				
		<b>52</b>		<b>52</b>
		And then do the murmurers, murmuring say,		<i>The murmurers are doomed to</i>

	XIV	That Moses and Aaron, they will not obey.		<i>wander 40 years and be</i>
	1-35	And then are they destined to wander and die,		<i>consumed in the desert.</i>
		Though Canaan, fair Canaan, was blissfully nigh.		
		<b>53</b>		<b>53</b>
	XVI	And when against Aaron the Hebrews conspired,	1471	<i>252 Hebrews are swallowed</i>
	49	The Hebrews by hundreds and thousands expired.		<i>up in the Earth. 14,700 die of</i>
	XVII	As they were thus punished by Almighty God,		<i>a plague for rebelling against</i>
	10-13	Whilst Aaron's the beautiful, blossoming rod.		<i>Moses &amp; Aaron.</i>
<i>21</i>				
		<b>54</b>		<b>54</b>
		Yet Aaron was punished, and Moses as well,	1451	<i>Moses and Aaron sin at the</i>
	XX	And great was the woe that the brothers befell.		<i>rock, and God forbids their</i>
	7-12	They had not been told that the rock they should smite,		<i>entrance into Canaan.</i>
		And forfeited Canaan, though very contrite!		
		<b>55</b>		<b>55</b>
	XXI 8-9	And then we are told of the serpent of brass!		<i>The bite of the serpent cured</i>

	XXII 21-35	Of Balaam, the angel, the sword, and the ass!		<i>by the sight of the Serpent of</i>
	<b>De.</b> XXXIV	And when aged Moses to Nebo retired,		<i>Brass. Balaam's Ass. Death</i>
	1-6	He looked on fair Canaan, before he expired!		<i>of Moses.</i>
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		<b>56</b>		<b>56</b>
<b>H-</b> <b>Hebrews</b> <i>(in Canaan)</i>	<b>Jos.</b>	The forty years ended! The murmurers dead!		<i>The Hebrews pass over the</i>
	III	Then Joshua the Hebrews to victory led!		<i>Jordan dry-shod. Jericho's</i>
	14-17	The Jordan was traversed dry-shod by them all,		<i>walls fall down at the sound</i>
	VI 20	At the sound of his trumpets fell Jericho's wall!		<i>of the trumpets.</i>
		<b>57</b>		<b>57</b>
	VII	Though Joshua's the soldiers distressed and forsaken,		<i>The Hebrews smitten at Ai</i>
	1-26	Who suffered defeat at the sinning of Achan,		<i>through Achan's sin. The Sun</i>
	X	Saving one, all the battles by Joshua were won,		<i>stands still on the command of</i>
	12-13	His soldiers obeyed him! And even the Sun!		<i>Joshua.</i>
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		<b>58</b>		<b>58</b>

		And thus not in Goshen, but Canaan we find them!	1444	<i>The Tabernacle is set up at Shiloh.</i>
	XIII	The tribes are assorted! Their land is assigned them!		
	XVII	And Joshua exhorts them, their God to obey!		<i>The land is divided.</i>
	XXIII	To idols abolish! Idolators slay!	1443	<i>Joshua dies.</i>
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		<b>59</b>		<b>59</b>
<i>I - I sraelites A s I dolators</i>	<i>Judg.</i>	Then Judah, the elder, and Simeon, his brother,		<i>Judah and Simeon capture</i>
	I	Captured Adoni-bezek and many another;		<i>Adoni-bezek, and punish him</i>
	6-7	And they cut off his thumbs, and they cut off his toes,		<i>as he has punished 70 kings.</i>
		As thus he delighted to punish his foes.		
<i>23</i>				
		<b>60</b>		<b>60</b>
		And Caleb gave Achsah to Othniel, his brother,		<i>Othniel smiteth Kirjath-sepher.</i>
	12-15	When Othniel had fought with and conquered another.		<i>Caleb kills the three sons of Anak.</i>
		And then when the three sons of Anak were dead,		



		Then Hebron was Caleb's as Moses had said.		
		<b>61</b>		<b>61</b>
		Yet when they were dead, though the Israelites fought,		<i>Joshua is disobeyed, the</i>
	28	They fought not as Joshua commanded and taught;		<i>heathen being permitted to</i>
		They fought not till all of the heathen were slain!		<i>remain in the land.</i>
		They fought not the heathen, who chose to remain!		
		<b>62</b>		<b>62</b>
		And then was the God of their father's forsaken.	1419	<i>The Danites seize Micah's</i>
	II	False gods, and fair heathen in marriage, were taken!		<i>image and establish idolatry</i>
	11-16	And they angered their God, and He strengthened their foes,		<i>as Law.</i>
		Though when they repented, he lessened their woes.		
		<b>63</b>		<b>63</b>
		Each time they repented, their sins were forgiven,		<i>God frees Israel through</i>
		And out of the land were the enemy driven.		<i>Judges, each time that they</i>
		And three hundred the years that they sin and repent,		<i>repent.</i>
		And fifteen the judges He mercifully sent.		

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		<b>64</b>		<b>64</b>
		First Othniel who brought blessed peace to the land,	1405	<i>1st- Othniel delivers them from Chushanrishathaim.</i>
	III	Then Ehud, left handed, with courage so grand,		
	9-11	That in the king's parlor, he murdered the king,	1325	<i>2nd- Ehud delivers them from Eglon, King of Moab.</i>
	14-26	Whilst seeming, so kindly, a present to bring,		
		<b>65</b>		<b>65</b>
		Then Shamgar who slew, with an ox goad, six hundred;		<i>3rd- Shamgar slays 600 Philistines with an ox goad.</i>
	31	Deborah, whose prophecies never were sundered;		
	IV	Nor did they when Barak was baffled by Jael,	1285	<i>4th- Deborah and Barak deliver Israel from Jabin.</i>
	4-22	Through killing Sisera in sleep, with a nail.		
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		<b>66</b>		<b>66</b>
		Then Gideon, whose lamp in a pitcher was hid;	1245	<i>5th- Gideon's successful</i>
	VII	Who told every soldier to do as he did!		<i>stratagem of trumpets, and</i>
	16-25	The pitchers were broken! The lamps were displayed!		<i>lamps in pitchers.</i>

		The trumpets were sounded, the foe were dismayed!		
		<b>67</b>		<b>67</b>
	IV	Then Abimelech, his son, and a wicked one too,	1235	<i>6<sup>th</sup>- Abimelech, who kills</i>
	55-57	As all of his brothers, save Jotham he slew.		<i>sixty-nine of his brethren.</i>
	X	But the dread deed was punished, so dread and so bold,	1233	<i>He is killed at Thebez.</i>
	1-2	And Tola made judge of whom little is told!	1232	<i>7<sup>th</sup>- Tola judges Israel.</i>
		<b>68</b>		<b>68</b>
		Then Jair, a father proud to see,	1209	<i>8<sup>th</sup>- Jair succeeds Tola.</i>
	3-5	Since thirty ruling sons had he!		<i>Jair had 30 sons,</i>
		And thirty colts, the thirty road,		<i>who rode 30 colts</i>
		And thirty cities, their abode!		<i>and governed 30 cities.</i>
		<b>69</b>		<b>69</b>
	XI	Then Jephthah, who conquered with terrible slaughter,	1187	<i>9<sup>th</sup>- Jephthah slays 42,000.</i>
	30-40	The Jephthah renowned for his vow and his daughter.	1181	<i>10<sup>th</sup>- Ibzan judges Israel.</i>
	XII	Then Ibzan, then Elon when Ibzan was dead,	1174	<i>11<sup>th</sup>- Elon judges Israel.</i>
	8-15	Then Abdon of whom very little is said.	1164	<i>12<sup>th</sup>- Abdon judges Israel.</i>
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		<b>70</b>		<b>70</b>
<i>J- Judges</i> (13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> )		And then doth the judging of Eli begin,	1156	<i>13<sup>th</sup> Eli judges Israel 40 years.</i>
		And then do the Israelites want only sin.		<i>The Israelites are delivered to</i>
		'Tis an era of sinning! An era of pain!		<i>the Philistines 40 years.</i>
		In all of their battles the Philistines gain!		
		<b>71</b>		<b>71</b>
		Then Samson was born in that time of despair!	1155	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Samson, the son of</i>
	XIII	His mother's care tending the growth of his hair!		<i>Manoah is born at Zorah, a</i>
	24	No scissor must cut it! No razor must shave!		<i>Nazarite from birth.</i>
		In the length of that hair was his strength to the grave!		
<i>27</i>				
		<b>72</b>		<b>72</b>
		So strong was this Samson, a lion he slew!	1137	<i>Samson marries Timnah.</i>
	XIV	Propounding a riddle the Philistines knew!		
	5-20	Ay! knew it, when told it by Timnah his wife,		<i>Timnah marries another.</i>
		Who married another, provoking his strife!		
		<b>73</b>		<b>73</b>
		And then was the grain of the Philistines burned!	1136	<i>Samson burns the corn of the</i>

