

Sekond Kronikles

Solomon Ask For Wisdom

¹ David pikin, Solomon kon make en kingdom strong well-well, bikos di Oga wey bi en God dey with am and E gi-am pawa.

² Solomon tok to Israel pipol, plus doz wey dey kommand difren group from hundred go rish tazon; doz wey dey judge kase and all di leaders for Israel wey bi head for dia family.

³ Solomon and all di pipol go woship God for Gibeon, for di altar wey God savant, Moses, build for di wildaness. ⁴ (For dis time, David don take di Kovenant Box from Kiriath-Jearim go di place wey e prepare for am for Jerusalem. ⁵ But di bronze altar wey Bezalel, Uri pikin, wey bi Hur grand-pikin make, dey for front of Tabanako. Solomon and all di pipol kon pray to God for der.)

⁶ Solomon go meet God for di bronze altar wey dey di place kon do sakrifice. E kill 1,000 animal kon burn dem as ofrin.

⁷ Dat nite, God appear to Solomon kon tell am, "Make yu tell mi wetin yu wont make I do for yu."

⁸ Solomon ansa, "My God! Yu show sey Yu dey loyal to my papa David and Yu make mi king afta am. ⁹ Naw, my Oga God, make yor promise wey Yu make with my papa David, happen, bikos Yu don make mi king ova dis great nashon wey plenty like san-san. ¹⁰ My Oga God! Make Yu give mi wisdom and undastandin, so dat I go fit lead

yor pipol well. Bikos without wisdom, nobody go fit rule dis yor great nashon well.”

¹¹ God tell Solomon, “Yu nor ask for money, propaty and honor, or pawa to revensh yor enemies or for long life, instead yu ask for wisdom and undastandin, so dat yu go fit rule my pipol well; ¹² naw, wisdom and undastandin, na yor own. I go still give yu money, propaty and di kind honor wey pass evry oda king wey dey before and wey go dey afta yu.”

¹³ Solomon komot from di tent for where dem for dey woship for Gibeon kon go Jerusalem, where e for rule ova Israel.

King Solomon Pawa

¹⁴ Solomon kon get many shariot. E get 1,400 shariot and en ordinary horse na 12,000. E keep dem for difren place for Jerusalem. ¹⁵ Di king make silva and gold plenty for Jerusalem like san-san; cedar wood many for Jerusalem like sikamore fig tree wey dey di low lands. ¹⁶ Solomon buy en horse dem from Egypt and Kwe and na di pipol wey dey buy and sell horse give kings, sell for am. ¹⁷ Dem pay 600 silva for each shariot from Egypt, plus 150 silva for ordinary horse. Dem still sell shariot and ordinary horse to all di kings for Hit and Siria.

2

Tins For Di Temple

¹ Solomon sey make dem build one temple to take honor God and one royal palis for ensef.

² Solomon get 70,000 ordinary workers and

80,000 men wey dey kut stone for di mountin, plus 3,600 men wey dey supavise di workers.

³ Solomon send message go meet King Hiram for Tyre sey,

“Make yu kom help mi, just as yu help my papa David, wen yu gi-am cedar wood make e take build en palis. ⁴ I dey ready to build one temple to honor di Oga my God and to dedikate am gi-am. I go burn betta incense for am; offa bread and burnt sakrifice evry morning and evening and for Sabat Day too. I go do di same tin for new moon festival and evry oda tin wey di Oga my God tok. Dis na wetin Israel pipol go dey do.

⁵ I go build betta big temple, bikos awa God big and betta pass evry oda gods. ⁶ True-true! Who fit really build temple for am, since di sky and di heavens wey high pass too small for am? Who I bi to build temple for am? E go just bi where dem go for dey offa sakrifice gi-am.

⁷ So, make yu send somebody kom; pesin wey know how to work with gold, silva, bronze and iron, plus purpol, crimson and violet klot. Pesin wey fit design well-well. E go work with my men wey sabi karve tins for Jerusalem and Judah, bikos na David my papa train dem.