	XV	When loose in their vineyards the foxes were turned!		<i>Philistines with fire-brands</i>
	4-5	For blazing the brands, that he'd tied to their tails!		<i>tied to the tails of foxes.</i>
		His vineyards demolished, each owner bewails!		
		<b>74</b>		<b>74</b>
		And then when poor Timnah, they burn in return,		<i>Samson's wife and her father</i>
	6-8	Of the strength of this Samson the Philistines learn;		<i>are burned by the Philistines.</i>
		As Samson repays them with terrible slaughter,		<i>Samson smites them.</i>
		For burning the father, and burning the daughter!		
		<b>75</b>		<b>75</b>
		And then when this Samson, permits them to bind him,		<i>Samson is bound and</i>
		Then stronger than ever the Philistines find him.		<i>delivered to them but kills a</i>
	9-16	His fetters are sundered! He ceases to feign!		<i>thousand with the jaw-bone</i>
		A jaw-bone the weapon! A thousand the slain.		<i>of an ass.</i>
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		<b>76</b>		<b>76</b>
		But Delilah deceived him and Samson believed!	1117	<i>While making sport for the</i>
	XVI	And long in the gloom of a prison he grieved.		<i>Philistines, blind Samson pulls</i>

	4-30	His locks had she severed; when others had grown		<i>down the Temple of Dagon.</i>
		His strength was regained and the Temple o'ert hrown!		
		<b>77</b>		<b>77</b>
	<b>1 Sam</b>	In his life, he the blood of the Philistines spilled,		<i>He buries himself and</i>
	IV	But in his death, were the multitudes killed.		<i>multitudes in the ruins, killing</i>
	1-16	And yet were the Philistines later elated,		<i>more in death than in life.</i>
		When Eli, the news of a battle awaited.		
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		<b>78</b>		<b>78</b>
		They told him that Hophni and Phinehas were dead!	1116	<i>The Ark is taken by the</i>
	17-18	That the Ark had been taken, the messenger said.		<i>Philistines, and both sons of</i>
		And thus in one hour, two sons were denied,		<i>Eli killed.</i>
		And Eli fell backwards, and speedily died.		<i>Eli dies, aged 98.</i>
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		<b>79</b>		<b>79</b>
<i>J- Judges</i> <i>(15<sup>th</sup>)</i>		And when Eli was Judge (for 'tis thus "Judges" runs),		<i>Hannah, according to her vow,</i>
	I	He had sinned through permitting the sins of his sons.		<i>had presented Samuel to the</i>
	25-28	But he loved little Samuel and took him in charge,		<i>Lord. And Eli had taken</i>

		Till Samuel was learned, and Samuel was large.		<i>charge of him.</i>
		<b>80</b>		<b>80</b>
	III	And his God called the boy, and he answered the call,		<i>God calls Samuel and tells</i>
	2-14	And He told of the woe that would Eli befall.		<i>him of the woe that will befall</i>
	VIII	And yet when a Judge, and beloved of the tribes,	1095	<i>Eli. Samuel sins through his</i>
	1-3	He sinned through his sons, in permitting their bribes.		<i>sons.</i>
		<b>81</b>		<b>81</b>
		So the last judge was he, though the wisest, the best,	1095	<i>The Israelites demand a king.</i>
	4-32	The Israelites clamored, they gave him no rest!		<i>Samuel their 15<sup>th</sup> judge, by</i>
		They said he was old, that they wanted a king,		<i>God's command anoints Saul.</i>
		Though he told of the evils a kingdom would bring.		
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<i>30</i>				
		<b>82</b>		<b>82</b>
<i>K - Kings</i>		So Saul was made King, but he would not obey,	1093	<i>Saul rashly sacrifices.</i>
	X 1	The word of the Lord, so he put him away.	1085	<i>David, son of Jesse, born.</i>
	XV 11-26	Then David was chosen, of Jesse the son,	1079	<i>Saul spares Agag.</i>
	XVI 11-13	The youngest the humblest, the loveliest one.	1063	<i>Samuel anoints David.</i>

		<b>83</b>		<b>83</b>
	XVIII	Saul's son was his friend, and his daughter his wife,	1060	<i>David marries Abigail,</i>
	1-21	Yet Saul had no scruples concerning his life!		<i>the daughter of Saul.</i>
	XXVIII	He witches consulted and David pursued!		<i>Jonathan, her brother,</i>
	5-20	And all of his heart was with hatred imbued!		<i>befriends David.</i>
<i>31</i>				
		<b>84</b>		<b>84</b>
		But he valiantly fought, when the Philistines sought him,	1055	<i>Saul's death on Mt. Gilboa.</i>
	XXXI	And sealed his own fate, ere the Philistines caught him;		<i>When he was dead, the</i>
	1-13	For he fell on his sword, and then when he was dead,		<i>Philistines found him and cut</i>
		The Philistines found him, and cut off his head.		<i>off his head.</i>
		<b>85</b>		<b>85</b>
	<b>2 Sam.</b>	And Saul's three sons were slain, but his grandson survived,		<i>The three sons of Saul also</i>
	IV	For his nurse and the child at the Temple arrived.		<i>being slain, the nurse flees to</i>
	4	But ere their arrival, she let the child fall,		<i>the temple with Jonathon's</i>
		And a cripple for life was the young Merib-baal.		<i>child.</i>



		<b>86</b>		<b>86</b>
		But his poor little cripple was Jonathan's son,	1040	<i>David kindly provides for</i>
	IX	So nothing too much could by David be done,		<i>Mephibosheth, also called</i>
	1-13	And all of Saul's wealth to the cripple descended;		<i>Merib-baal, after his fall.</i>
		And David's the table, the cripple attended.		
		<b>87</b>		<b>87</b>
	<b>Ruth</b>	And this David so great, was great-grandson of whom?		<i>Obed was the son of Boaz and Ruth.</i>
	I II	O don't you remember the threshing floor room?		
	III IV	And don't you remember kind Boaz and Ruth!		<i>Jesse was the son of Obed.</i>
		And don't you remember their marriage forsooth!		<i>David, the son of Jesse.</i>
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		<b>88</b>		<b>88</b>
		When Ruth was conspicuous in harvesting season,		<i>Ruth was a Moabitess, the</i>
		We know she was mentioned, and this was the reason!		<i>daughter in-law of Naomi, and</i>
	IV	It was not because she Naomi attended,		<i>great-grandmother to</i>
	13-22	Oh no! But from her is King David descended.		<i>King David.</i>

		<b>89</b>		<b>89</b>
	<b>1 Sam.</b>	And this is the David that fought with Goliath!	1035	<i>David causes Uriah to be</i>
	XVII 38-54	The David, who sinned through the death of Uriah!		<i>basely slain.</i>
	<b>2 Sam.</b>	And well was he punished through Absalom's sin,	1024	<i>Absalom steals the heart of</i>
	XI 2-27	Though David was destined the battle to win.		<i>the people.</i>
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		<b>90</b>		<b>90</b>
	XV	And yet when a victor, he mourned for his son,	1021	<i>Absalom rebels against his</i>
	1-33	The lovely, the wicked, the dastardly one!		<i>father, is caught in a tree by</i>
		Whose heart was so foul, and whose face was so fair,		<i>his hair, and is killed by Joab.</i>
		And who hung from the branches upheld by his hair!		
		<b>91</b>		<b>91</b>
	<b>1 Kings</b>	And when David was old, and the time drawing nigh,		<i>Adonijah usurps the kingdom,</i>
	I	For another to rule, and for David to die,		<i>but Solomon is anointed by</i>
	1-53	His son, Adonijah, attempted to reign,		<i>order of King David.</i>
		But his brother was crowned, and his efforts were vain.		

		<b>92</b>		<b>92</b>
	III	This brother was Solomon mighty of old,	1015	<i>Solomon reigns.</i>
	16-28	Who builded the Temple, adorned it with gold,		<i>His judgment between two</i>
	VI	Who wisely the claims of two mothers decided,		<i>mothers.</i>
	31-38	When he ordered the baby contested, divided.	1004	<i>The temple is dedicated.</i>
		<b>93</b>		<b>93</b>
	III	He wisdom requested, and wisdom obtained!		<i>He had married the daughter</i>
	5-13	And yet was his reign by idolatry stained!		<i>of Pharaoh, and when old</i>
	XI	He married the heathen, and when he was old,		<i>worshiped her idols.</i>
	4-8	He worshipped their idols of silver and gold!		
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		<b>94</b>		<b>94</b>
	XI	Solomon's God was offended, the God, he'd derided,		<i>His God is offended by</i>
	11-13	And so for his son was the kingdom divided,		<i>Solomon's idolatry, and the</i>
	XII	Rehoboam had two tribes, Jeroboam the ten,		<i>kingdom is divided for his son.</i>

	1-10	When he'd taken advice of the wicked young men.		
		<b>95</b>		<b>95</b>
		His kingdom, the kingdom of Judah was called,		<i>Rehoboam answering the</i>
	11-17	And Israel's kingdom the one he appalled,		<i>elders harshly is rejected by</i>
		Appalled, when requesting reprieve from their trouble,		<i>the ten tribes.</i>
		He threatened instead, that he'd punish them double.		
		<b>96</b>		<b>96</b>
		And when he repented and would have atoned,		<i>Only Judah and Benjamin</i>
	18-20	They hated him still, and his messenger stoned!		<i>adhere to the house of David.</i>
		And Rehoboam was hated! Rehoboam was feared!		
		And Judah and Benjamin only adhered.		
<i>35</i>				
		<b>97</b>		<b>97</b>
		When Hosea was captured, Hosea the King,	974	<i>Jeroboam is made king to the</i>
	XI	Through failing the money of tribute to bring		<i>ten tribes; he was the son of</i>
	26-27	And this was the time of the good Hezekiah,		<i>Nebat of Zeredah, Solomon's</i>

		Of Isaiah, who'd lived since the reign of Uzziah:		<i>servant.</i>
		<b>98</b>		<b>98</b>
		Whilst Hosea pictured with prophecies great,		<i>"Ahijah caught the new</i>
		The horrible sealing of Israel's fate,		<i>garment that was on him and</i>
		He, told them of Judah grown over with briars,		<i>rent it into twelve pieces, etc."</i>
	28-39	And when he'd reproved them, he told them of Cyrus.		
		He told them most plainly of how they'd offended,		
		And of the Messiah, from David descended!		
		<b>99</b>		<b>99</b>
		And Micah admonished, entreated and plead,		<i>Jeroboam fled to Egypt from</i>
		And pictured them captives to Babylon led!		<i>the wrath of Solomon, but</i>
	29-40	Whilst Nabum foretold of their final salvation,		<i>returned after Solomon's</i>
	XII	And pictured the fall of a mightier nation!		<i>death.</i>
	1-20	And only completed what he had begun!		
<i>36</i>				
		<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>

		And for fear they'd return to King Solomon's son,		<i>Jeroboam established the</i>
	XII	Jeroboam induced them the Temple to shun.		<i>worship of the golden calves</i>
	28	And he made them two calves, and the calves were of gold,		<i>at Bethel and Dan.</i>
		And whilst he adored them, the prophet foretold		
		<b>101</b>		<b>101</b>
		That there on the altar through righteous Josiah,		<i>He is reproved by the prophet</i>
	XIII	Men's bones would defile it and burn in the fire.		<i>of Judah and the hand he</i>
	2-5	And the King's hand was withered, the alter was broken,		<i>puts forth is withered.</i>
		The hand he'd stretched forth when the prophet had spoken.		
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		<b>102</b>		<b>102</b>
		And 'twas told to his Queen by the prophet Abhijah,		<i>He sendeth his wife disguised</i>
	XIV	When seeking good news of the ailing Abijah.		<i>to the prophet at Shiloh, his</i>
	1-18	That Abijah was dying, a grave he would need,		<i>son Abijah being ill.</i>
		But the dogs and the birds on the others should feed.		
		<b>103</b>		<b>103</b>
		And this prophecy latest was soonest fulfilled,	954	<i>Nadab reigns.</i>
	XV	When Nadab, the son that succeeded, was killed.	953	<i>Baasha reigns, having</i>
	25-31	And none of the royal descendants remained,		<i>destroyed all the royal family.</i>
		As Baasha, then slew them, and then Baasha reigned.		
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		<b>104</b>		<b>104</b>
	XVI	And then after Baasha, comes Elah his son,	930	<i>Elah reigns.</i>
	6	Then Zimri, whose reign in a week had been run!	929	<i>Zimri reigns seven days</i>
	15	For Zimri killed Elah, and then was assailed,		<i>and is succeeded by Omri.</i>
	9-22	And Omri was chosen and Omri prevailed.		
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		<b>105</b>		<b>105</b>
		Then Omri was king, who Samaria founded!	924	<i>Omri founds Samaria and</i>
		Then Ahab, his son, who in evil abounded!		<i>makes it the seat of his</i>
	21-31	For Ahab was wicked, and Jezebel worse,		<i>government.</i>
		Most wicked the deed that we have to rehearse.	918	<i>Ahab reigns.</i>
		<b>106</b>		<b>106</b>
		The vine-yard of Naboth he offered to buy,	899	<i>Ahab by means of Jezebel</i>
	XXI	But she to obtain, caused Naboth to die!		<i>murders Naboth, and Elijah</i>
	1-29	Through edict of hers was he stoned, was he beaten,		<i>foretells her doom.</i>
		Elijah foretold that by dogs she'd be eaten.		
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		<b>107</b>		<b>107</b>
	XXII	And then after Ahab his son Ahaziah,	897	<i>Ahaziah reigns.</i>
	51-53	Whose soldiers Elijah destroyed in the fire.	896	<i>Elijah destroys his soldiers</i>
	<b>2 Ki</b>   1-18	And 'twas then that Jehoram succeeded his brother,		<i>with fire. Ahaziah dies and</i>
	IX 21-26	To be taunted in death with the sins of his mother.		<i>Jehoram reigns.</i>
		<b>108</b>		<b>108</b>
	III	'Twas Jehu who taunted, 'Twas Jehu who reigned,	884	<i>Jehu kills Jehoram,</i>

	1-2	No love for the wicked Jehoram he feigned		<i>King of Israel,</i>
	IX	In the vine-yard of Naboth his body was thrown		<i>and Ahaziah, king of Judah.</i>
	25	And his bad mother perished with many a groan.		
		<b>109</b>		<b>109</b>
		For the dogs lapped her blood, and her body they ate,		<i>Death of Jezebel, the dogs</i>
		So wicked the woman deserved her fate.		<i>lapping her blood.</i>
	30-35	For just as Jeroboam was warned by Ahijah,		<i>Thus a fulfillment of Elijah's</i>
		The wicked King Ahab was warned by Elijah.		<i>prophecy.</i>
		<b>110</b>		<b>110</b>
		That the birds of the air and the beasts should be fed		<i>Through Jehu's destruction of</i>
		On Ahab's descendants when Ahab was dead,		<i>the descendants of Ahab,</i>
		And he prophesied truly of Jezebel's fall,		<i>Elijah's prophecy is further</i>
		Of the dogs that should eat her by Jezreel's Wall.		<i>fulfilled.</i>
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		<b>111</b>		<b>111</b>
	X	And then do King Jehu's descendants prevail,		<i>Through Jehu's destroying</i>
	20-30	Through Jehu's destroying the prophets of Baal!		<i>the prophets of Baal, four of</i>
		And his kingly descendants were numbered as four,		<i>his descendants reign.</i>
		The longest dynasty that Israel bore!		
		<b>112</b>		<b>112</b>
	XIII	As Jehoahaz, Jehoash, and the Jeroboam,	856	<i>Jehoahaz reigns.</i>
	1	Whilst King Zechariah completed the quorum	839	<i>Jehoash reigns.</i>
	9-10	And of each and of all does the Bible record	825	<i>Jeroboam reigns.</i>
	13	That they woefully sinned in the eyes of the Lord.	773	<i>Zachariah reigns.</i>