⁸ Make yu send cedar wood, evagreen and algum trees for Lebanon kon give mi, bikos I know sey yor savants sabi kut trees. My savants go work with yor savants, ⁹ so dat dem go fit give mi many wood make I take build

betta big temple. ¹⁰ Si, yor savants wey go kut di wood, I go pay dem with 20,000 bag of wheat, 20,000 bag of barley, 120,000 gallon of wine and 120,000 gallon of olive oil.”

¹¹ King Hiram for Tyre kon send dis leta go give Solomon:

“Bikos God love en pipol, E kon make yu king.”

¹² Hiram still sey,

“Na di Oga God for Israel deserve all di praiz, bikos na-im make di sky and di eart! E don give David one pikin wey wise and undastand sey e suppose build temple for God, plus royal palis for ensef.

¹³ Naw, I dey send Hiram kom meet yu. E sabi di work well-well; ¹⁴ en mama kom from Dan tribe, while en papa na from Tyre. E know how to work with gold, silva, bronze, iron, stones and wood; plus purpol, violet, white and crimson klot. E still know how to make difren design. E go work with yor men and yor papa David men.

¹⁵ Naw, make my oga send di wheat, barley, olive oil and wine as e promise kom give en savant; ¹⁶ wi go get all di wood wey yu wont from Lebanon kon arrange dem kom give yu thru Joppa Sea. So yu fit karry dem from der go Jerusalem.”

¹⁷ Solomon kon still kount all di men wey bi strenjas for Israel, afta en papa David kount evribody for Israel. All of dem na 153,600. ¹⁸ E make 70,000 of dem ordinary worker; 80,000 dey kut stones for di mountin, while 3,600 dey

supavise di workers, to make sure sey di pipol komplete di work.

3

Di Temple

¹ Solomon kon start to build God Temple for Jerusalem on-top Mount Moraya, di place where God for appear to en papa David, but na Araunah wey kom from Jebus, get der before. ² Solomon don dey rule for four years wen e start to build for di sekond day for di sekond mont.

³ Di foundashon wey Solomon build for God Temple long rish 90 fit (akordin to as dem dey measure before) and wide rish 30 fit. ⁴ Di varanda for di main hall front na 30 fit, while di temple wide and high rish 30 fit.

Solomon design inside di temple with pure gold. ⁵ E make di main hall with board wey dem make from evagreen trees; design am with fine gold kon dekorate am with palm trees and shains. ⁶ E dekorate di temple with precious stones and na from Parvaim dem from bring di gold wey e use. ⁷ E still design di house, di beams, di wall, di post and all di doors wey dey di temple and e karve tins wey bi like angel for di walls.

⁸ E make di Most Holy Place long rish 30 fit, while di temple wide and deep rish 30 fit too. E design am with fine gold wey dear rish 600 silva koin. ⁹ Di nail for di gold heavy rish 50 shekel and e still design di up with gold.

¹⁰ For di Most Holy Place, e make two image wey bi like angel kon design dem with gold. ¹¹ If

dem put di angels feada togeda, e rish 30 fit. One for di first angel feada long rish seven and half fit and e tosh one wall for di temple; why di oda feada na still seven and half fit and e dey tosh di sekond angel feada. ¹² One for di sekond angel feada still long rish seven and half fit and e dey tosh di oda wall for di temple; di oda feada na still seven and half fit and e dey tosh di first angel feada. ¹³ If yu add di two angel feada togeda, na 30 fit dem bi. Dem stand well face inside di temple.

¹⁴ Na violet, purpol, crimson and white klot, Solomon take make di curtain kon design and dekorate am with tins wey bi like angels.

¹⁵ For di temple front, e make two pila and dem long rish fifty-two and half fit and each of dem high rish seven and half fit. ¹⁶ E make strong shains kon put dem on-top di pila. E still make one hundred fruits wey get many seeds kon dekorate and join dem to di shains. ¹⁷ E put di pila for di temple front; one for di rite side and di oda for di left, den e koll di one for rite, "Jakin" and di left one, "Boaz."