		<b>113</b>		<b>113</b>
		For Jehu was never a God fearing man,	772	<i>Shallum murders Zachariah,</i>
	XV	But worshipped the idols at Bethel and Dan,		<i>who has reigned but six</i>
	8-10	And they worshipped these calves to the fourth generation,		<i>months.</i>
		When we learn of the last and his assassination.		
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		<b>114</b>		<b>114</b>
		After his assassination and then of the reign		<i>Shallum reigns.</i>
	10-24	Of Shallum, who slew him, in turn to be slain!		<i>Menahem reigns, having</i>
		Then Menahem the slaver! Then Pekakiah his son		<i>murdered Shallum.</i>
		Who sinned as Jeroboam, of Nebat, had done.	761	<i>Pekakiah reigns.</i>
		<b>115</b>		<b>115</b>
		Then Pekah who slew him, and king then was Pekah,	759	<i>Pekah reigns.</i>
	25	And the kingdom of Israel, weaker and weaker,	739	<i>Pekah is slain.</i>
	XVII	Till Hosea was captured, Hosea, the king,	730	<i>Hosea reigns.</i>
	1-17	Through failing the money of tribute to bring!	724	<i>Hosea is captured.</i>
		<b>116</b>		<b>116</b>
		And Hosea was last, and the ten tribes were lost!	721	<i>Shalmaneser puts an end to</i>
	XV	They had worshipped their idols at terrible cost!		<i>the Kingdom of Israel in</i>
	18	And the years were two hundred and fifty and four		<i>the 6<sup>th</sup> year of Hezekiah,</i>
		And nineteen the kings who had broken God's law!		<i>king of Judah.</i>
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		<b>117</b>		<b>117</b>
		And nineteen the Kings of the kingdom of Judah,		<i>There were also 19 kings of</i>
		And one queen so wicked, that vengeance pursued her!		<i>Judah, and a Queen as</i>
		And the years were three hundred and eighty and eight		<i>wicked as Jezebel in Israel.</i>
		In which they accomplished their miserable fate.		
		<b>118</b>		<b>118</b>
	<b>2 Chron.</b>	We have told of the ten tribes but not of the two,	974	<i>The priests and Levites and</i>
	XI	Their strength in the Lord, so the stronger they grew!		<i>pious Israelites leave</i>
	13-17	When Jeroboam was teaching the Temple to shun,		<i>Jeroboam and flock to</i>
		The righteous were flocking to Solomon's son!		<i>Rehoboam.</i>
		<b>119</b>		<b>119</b>
		And yet was the God of their forefathers wronged,	958	<i>Rehoboam dies, having been</i>
	XII	And they too unto gods of idolaters thronged.		<i>plundered by Shishak at the</i>
	1-12	And their God was offended, the God they'd deserted,		<i>time of his idolatry.</i>
		Though by their contrition was ruin, averted.		<i>Abijah reigns.</i>
42				
		<b>120</b>		<b>120</b>
		Then Abijah was king, and with Israel fought,	957	<i>Abijah vanquishes Jeroboam,</i>
	XIII	And "The Lord's on our side" was the doctrine he taught.		<i>king of Israel, killing 500,000</i>
	1-7	And Abijah his soldiers to victory led!		<i>men.</i>
		At the sound of his trumpets, Jeroboam's fled!		
		<b>121</b>		<b>121</b>

		Yet Asa the aid of the Syrians sought!	955	<i>Asa reigns.</i>
	XVI	And Asa the aid of the Syrians bought,		<i>Asa does not fight King</i>
	1-6	And fought not King Bassha, who sought to make war,		<i>Baasha, but pays the Syrians</i>
		As the Syrians fought him and kept him afar.		<i>to do so.</i>
		<b>122</b>		<b>122</b>
		And when through the doctors, he sought to be healed,	917	<i>Asa begins to be diseased in</i>
	11-14	But not to the one Great Physician appealed,		<i>the feet.</i>
		He wrought his own ruin, a ruin complete,		<i>He does not appeal to God.</i>
		And finally died, when diseased in the feet.	914	<i>Asa dies.</i>
43				
		<b>123</b>		<b>123</b>
	XVII 1-5	Then Jehoshaphat ruled, and he did what was right,		<i>Jehoshaphat reigns, and goes</i>
	XVIII	And his riches were great, and his honor was bright!		<i>to battle with Ahab, for which</i>
	28-34	And when he went forth with King Ahab to war,		<i>he is reprovved by God.</i>
	XIX 1-4	When God had reprovved him he put him afar!		
		<b>124</b>		<b>124</b>
		And yet with King Ahab too long had he tarried,		<i>Athaliah, the daughter of</i>
	XXI	Since his son to the daughter of Ahab was married!		<i>Ahab, was the wife of</i>
	6	And thus at his death was the kingdom bereft,		<i>Jehoram, the eldest son of</i>
		Though seven the sons that Jehoshaphat left!		<i>Jehoshaphat.</i>
		<b>125</b>		<b>125</b>
		Jehoram, the eldest, he made him the king	889	<i>Jehoshaphat dies.</i>
	4	Not knowing the trouble his reigning would bring.		<i>Jehoram, his son, begins to</i>
		Jehoram, so wicked, the veriest Cain,		<i>reign in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of</i>

		As all of his brothers, and princes were slain.		<i>Jehoram, King of Israel.</i>
44				
		126		126
		And when he was King and Athaliah was Queen	888	<i>Jehoram, king of Judah,</i>
	5-11	False Gods in the kingdom of Judah were seen		<i>murders his brothers and</i>
		For he was the son that had married the daughter		<i>again introduces idolatry into</i>
		Who practiced the vices that Jezebel taught her.		<i>Judah.</i>
		<b>127</b>		<b>127</b>
		They practiced them early, they practiced them late	887	<i>Jehoram, king of Judah, is</i>
	12-20	And so were the years of his ruling but eight.		<i>smitten with an incurable</i>
		His enemies throve and his kingdom was shaken		<i>disease in his bowels.</i>
		And his riches, his wives and his children were taken!		
		<b>128</b>		<b>128</b>
		And yet though that most wicked king was bereft,	885	<i>Jehoram dies most miserably</i>
	XXII	A son to the kingdom of Judah was left;		<i>and is succeeded by his son</i>
	1-9	Ahaziah, the youngest who ruled but a year		<i>Ahaziah.</i>
		Through paying a visit that cost him too dear.		
		<b>129</b>		<b>129</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	That visit was due to Athaliah, his mother,	884	<i>Jehu kills Ahaziah, king of</i>
	IX 21-28	Since he was the guest of Jehoram, her brother.		<i>Judah, and Jehoram, king of</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	And when King Jehoram by Jehu was killed,		<i>Israel.</i>
	XXII 7-9	The blood of the bad Ahaziah was spilled.		
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		<b>130</b>		<b>130</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	When Ahaziah, was dead, then Athaliah, his mother,	884	<i>Athaliah murders all the royal</i>
	XI 1-3	Was glad to be Queen in one way or another!		<i>family excepting Joash, and</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	She murdered his children, believed them all dead,		<i>usurps the throne.</i>
	XII 10-12	Though an Aunt with a babe to the Temple had fled!		
		<b>131</b>		<b>131</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	And there the Priest reared and there the Priest crowned him!	878	<i>Jehoiada rears Joash in the</i>
	XI 4-16	And there the Queen hastened, and there the Queen found him!		<i>temple, anoints him king, and</i>
	<b>2 Ch. XXIII</b>	And Athaliah cried out, but her cries were derided!		<i>slays Athaliah.</i>
	1-15	And Athaliah was killed, when her doom was decided!		
		<b>132</b>		<b>132</b>
		So Jehoiada saved Joash and crowned him a king,	842	<i>Jehoiada dies.</i>
	XXIV	And taught him the praise of Jehovah to sing;	840	<i>Zechariah, son of Jehoiada is</i>
	15-22	And yet when he died, then, his God was disowned,		<i>stoned by order of Joash.</i>
		And his son Zechariah, most wickedly stoned!		
46				
		<b>133</b>		<b>133</b>
		And then by his God was King Joash forsaken	839	<i>Joash is murdered in bed by</i>
	23-25	The princes were slain, and his riches were taken.		<i>his servants, and is succeeded</i>
		And Joash was murdered! Ay! Murdered in bed,		<i>by his son, Amaziah.</i>
		And bad Amaziah made king in his stead.		