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¹ Solomon make one bronze altar wey long rish 30 fit; wide rish 30 fit and e high rish 15 fit. ² E still make one bronze basin kon koll am "Di Sea." If dem measure am from one side to di oda, na 15 fit e bi; e round for shape kon high rish seven and half fit. Di basin round rish 45 fit. ³ Bull wey dem karve dey under am for evriwhere. One

melu image dey under am for evry step. Di bull dey two side and dem join dem to “Di Sea.”

⁴ “Di Sea” stand on-top twelf bull. Three face nort, three face west, three face sout and three face east. “Di Sea” dey on-top dem and all of dem face outside. ⁵ E tick rish three inches and di tins wey dem take hold am, dey shine like lily flower. E fit kontain like 18,000 gallons of wota.

⁶ E make ten basin wey dem fit take wosh: E put five for di sout and five for di nort side. Na inside di basin dem for dey wosh di tins wey dem dey take do di burnt sakrifice; but di priest dey wosh inside “Di Sea.”

⁷ E make ten gold lampstand just as e suppose bi kon put dem for di temple; five for di rite side and five for di left.

⁸ E make ten tabol kon put dem for di temple; five for di rite side and five for di left. E still use gold take make one hundred bowl.

⁹ E make di kourtyard for di priests, di big kourt and di door for di kourt kon design dem with bronze. ¹⁰ E put “Di Sea” for di sout-side for di sout-east korna.

¹¹ Hiram make di pots, shovels and bowls. E finish all di work for God Temple, just as King Solomon tell am.

¹² E make di two pila,
di two bowl wey dey on-top di two pila, with
two shains wey dem design for di top

¹³ di 400 fruits wey get many seeds wey dem
take design shains for di pilas (each of di
design get two of dis fruits on-top di pila),

14 di ten stand wey dem fit move with di ten basins,

15 di big bronze basin wey dem dey koll, “Di Sea” with di twelf bull wey dey under; 16 di pots, shovels and di meat fork.

All di tins wey King Solomon give Hiram make e do for God Temple, dem make dem with bronze wey dem polish. 17 Di king sey make dem mold dem kom from Jordan River, between Sukkot and Zaretan. 18 Even with all dis many tins wey Solomon make, di bronze dem still remain.

19 Solomon still make all dis fine tins for God Temple,

di golden altar

and di tabol wey e go put di sakrifice bread;

20 plus di gold lampstand with dia lamps wey go dey burn for di Most Holy Place, just as Moses kommand

21 and na fine gold dem take make di flower, di lamp and di tongs.

22 Na pure gold dem take make di wick iron, di bowl, spoon and di censer. Na gold dem still take make di door-mot, di house front, inside di door and di temple door.

5

1 Wen Solomon don build God Temple finish, di holy tins wey bi en papa David own (tins like: silva, gold and all di oda tins) e pak dem put inside di store room for di temple.

Di Kovenant Box

2 Den Solomon sey make all di eldas for Israel, plus all di leaders for di tribes and family for

Israel, kom meet am for Jerusalem, so dat dem go dey der wen dem dey karry di Kovenant Box kom from David Town (wey bi Zion). ³ Israel men gada go meet di king wen dem dey do di festival for di sevent mont.

⁴ Wen Israel leaders rish der, na dat time Levi pipol kon karry di Kovenant Box. ⁵ Di priest and Levi pipol karry di box, di tent where God for appear to di pipol and all di holy tins wey dey inside. ⁶ For dis time, King Solomon and Israel pipol wey dey der with am kon dey waka for di box front and dem sakrifice many sheep and kattle wey nobody fit kount.

⁷ Di priest karry di Kovenant Box go where dem sey make dem put am for inside di temple, for di Most Holy Place wey dey under di angels image feada. ⁸ Di angel image feada kover di place where dem put di box. Di angel wey dem karve, kover di box and en poles. ⁹ Di poles long well-well sotey dem dey si dia end from di temple main room and di Most Holy Place, but nor bi from outside. Dem still dey der till today. ¹⁰ Nor-tin dey inside di box except di two stones wey Moses put inside for Mount Sinai where God for make kovenant with en pipol Israel, afta dem kom out from Egypt.