		<b>134</b>		<b>134</b>
		And this Amaziah the Israelites hired,		<i>Amaziah obeys the Lord, and</i>
	XXV	And then to the conquest of Edom aspired,		<i>sends away the Israelites</i>
	1-10	And yet ere those Israelites hastened to war,		<i>that he had hired.</i>
		When God had reproved him he put him afar.		
		<b>135</b>		<b>135</b>
		And yet when returning a victor from war		<i>Amaziah conquers Edom,</i>
	11-14	Midst captives and riches, their idols he bore!		<i>and brings back with him</i>
		Those idols he worshipped! Those idols he cherished!		<i>their idols to be his gods.</i>
		And through that vile worship, their worshipper perished!		
		<b>136</b>		<b>136</b>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	Elated by conquest, he Israel sought!	826	<i>Amaziah challenges Jehoash,</i>
	XXV	Jehoash! – he challenged! Jehoash! – he fought!		<i>king of Israel, and is</i>
	17-28	His soldiers forsook him! His efforts were vain;		<i>defeated.</i>
		And later by rebels, the Monarch was slain.	810	<i>Amaziah is slain.</i>
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		<b>137</b>		<b>137</b>
		Then Uzziah was king, and he did what was right,		<i>Uzziah reigns.</i>
	XXVI	Till his vanity put all his senses to flight.		<i>He does right and prospers,</i>
	1-18	Though eighty the priests that advised him and urged him,		<i>but growing strong is also</i>
		He'd have carried his point, though the eighty had scourged him!		<i>proud.</i>
		<b>138</b>		<b>138</b>

		For he went to the altar, a censor in hand,	765	<i>Uzziah attempts to burn</i>
	19-21	And his anger broke forth at the priestly command;		<i>incense up on the altar and</i>
		Then a leper was he, and his fate was bemoaned,		<i>becomes a leper.</i>
		But his son was appointed, and he was dethroned.		
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		<b>139</b>		<b>139</b>
	XXVII	This son was the Jotham, whose precepts were ample,	758	<i>Uzziah is succeeded by his</i>
		With nothing at fault in his Godly example		<i>son, Jotham, who reigns</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XV	Yet the same of his people could never be said,		<i>sixteen years.</i>
	32-35	So bad and deceitful the lives that they led.		
		<b>140</b>		<b>140</b>
		To the Temple they hastened, as though they were good,		<i>Jotham worships God, his</i>
	<b>Isaiah</b>	But returning they worshipped their idols of wood;		<i>people idols, and Isaiah</i>
	I – IX	Though Isaiah warned them, entreated and plead,		<i>pictures their captives.</i>
		And pictured them captives to Babylon led!		
		<b>141</b>		<b>141</b>
		He told them of Judah grown over with briars,		<i>He tells them of the desolation</i>
	XLV	And when he'd reproved them, he told them of Cyrus!		<i>of Judah, of the coming of</i>
	1-8	He told them most plainly of how they'd offended.		<i>Cyrus, and of the Messiah.</i>
		And of the Messiah from David descended		
49				
		<b>142</b>		<b>142</b>
		But they heeded him not, and their good king expired,	742	<i>Ahaz succeeds his father in</i>

	<b>2 Ch.</b>	And Ahaz succeeded, who idols admired!		<i>the 17<sup>th</sup> year of Pekah,</i>
	XXVIII	Who idols exalted, and altars displaced,		<i>king of Israel.</i>
		And vessels of gold and of silver defaced!		
		<b>143</b>		<b>143</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	And this was the time of the reigning of Pekah,	741	<i>Ahaz is oppressed by Resin</i>
	XVI	When Israel's kingdom grew weaker and weaker,		<i>and Pekah.</i>
	5-9	Though Pekah and Resin had Ahaz oppressed,	740	<i>His fortunes are redressed by</i>
		Till Tigleth-Pileser his fortunes redressed!		<i>Tigleth-Pileser.</i>
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		<b>144</b>		<b>144</b>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	And after the throne to his son had descended,	727	<i>Ahaz dies, and is succeeded</i>
	XXIX	The weakening kingdom of Israel ended,		<i>by his son Hezekiah, who</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XVIII	So Israel's kingdom was first to expire,		<i>revives the Lord's cause.</i>
	9-10	Whilst Judah's revived under good Hezekiah.		
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<i>50</i>				
		<b>145</b>		<b>145</b>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	Though Ahaz the doors of the Temple had shut,		<i>Hezekiah restores the worship</i>
	XXX	And the vessels of gold and of silver had cut,		<i>of God and keeps the</i>
	1-4	His son, Hezekiah, revived the Lord's cause,		<i>Passover.</i>
		And kept the Passover, and followed the laws!		
		<b>146</b>		<b>146</b>
		He wrote to the ten tribes as well as the two,		<i>Hezekiah invites the ten</i>
	5-12	And said God may take off his anger from you!		<i>tribes to keep the feast of the</i>



		But the "ten tribes" they mocked him! They laughed him to scorn!		<i>Passover.</i>
		And few were those Jews – to Jerusalem borne!		
		<b>147</b>		<b>147</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	And after their laughter, we hear of his tears!	713	<i>15 years are added to the life</i>
	XX	Of his life being spared, and the number of years!		<i>of Hezekiah, he grows proud,</i>
	1-13	Of the riches and jewels he vainly displayed,		<i>and displays his wealth.</i>
		Of the prophecy true, that so truly dismayed!		
<i>51</i>				
		<b>148</b>		<b>148</b>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	Isaiah informed him, the princes who saw,	712	<i>Isaiah's prophecy concerning</i>
	XX	Should carry them off as their trophies of war;		<i>the descendants of King</i>
	14-18	And that his descendants the servants should be,		<i>Hezekiah.</i>
		Of the kings that we later in Babylon see!		
		<b>149</b>		<b>149</b>
	19	And unto the prophet, the monarch replied,		<i>Hezekiah is grateful unto God</i>
		He was grateful his God should so kindly decide,		<i>for the promise of peace in his</i>
		Sending him peace, blessed peace, in his days,		<i>days.</i>
		And unto him God gave all honor and praise.		
		<b>150</b>		<b>150</b>
	XIX	And when the Assyrians pressed him too hard,	710	<i>Sennacherib invading Judah,</i>
	1-35	In sack-cloth most meekly he prayed to the Lord.		<i>Isaiah and King Hezekiah</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b> XXXII	No praying is fruitless! No pleading is vain!		<i>resort to prayer.</i>
	9-23	By an angel of death were the enemy slain!		

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		<b>151</b>		<b>151</b>
		And the Assyrian king went the way that he came!		<i>185,000 men are slain in one</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	Defeated, depleted and covered with shame!		<i>night by the Angel of the Lord.</i>
	XIX	And when he had joined the idolatrous ones,	706	<i>Sennacherib slain.</i>
	36-37	The idolator died through idolatrous sons!		
		<b>152</b>		<b>152</b>
		And in Judah were idols that people adored,		<i>The Israelites continuing in</i>
	<b>Micah</b>	Although Hezekiah those idols abhorred.		<i>idolatry, the Babylonish</i>
	I	Though Micah, admonished, entreated and plead,		<i>captivity is foretold by Micah.</i>
		And pictured them captives to Babylon led.		
		<b>153</b>		<b>153</b>
		And thus when the years that were added – were ended,	698	<i>Hezekiah dies, and his son</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	And the throne to his son Manasseh had descended,		<i>Manasseh, reigns.</i>
	XXXIII	Then the sun and the stars, did the people adore,		<i>Manasseh worships the sun</i>
	1-5	Those people more wicked than ever before.		<i>and stars.</i>
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	<b>2 Ch.</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>154</b>
	XXXVII	This wicked Manasseh unlike Hezekiah,		<i>The wicked Manasseh forces</i>
	6	Commanded his children to pass through the fire!		<i>his children to pass through</i>
	<b>2 Ki. XXIII</b>	And much were the sins of Manasseh bewailed,		<i>the fire before his idols.</i>
	26-27	Since great was the woe upon Judah entailed.		