God Glory

¹¹ Den di priests komot from di Most Holy Place. All di priests wey dey der don klean diasef, weda dem dey work dat day or not. ¹² Levi pipol wey dey play music na, Asaf, Heman, Jedutun and dia sons and brodas. All of dem wear linen

kon stand for di east side for di altar dey play cymbals, lyres and harps. 120 priests wey dey blow trumpet, kon join dem too. ¹³ Doz wey dey blow trumpet and doz wey dey sing kon dey sing togeda dey praiz and give God all di glory. With di trumpet, cymbals and oda instruments, evribody kon dey shaut praiz God dey sey: "God dey good!

En love and goodness,
na forever and ever!"

At wons, one kind tick kloud kon kover God Temple. ¹⁴ So, di priests nor fit kontinue dia work again, bikos of di kloud and na God present with en glory, kover di whole temple.

6

Solomon Praiz God

¹ Den Solomon sey, "God don sey na inside tick darkness E dey stay. ² But naw my Oga God, I don build big temple for Yu; place where Yu go stay forever!" ³ Den di king turn kon bless Israel pipol as dem stand for der. ⁴ E sey,

"Make all praiz bi di Oga wey bi Israel God own, bikos E don do wetin E promise my papa David. ⁵ E tell David sey, 'Since di day I take my pipol komot from Egypt, I nor choose any town from all di tribe for Israel wey go build di temple wey I go stay or sey I choose one man as pesin wey go lead my pipol Israel. ⁶ But naw, I don choose Jerusalem as di place where I go stay and I don choose David make e lead my pipol.' ⁷ My papa David really won build temple to honor di Oga wey bi Israel God. ⁸ But

God tell am, 'E dey good as yu get am for mind to build temple to take honor mi. ⁹ But, yu nor go build am; instead na yor own pikin go build temple take honor mi.'

¹⁰ God don do wetin E promise. I don take-ova from my papa David kon sidan for Israel throne, just as E promise. I don build dis temple to honor di Oga wey bi Israel God ¹¹ kon build place for di Kovenant Box and na God make dis kovenant with Israel pipol."

¹² Solomon stand for God altar for Israel pipol present kon spread en hand. ¹³ E still make one blue stage for di middle. E long rish seven and half fit and na so e wide rish too, but e high rish four and half fit. E klimb di stage kon knee down for all di pipol front, den e raiz en hand go heaven ¹⁴ kon pray:

"Awa Oga wey bi Israel God, e nor get any god wey bi like Yu for heaven or for dis eart! Yu dey show yor goodness to yor savant wey dey obey and respet Yu. ¹⁵ Yu don do wetin Yu tell yor savant, my papa David sey Yu go do; today-today Yu don do as Yu promise.

¹⁶ My Oga wey bi Israel God, make Yu do wetin Yu promise yor savant, my papa David, wen Yu sey, 'Na yor shidren and shidren-shidren go dey rule for Israel, so-far dem do wetin I tok kon obey my laws, just as Yu obey mi.' ¹⁷ My Oga wey bi Israel God, make Yu keep di promise wey Yu make to yor savant David.

¹⁸ God nor dey really stay with human being for dis eart! Si, if di sky and di heavens wey

high pass nor rish Yu stay, den how dis temple go take kontain Yu? ¹⁹ But my Oga God, make Yu ansa yor savant prayer kon help am. Make Yu ansa dis prayer wey yor savant dey pray give Yu. ²⁰ Make Yu wosh ova dis temple both for nite and day, bikos Yu promise sey Yu go stay here. Make Yu ansa di prayer wey yor savant dey pray for dis place. ²¹ Make Yu listin to di prayers wey yor savant and Israel pipol dey pray give Yu from dis place. Make Yu hear from where Yu dey stay for heaven kon ansa well, den forgive us awa sins.