		<b>155</b>		<b>155</b>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	And yet when Manasseh a captive was taken,	677	<i>Sinning heinously Manasseh</i>
	XXXIII	His God was implored and his idols forsaken!		<i>is captured, but upon</i>
	11-17	And his pleadings were heard! To his home he returned;		<i>repentance is restored.</i>
		When he honored his God, and his idols he spurned!		
		<b>156</b>		<b>156</b>
		And then Amon reigned, on idolatry bent!	643	<i>Amon reigns.</i>
	21-25	For he worshipped the idols and did not repent!	641	<i>Amon is murdered, and his</i>
		No, he did not repent as his father had done		<i>son, 8-year-old Josiah, reigns.</i>
		And when he was murdered, they flocked to his son.		
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		<b>157</b>		<b>157</b>
		And though three were the hundreds of years that had passed,		<i>The fulfillment of the prophecy</i>
	XXXIV	The prophecy true, found fulfillment at last.		<i>made unto Jeroboam, 1<sup>st</sup> king</i>
	1-3	Of idols demolished, and altars defiled		<i>of Israel.</i>
		Through Ammom's successor, this beautiful child.		
		<b>158</b>		<b>158</b>
		Of righteous Josiah the prophet had spoken,		<i>Josiah sent and took men's</i>
	4-5	When the ashes were spilled and the altar was broken		<i>bones out of the sepulchers</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XVIII	And there on the altar through righteous Josiah		<i>and burned them on the altar</i>
	14-18	Men's bones did defile it and burn in the fire.		<i>at Bethel.</i>
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		<b>159</b>		<b>159</b>

	<b>2 Ch.</b> XXXVI 1-2	And he idols abolished, and idols abhorred,	610	<i>Josiah is slain in battle by</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XXIII	And yet there were people who idols adored.		<i>Pharaoh-Necho, and Josiah's</i>
	31-33	And amongst them was King Jehoahaz, his son,		<i>son, Jehoahaz reigns.</i>
		Who did not do right as his father had done!		
55				
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	<b>160</b>		<b>160</b>
	XXXVI	Who did not do right, and who misery wrought,	609	<i>Pharaoh-Necho captures</i>
	3-5	Till this captive of Pharaoh, to Egypt they brought!		<i>Jehoahaz, and makes</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XXIII	And the kingdom was given by him to another!		<i>Jehoiakim the brother of</i>
	34-37	By whom but by Pharaoh? To whom, but his brother?		<i>Jehoahaz, king.</i>
		<b>161</b>		<b>161</b>
<i>L – Loss of Liberty</i>		And yet was this King's an unenviable plight,	607	<i>Nebuchadnezzar, king of</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	Since Pharaoh had left him unable to fight!		<i>Babylon, makes war upon</i>
	XXXVI	And thus was Jehoiakim forced to obey,		<i>Jehoiakim, king of Judah.</i>
	5-9	King Nebuchadnezzar in battle array!		
56				
		<b>162</b>		<b>162</b>
<i>Date of the Captivity</i>		And yet when he'd promised his servant to be		<i>Nebuchadnezzar makes</i>
607	<b>2 Ki.</b>	King Nebuchadnezzar departed we see,		<i>Jehoiakim tributary, carrying</i>
	XXIV	Departed well pleased, and appeased in a measure		<i>off many of the sacred</i>
	1-7	By promises servile, and secular treasure.		<i>vessels.</i>
		<b>163</b>		<b>163</b>
		And princes were captured, the same as foretold		<i>The fulfillment of Isaiah's</i>

	<b>Dan.</b>	On King Hezekiah's displaying his gold.		<i>Prophecy made unto King</i>
	I	He was told his descendants the servants should be,		<i>Hezekiah.</i>
		Of the Kings that these princes in Babylon see!		
		<b>164</b>		<b>164</b>
		And servants were they! Was not Daniel one?		<i>The descendents of Hezekiah</i>
	II	When Nebuchadnezzar his victory won.		<i>are carried captive to Babylon,</i>
	IIII	And Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego of old,		<i>and the 70-year Captivity</i>
		Who would not bow down to the idols of gold.		<i>begins.</i>
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		<b>165</b>		<b>165</b>
<b>M – Monarchy</b>	<b>Jer.</b>	And in the fourth year that Jehoiakim reigned,	605	
	XXXVI	The word of the Lord was by Baruch explained,		
	1-22	The word that the Lord had so mercifully sent,		
		With the hope that his people would hear and repent.		
		<b>166</b>		<b>166</b>
	<b>Jer.</b>	The book was dictated by one Jeremiah,		<i>The Word of the Lord is cut</i>
	XXXVI	The same that Jehoiakim burnt in the fire,		<i>with a pen-knife and burned</i>
	23-32	And when with another the people detect him,		<i>in the fire by Jehoiakim.</i>
		They promise to kill, and his God, to protect him!		
		<b>167</b>		<b>167</b>
	XXII	And his God doth protect him, denouncing the king,	599	<i>Jehoiakim is slain and his</i>

	18-19	Foretelling the ruin, such ruin should bring!		<i>body is cast upon the</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> XXIV	This ruin doth quickly the king encompass!		<i>highway like that of an ass.</i>
	1-7	His body is treated like that of an ass!		
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<i>58</i>				
		<b>168</b>		<b>168</b>
		And thus when Jehoiachin came to the throne,		<i>Jehoiachin reigns. In three</i>
<b>N –</b> <b><i>Nebuchad</i></b> <b><i>-nezzar</i></b>	8-16	No mercy by Nebuchadnezzar was shown!		<i>months he is carried captive</i>
		He captured the king with his wives and his mother,		<i>to Babylon.</i>
		The Princes, the builders, and many another!		
		<b>169</b>		<b>169</b>
		And the kingdom was given by him to another		<i>The kingdom is given to</i>
		To one Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's brother!		<i>Zedekiah, the son of Josiah,</i>
	17-19	And again was the victor appeased in a measure,		<i>on his swearing fealty to</i>
		By promises servile, and secular treasure!		<i>Nebuchadnezzar.</i>
		<b>170</b>		<b>170</b>
		And then were these captives to Babylon carried,		<i>Jeremiah remains unharmed</i>
	<b>Jer.</b>	Whilst the prophet unharmed in Jerusalem tarried;		<i>in Jerusalem and writes a</i>
	XXIX	But he wrote them a letter to lessen their fears,		<i>letter to the captives in</i>
	1-10	And told of its endings in seventy years,		<i>Babylon.</i>
		<b>171</b>		<b>171</b>
		And he bade them contented to be in the land,	595	<i>Ezekial begins to prophecy,</i>

	<b>Ezek.</b>	As such was the mighty Jehovah's command.		<i>foretelling and portraying the</i>
	IV	And Ezekial a war and a famine portrayed		<i>coming desolation.</i>
		With a pan and a slate, and a fort that he made:		
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\* This is an intentional change of meter, due to the valued suggestion of a trained minister. Inasmuch as the poem is to be memorized, and the Judges are so numerous, it is well to have a peculiar verse that will stand out as a landmark in the mind of the child, rendering it the easier to remember what came before, and what after the same. Since there are fifteen Judges and Jair the eighth and central, the peculiar verse is very appropriately concerning him.

		<b>172</b>		<b>172</b>
	<b>Ezek.</b>	And when he had carefully pictured the fray,		<i>Ezekial reveals the exact time</i>
	XXIV	He told of the year and the month and the day		<i>of Babylon's conquest and</i>
	1-2	Of Babylon's conquest, Jerusalem's woe,		<i>Jerusalem's woe.</i>
		And captives led forth by a pitiless foe!		
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		<b>173</b>		<b>173</b>
<i>O - Oath</i>		And did not the conquered to freedom aspire	592	<i>Zedekiah breaks oath to</i>
	<b>2 Ch.</b>	When the oath had been broken of King Zedekiah?		<i>Nebuchadnezzar.</i>
	XXXVI	And was not the Kingdom of Judah besieged?	590	<i>Nebuchadnezzar besieges</i>
	11-20	And was not their woe to their prophet alleged?		<i>Jerusalem.</i>
		<b>174</b>		<b>174</b>
	<b>Jer.</b>	Yet the prophet forewarned them, discouraged their flight,	588	<i>The flight of Zedekiah against</i>
	XXXVIII	When the kind would escape under cover of night!		<i>Jeremiah's advice. Zedekiah</i>
	10-28	And the Chaldeans followed, the Chaldeans caught him,		<i>is captured by the Chaldeans.</i>