²² Wen dem akuiz pesin sey e sin against en neighbour and dem bring am kom dis temple make e swear, ²³ make Yu listin from heaven kon judge di kase. Make Yu ponish di pesin wey dey guilty, den free di one wey dey innocent and make Yu reward di two of dem akordin to wetin dem do.

²⁴ If Yu let enemies win yor pipol Israel, bikos of dia sin, den dem kon turn kom meet Yu for dis temple sey make Yu forgive and help dem, ²⁵ make Yu listin to dem from heaven kon forgive yor pipol, den bring dem kom back to di land wey Yu give dem and dia grand-grand papa.

²⁶ Time dey kom wen di sky go klose and rain nor go fall, bikos yor pipol don sin against Yu. Wen ever dem face dis temple kon pray to Yu, make Yu forgive dem as dem turn from dia sins kom meet Yu, bikos Yu don ponish dem before. ²⁷ Make yu listin from heaven kon forgive yor savants wey bi yor pipol Israel. Den, Yu go tish

dem di rite way wey bi life kon make rain fall for yor land wey Yu give dem to stay.

²⁸ Time go kom wen hongas go full di eart; diziz, trobol or lokust go dey chop anytin wey dem si; dia enemies go set trap for dem for evriwhere and some oda bad diziz and trobols go happen. ²⁹ Wen yor pipol raiz dia hand go heaven kon face dis temple as dem dey pray to Yu for help, bikos dem dey sofa, ³⁰ make Yu listin to dem from heaven; forgive dia sin kon ansa each pesin akordin to wetin Yu tink sey dey en mind. (True-true, na only Yu fit really know wetin pesin dey tink.) ³¹ Den, as dem dey for dis land wey Yu give dia grand-grand papa, dem go honor and obey Yu till dem die.

³² Strenjas wey nor join yor pipol Israel, go kom from far place, bikos of di respet wey pipol dey give Yu and bikos Yu get pawa to do evritin wey Yu tok; dem go kom dis temple kon pray. ³³ Make Yu listin to dem from heaven kon ansa all di prayers wey di strenjas pray. Den all di nashons for dis eart go know as Yu good rish kon obey Yu, just as yor pipol Israel dey obey Yu. Den dem go know sey dis temple wey I build, na yor own.

³⁴ Wen ever Yu sey make yor pipol go fight dia enemies and dem direct dia prayers to Yu kon face dis town wey Yu choose and dis temple wey I build to honor Yu, ³⁵ make Yu listin to dia prayers for help from heaven kon fight for dem.

³⁶ Di time dey kom wen yor pipol go sin against Yu (bikos e nor get who nor dey sin!)

and Yu go dey vex for dem kon give dem to dia enemies wey go take dem go as prisonas for anoda land, weda e far or near. ³⁷ Wen yor pipol don know wetin dem do for dat land where dem for bi prisonas, den, dem turn kom meet and dey beg make Yu forgive and remove dem from di land where dem for bi prisonas, den dem go sey, 'Wi don sin and do anyhow! Wi don do wiked tin!' ³⁸ Wen dem turn kom meet Yu with all dia heart and mind for di land where dem for dey sofa kon dey pray as dem face dis land wey Yu give dia grand-grand papa and di town wey Yu choose with di temple wey I build to honor Yu, ³⁹ den make Yu listin to dia prayer for help from where Yu dey stay for heaven. Make Yu sorry for dem; help and forgive yor pipol for all di sins wey dem kommit.

⁴⁰ My God, make Yu dey listin and ansa all di prayers wey dem go pray to Yu from dis place.

⁴¹ My Oga God, make Yu and di box wey dey show as yor pawa bi, enter and stay dis temple forever! Make yor priests si as Yu dey diliver pipol! Make doz wey dey obey Yu happy for di blessings and propaty wey Yu dey give!

⁴² My God, make Yu nor rijet di pipol wey Yu choose! Make Yu remember di promise wey Yu make give David, yor savant!"

7

Solomon Dedikate Di Temple

¹ Wen Solomon don pray finish, fire kom down from heaven kon burn di ofrin and di sakrifice, den God present kon full inside di temple. ² Di priests nor fit enter God Temple, bikos God present full der. ³ Wen evribody for Israel si sey fire kom down and God present full di temple, dem knee down kon face groun. Dem kon dey woship and tank God dey sey,

“True-true, God dey good;
en love wey nor dey fail,
go dey forever!”

⁴ Di king and di pipol kon offa sakrifice give God. ⁵ King Solomon sakrifice 22,000 kattle and 120,000 sheep. Den en and all di pipol dedikate God Temple. ⁶ Di priests stand for where dem put dem, plus all di Levi pipol wey dey play music to take praiz God. (Dis na di tins wey King David make to take give God tanks and David dey use dem wen ever e dey praiz God sey, “True-true, yor love dey with us forever.”) Di priest stand near Levi pipol dey blow di trumpets, while evry oda tribe for Israel, stand dey praiz God.

⁷ Solomon santify di kourtyard centre wey dey God Temple front. Di burnt sakrifice, di korn ofrin and di fat part for di peace ofrin, e offa dem for der, bikos di bronze altar wey Solomon make, too small to kontain all di ofrins.

⁸ For dat time, Solomon and Israel pipol celebrate for seven days. Pipol from Hamat for nort go rish Egypt wotaside for sout, still dey join dis pipol too. ⁹ For di eight day, dem gada evribody togeda, bikos dem don dedikate di altar for seven

days kon celebrate for anoda seven days. ¹⁰ For di twenty-third day for di sevent mont, Solomon kon tell all di pipol make dem dey go dia house. Dem happy well-well as dem dey go, bikos of di good tins wey God don do for David, Solomon and Israel pipol.

God Tok To Solomon

¹¹ Afta Solomon don build God Temple, di royal palis and evritin wey e plan for God Temple and en royal palis finish, ¹² God appear to am for nite kon sey:

“I don ansa yor prayers kon choose dis place as my temple where dem go for dey make sakrifice.

¹³ Wen I klose di sky so dat rain nor go fall, or kommand lokust make dem distroy di plant for di land, or kause betta wahala and diziz, ¹⁴ if my pipol go honbol demsef kon pray to mi and turn from dia sins, I go hear and ansa dem from heaven kon forgive dia sins, den heal dia land. ¹⁵ I go listin and ansa dia prayers wey dem go pray for dis place. ¹⁶ I don choose and santify dis temple, so dat e go bi my permanent house; I go always dey here.

¹⁷ Yu must serve mi, just as yor papa David do. Make yu do evritin wey I kommand and obey my rules well-well. ¹⁸ Den I go make yor shidren rule forever, just as I promise yor papa David sey, ‘Yu go always get pikin wey go rule ova my pipol, Israel.’

¹⁹ But if yor pipol turn from mi kon dey disobey di rules and kommand wey I sey make

dem keep and dem kon dey serve anoda god, ²⁰ I go remove dem from my land wey I give dem; I go forget dis temple wey I santify with my present kon make pipol laf and fool dem among all di nashon. ²¹ But for dis temple, wey bin dey good and okay, evribody wey dey pass am go shok kon sey, 'Wetin make God do like dis to dis land and dis temple?' ²² Odas go ansa sey, 'Na bikos dem nor obey di Oga wey bi dia grand-grand papa God; di One wey take dem komot from Egypt. Dem dey serve and woship oda god with all dia mind. Na dis make God dey ponish dem like dis.' "

8

Solomon Reward

¹ Twenty years afta Solomon don build God Temple and en royal palis, ² e ribuild di town wey Hiram gi-am kon put Israel pipol for der. ³ E go Hamat-Zoba kon seize am. ⁴ E build Tadmor for di wildaness and all di towns wey dem for dey keep tins wey E build for Hamat. ⁵ Di Uppa Bet-Horon and di Lowa Bet-Horon, Solomon make di towns strong with walls and iron gates ⁶ and e build Baalat. Na en get all di towns where dem for dey keep tins, plus di town where dem keep shariot and ordinary horse put. E build anytin wey e wont for Jerusalem, Lebanon and evriwhere for en kingdom.