	XXXIX 1-9	And then unto Nebuchadnezzar they brought him!		
		<b>175</b>		<b>175</b>
		And they murdered his sons, and they put out his eyes,		<i>The sons of Zedekiah are slain</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	And in darkness, in chains, and in prison, he dies!		<i>before his eyes, and his eyes</i>
	XXV	And many were captured, and many were slain,		<i>are then put out.</i>
	7-21	And the few that they spared, did not dare to complain.		
		<b>176</b>		<b>176</b>
		With the Temple, the Palace, the houses on fire,		<i>Gedaliah is made Governor of</i>
		They were glad to be ruled by the kind Gedaliah!		<i>Judah by Nebuchadnezzar,</i>
	22-24	But his efforts were futile, his kindness was vain,		<i>but is treacherously slain.</i>
		His conduct was blameless, and yet he was slain.		
		<b>177</b>		<b>177</b>
		'Twas Ishmael who slew him, who hunger pretended,		<i>Gedaliah is killed at his own</i>
		But murdered his host, when the meal had been ended!		<i>table, by Ishmael, a prince of</i>
	25	Jeremiah, who urged them to stay in the land,		<i>Judah.</i>
		And told them that such was Jehovah's command!		
<i>61</i>				
		<b>178</b>		<b>178</b>
	XXV 26	And yet were the Israelites conquered by dread,		<i>The Israelites are conquered</i>
	<i>Lamenta-</i>	And yet into Egypt the Israelites fled!		<i>by dread and flee</i>
	<i>tion of</i>	And then was fair Judah grown over with briars,		<i>to Egypt, carrying</i>
	<i>Jeremiah</i>	The saddest lamentings, the sad Jeremiah's!		<i>Jeremiah with them.</i>



<i>P - Prophets</i>	<i>Jer.</i> XLVI	And each of these prophets the conquest foretold,	587	<i>Jeremiah foretells the con-</i>
	13-26	Of Egypt and treasures of silver and gold!		<i>quest of Egypt by Nebuchad-</i>
	<i>Ezek.</i> XIX	For were they not given the king as his hire	572	<i>Ezekial foretells it.</i>
	17-21	For ably besieging and conquering Tyre.		<i>Egypt is conquered.</i>
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		<b>179</b>		<b>179</b>
		The kingdom of Judah was punished for sin,		<i>Judah also suffers for</i>
		As Israel's kingdom before her had been;		<i>her sins, prophets were</i>
		As though there were kings who had idols abhorred		<i>also raised up to repent</i>
		There yet had been people who idols adored.		<i>them, but they continued</i>
		And the prophets the greatest, the latest were sent,		<i>in their wickedness</i>
		To urge and command them to pray and repent!		<i>till carried captives</i>
	<i>Job</i> II	Although there were prophets we earlier see,		<i>to Assyria And Babylon.</i>
	11-13	As patient old Job and his comforters three!		<i>One of these prophets</i>
		And there were false prophets as prophets of Baal,		<i>was Elijah, who proved</i>
	<i>I Ki.</i>	But the true, not the false, were the ones to prevail!		<i>by fire from Heaven that</i>

	XVIII	And Elijah was zealous, Elijah was true,		<i>Jehovah was the true</i>
	40	And many the prophets of Baal that he slew!		<i>God, and slew the</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b>	And Elijah, like Enoch, had never offended!		<i>prophets of Baal.</i>
	II 11-14	And Elijah, like Enoch, to Heaven ascended!		<i>He was taken up to</i>
	<b>1 Ki.</b> XIX	And of that ascension has Elijah told us?		<i>Heaven by a chariot</i>
	19-20	Elijah's the mantle, that fell on his shoulders!		<i>and horses of fire and his</i>
	<b>2 Ki.</b> II	And after Elisha the little one flocked,		<i>mantle fell upon Elisha.</i>
	23-25	Elisha's the baldness the little ones mocked;		<i>At the word of Elisha two</i>
	IV 1-7	And "Go up, thou bald head" the little ones cried;		<i>bears tore 42 children who</i>
	V	And bears tore the children that rev'rence denied.		<i>mocked him.</i>
	XIII	But the leper was healed, and the widow was fed!		<i>He fed the widow, healed</i>
	20-21	Elisha's the body that quickened the dead!		<i>and his dead body quickened</i>
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	<i>63-66</i>			
		<b>180</b>		<b>180</b>

	<b>1 Ki.</b>	And after Elijah by ravens was fed,		<i>A fish swallows Jonah</i>
	XVII	But ere dead Elisha had quickened the dead,		<i>and casts him upon Nineveh's</i>
	6	Of Jonah we learn, of his most wicked wish,		<i>shore, where his God reproves</i>
	<b>Jonah</b>	When he had gone in and out of the fish!		<i>him through a gourd-vine for</i>
	I	Of the gourd that went in and went out of his sight,		<i>being annoyed at none of the</i>
	II	Each time in the very short space of a night!		<i>Ninevites being destroyed.</i>
	III	Of how God reproved him when he was annoyed		
		At none of the Ninevites being destroyed.		
		Of Joel, of Amos, of brief Obadiah,		<i>Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Isaiah,</i> <i>Hosea, Micah, and Nahum</i> <i>were contemporary prophets,</i> <i>that is to say, lived about the</i> <i>same time, though concerning</i> <i>Obadiah all are not agreed.</i>
		With warnings, with tidings, with prophecies dire;		<i>Isaiah, the son of Amoz is</i> <i>called the evangelical prophet</i> <i>because he prophesied so</i> <i>much</i>
		As well as Hosea with prophecies great,		<i>and so clearly concerning</i> <i>Christ and His Kingdom.</i>

	Who witnessed the sealing of Israel's fate,		<i>He speaks of Christ under the figure of a lamb.</i>
	For Daniel, Ezekial and sad Jeremiah,		<i>Habakkuk, Jephaniah, and Jeremiah were also contemporaries. Jeremiah, Ezekial and Daniel</i>
	All lived in the time of Captivity dire;		<i>being particularly prophets of the Captivity,</i>
	Though we earlier hear of the sad Jeremiah,		<i>Jeremiah prophesying at Jerusalem, Ezekial at the River Chebar, and Daniel in Babylon.</i>
	And the book that Jehoiakim burnt in the fire,		
	When Daniel "The image" so clearly portrayed,		<i>Whilst a captive Daniel most</i>
	And answered a "Question" that others dismayed.		<i>clearly portrays the dream of</i>
	That Question concerning "The showing" a dream,		<i>the image that Nebuchadnezzar</i>
	Than which to interpret much stranger doth seem,		<i>had himself forgotten.</i>
	And later Ezekial a famine displayed		<i>Ezekial portrayed a famine</i>
	With a pan, and a slate and a fort that he made.		<i>with a pan, a slate, and a little fort.</i>

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		And then we have Habakkuk, then Zephaniah,		
		And then there's the "Weeping One" sad Jeremiah;		
		And just as Hosea, of prophecies great,		
		Had witnessed the sealing of Israel's fate,		
		This prophet he witnessed the sealing of Judah		
		And with that sad knowledge has fully imbued us;		
	<b>Ezek.</b>	Whilst Ezekial depicted the coming despair,		
	V	By weighing, dividing and burning his hair.		
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		<b>181</b>		<b>181</b>
		And then when this conquest had rendered him vain	571	<i>The dream of</i>
	<b>Dan.</b>	His dreams did this Daniel, so learned explain		<i>Nebuchadnezzar.</i>
	IV	And speedy his ruin, and lengthy the season,	570	<i>Nebuchadnezzar becomes</i>
	1-33	That he lived like a brute, through the loss of his reason.		<i>deranged.</i>
		<b>182</b>		<b>182</b>

		His nails were like claws, and, like feathers, his hair		<i>The King's hair grows like</i>
	<b>Dan.</b>	Like the ox and the ass did the maniac fare!		<i>Eagle feathers.</i>
	IV	And the years that he suffered are numbered as seven,	563	<i>He is restored to reason and</i>
	34-37	When reason, returning, gave glory to Heaven.		<i>Gives God the glory.</i>
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		<b>183</b>		<b>183</b>
<i>Q - Query of a Queen</i>		And then when the reign of Belchazzar begun,	555	<i>Belchazzar reigns.</i>
	V	Belchazzar, of Nebuchadnezzar, the son,	538	<i>A man's hand writes upon</i>
	1-9	And when at the height of the feasting and riot		<i>the wall at the feast of</i>
		A hand on the wall made those revelers quiet.		<i>Belchazzar.</i>
		<b>184</b>		<b>184</b>
		The wisest were called, and their wisdom displayed,		<i>At the commendation of the</i>
	10-12	By being most truly and sorely dismayed!		<i>Queen, Daniel or Belteshazzar</i>
		Such quaking and quailing had never been seen,		<i>is brought before the King</i>
		O where is Belteshazzar, then queried the Queen.		

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		<b>185</b>		<b>185</b>
		Then Daniel was called, and his learning displayed.		<i>Daniel interprets the writing</i>
	13-31	And the truth was revealed, and the heathen dismayed,		<i>and Babylon is taken the</i>
		And Belchazzar was conquered, Belchazzar was slain,		<i>same night.</i>
		And then did the conquering Darius reign.		<i>Darius reigns.</i>
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		<b>186</b>		<b>186</b>
<i>R - Retribu- tion</i>		And then when the mightier Darius reigned,		<i>Daniel is greatly preferred by</i>
	VI	Then great were the favors his favorite gained		<i>Darius, and hated by the</i>
	1-4	For Daniel was placed in the highest of places		<i>envious nobles.</i>
		There greeted with frowning and envious faces.		
		<b>187</b>		<b>187</b>
		And envy accomplished what none could defeat,	537	<i>Through the strategy of the</i>
	5-17	Though the heart of the King was with sorrow replete.		<i>dissatisfied nobles, Daniel is</i>

		And Daniel was cast to the lions but bidden,		<i>cast into the Den of Lions.</i>
		To trust to his God, from whom nothing is hidden.		
		<b>188</b>		<b>188</b>
		And his God heard his prayers, and He answered as well,		<i>Daniel is unmolested by the</i>
		And great was the woe that those others befell.		<i>lions, but his enemies are</i>
	18-28	No lion would eat him, though cast in their den!		<i>ravenously devoured by them.</i>
		But gladly devoured the libelous men!		
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<i>69</i>				
		<b>189</b>		<b>189</b>
<i>S – Seventieth (year)</i>		And with Cyrus the King, and with Darius dead,	536	<i>Cyrus reigns, and the</i>
	<b>Isaiah</b>	The Israelites cause, then this Israelite plead!		<i>prophecy of Isaiah, made</i>
	XLV	For this was the Cyrus, the Israelites claimed,		<i>nearly 200 years before, is</i>
	1-8	As this was the Cyrus, that Isaiah named!		<i>fulfilled.</i>
		<b>190</b>		<b>190</b>
		He'd told them of Judah grown over with briars!		<i>The end of the seventy years</i>



	<b>Dan.</b>	And when he'd reproved them he told them of Cyrus!		<i>Captivity, computing from the</i>
	IX	And now that the seventy years had been ended,		<i>Captivity of Daniel.</i>
	X	The pleadings of Daniel to Heaven ascended,		
		<b>191</b>		<b>191</b>
		And thus were the words of the prophet fulfilled		<i>Cyrus proclaims liberty to the</i>
	<b>Ezra</b>	When the Jews were permitted the Temple to build,		<i>captive Jews, and encourages</i>
	I	For King Cyrus made and proclaimed a decree		<i>them to rebuild the city and</i>
		That granted permission to build it, we see!		<i>temple.</i>
<i>70</i>				
		<b>192</b>		<b>192</b>
		But ere to complete it the people were able,	530	<i>Cyrus dies.</i>
	II	Whilst under the guidance of prince Zerubbabel.	522	<i>Smerdis or Artaxerxes reigns.</i>
		Good King Cyrus died, and his fated successor,		<i>The Samaritans obtain their</i>
		Succeeded in proving an hated aggressor.		<i>decree against he Jews.</i>
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		<b>193</b>		<b>193</b>

<i>T - Temple</i>		And yet when the King Artaxerxes was slain,	521	<i>Smerdis or Artaxerxes slain.</i>
	V	They thought not, or sought not assistance to gain,		
	VI	Till Haggai recalled them, reproved their delay,	520	<i>Haggai's reproof.</i>
		And the Temple completed in Darius' day!	515	<i>The Temple is completed.</i>
		<b>194</b>		<b>194</b>
		For Darius sought for and found the decree,	485	<i>Xerxes confirms to the Jews all</i>
	VI	That Cyrus had wisely recorded, you see!		<i>the privileges granted them by</i>
		Then Darius completed, what Cyrus begun,		<i>his father, King Darius.</i>
		And all was confirmed by Xerxes, his son.		
<i>71</i>				
		<b>195</b>		<b>195</b>
<i>U - V</i>		And the King Artaxerxes that kindly persisted	464	<i>Artaxerxes Longimannus, the</i>
<i>Unkind- ness Unto Vashti</i>	<i>Ezra</i>	Is also as King Ahasueris enlisted.		<i>Ahasueris of Esther, reigns.</i>
	VII	And where this king flourished and where this king reigned		
		Was where the remainder of Jews had remained.		
		<b>196</b>		<b>196</b>

		And his was the consort that would not be seen!	462	<i>The nobles are feasted</i>
	<b>Esther</b>	Fair Vashti, the modest, the beautiful Queen!		<i>and Vashti is divorced.</i>
	I	Who would not be seen, and a coronet lost,		
	II	As Esther was chosen, and she was divorced.	458	<i>Esther is made Queen.</i>
		<b>197</b>		<b>197</b>
		Thus many were willing, both willing, and able,	457	<i>Artaxerxes issues a decree in</i>
	<b>Ezra</b>	To go forth with Ezra to prince Zerubbabel		<i>favor of the Jews and sends</i>
	VII	So Ezra these Jews to Jerusalem brought,		<i>Ezra as Governor to Judea.</i>
		And ably and wisely the Israelites taught.		
72				
		<b>198</b>		<b>198</b>
		He found that fair heathen in marriage were taken,	456	<i>Upon his arrival in Jerusalem,</i>
	IX	And he prayed and he plead till those wives were forsaken.		<i>Ezra separates the Jews from</i>
		But these were the Jews to Jerusalem carried,		<i>their heathen wives.</i>
		So I'll tell of the Jews that in Babylon tarried:		
		<b>199</b>		<b>199</b>

		Of Esther the good, and the beautiful Queen,	452	<i>Haman's schemes against the</i>
	<b>Esther</b>	That Vashti succeeded, who would not be seen!		<i>Jews are defeated in his own</i>
	III-X	Who Mordecai aided, and Haman defeated,		<i>destruction.</i>
		The Haman so cruel as well as conceited!		
		<b>200</b>		<b>200</b>
		Who sought not his anger, his malice to smother,		<i>Haman hangs on the gallows</i>
	VII	And hung on the gallows prepared for another,		<i>he had prepared for Mordecai,</i>
	9-10	And with Haman deceased, there were none to conspire,		<i>the Jew.</i>
		But privilege granted to one Nehemiah.		
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<i>73</i>				
		<b>201</b>		<b>201</b>
<b>W – Walls</b>		He hastened from Babylon's beautiful halls,	445	<i>Nehemiah is sent as Governor</i>
	<b>Nehemiah</b>	To aid in re-building Jerusalem's walls,		<i>to Judea and re-builds</i>
	II	And these walls were re-built and a covenant made		<i>Jerusalem's walls.</i>
		And yet were the laws of their God disobeyed.		

		<b>202</b>		<b>202</b>
		For when Nehemiah from Persia returned,	443	<i>Nehemiah visits the Persian Court.</i>
	XIII	He found that those people that covenant spurned:		
	1-22	That the Temple was closed, and the Levites unpaid	428	<i>Nehemiah returns to Judea.</i>
		And saleable wares on the Sabbath displayed;		
		<b>203</b>		<b>203</b>
		And again had fair heathen in marriage been taken,		<i>Nehemiah reforms the abuses</i>
		Though they knew of their fathers distressed and forsaken,		<i>that crept in during his</i>
	23-31	So he could but remind them of Solomon's sin,		<i>absence from Judea.</i>
		Although far the wisest of men had he been.		
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<i>74</i>				
		<b>204</b>		<b>204</b>
<i>X - Xerxes</i>		Then the reign of the King Artaxerxes was run,	424	<i>Artaxerxes dies.</i>
		And he was succeeded by Xerxes, his son,		<i>Xerxes reigns.</i>

		And then was this Xerxes by Darius slain,		<i>Xerxes slain.</i>
		And then did this infamous Darius reign.		<i>Darius reigns.</i>
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		<b>205</b>		<b>205</b>
<i>Y - Yielding</i>		And then when the Hebrews were yielding to sin,		<i>Malachi prophesizes</i>
	<i>Malachi</i>	Both Malachi's warnings and chidings begin.		<i>concerning the coming of</i>
	I II III	And then is Elijah foretold and awaited!		<i>Elijah, as John the Baptist</i>
	IV	A prophet as great as the prophet translated!		<i>was called.</i>
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		<b>206</b>		<b>206</b>
<i>Z - Zeal &amp; Zion</i>		He tells them of Zion! He shows them the way!	400	<i>Malachi dies.</i>
	IV	He bids them the zeal of the chosen display!		
		And bidding them cling to the teachings of Moses,		
		With Malachi's warning the Testament closes!		<i>The Old Testament closes.</i>
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