⁷ For dis time, many pipol wey nor bi Israel pipol still dey di land afta Joshua don win Hit,

Amor, Periz, Hiv and Jebus pipol. ⁸ Dia shidren-shidren still dey di land (Israel pipol nor fit porshu all of dem komot from di land). So, Solomon kon use dem take dey do en work and na savant dem bi till today. ⁹ Solomon nor give Israel pipol dis kind work, bikos na dem bi sojas, ofisas, doz wey dey ride shariot and doz wey dey kommand di sojas. ¹⁰ Dis pipol so, dey work for Solomon as supavisor; dem bi 250 wey dey supavise dis pipol.

¹¹ Solomon karry Fero dota from David Town go di palis wey e build for am kon sey, "My wife nor go stay for di palis wey bi Israel king, David own, bikos di place where di Kovenant Box enter, dey holy."

¹² Den Solomon offa sakrifice give God on-top di altar wey e build for di temple front. ¹³ E do evritin for di sakrifice, just as Moses tok about Sabat Day, New Moon festival and di three celebrashon wey dem dey do wey bi: Bread Wey No Get Yist Feast, Di Week Feast and Di Shelta Feast. ¹⁴ As en papa David tok, Solomon choose difren priests to do difren tins. E choose Levi pipol wey go dey lead woship and help di priest for dia work evriday and doz wey dey guide di gate. Dis na wetin David, God savant tok. ¹⁵ Dem do evritin wey di king orda concerning di priest, Levi pipol and di propaty dem.

¹⁶ All di work wey Solomon sey make dem do, rite from di day wey dem lay di foundashon for God Temple until dem finish am, dem do all

komplete. So, dem kon finish all di work for God Temple.

¹⁷ Den Solomon go Ezion-Geber, before e kon go Elat wey dey Edom wotaside. ¹⁸ Hiram send sheep and some pipol wey sabi kontrol sheep go meet am. Men wey know how to drive for sea. Dem drive with Solomon men go rish Ofir kon take 450 gold from der, den dem bring am kon give King Solomon.

9

Sheba Kween

¹ Wen Sheba kween hear about Solomon, di woman kon go ask am strong-strong kweshon. Di kween rish Jerusalem with many pipol and many kamel wey karry spices, plenty gold and precious jewels. Wen di kween meet Solomon, e tell am evritin wey e get for en mind. ² Solomon get ansa for all di kween kweshon; e nor get anytin wey dey too hard for am to esplain give di kween. ³ Wen Sheba kween si di palis wey Solomon build and how di king get sense rish, ⁴ di woman sopraiz well-well. Di kween still sopraiz for di kind food wey dey di tabol; as Solomon ofisas dey organize and di fine-fine klot wey dem wear; di pesin wey dey hold di cup; dia garment and di burnt ofrin wey Solomon offa for God Temple.

⁵ Di kween tell Solomon, “Wetin I hear for my kountry about evritin wey yu get and yor wisdom, na true! ⁶ I nor bilive wetin dem tok until I kom here kom si dem with my own eyes. True-true, I neva even hear half of di wisdom

wey yu get! Wetin I dey si so, dem nor even tell mi rish half. ⁷ Yor pipol go dey happy well-well o-o! Na betta honor for yor ofisas to stand here evriday dey listin to yor wisdom! ⁸ Make wi praiz di Oga wey bi yor God, bikos E like yu kon give yu dis en great kingdom. God love Israel and en pipol and E wont make dis kingdom last forever. E don make yu king ova dem, so dat yu go rule well and dey good with am.”

⁹ Den di kween give di king gift wey bi 9,000 pound of gold, many spices and precious jewels. E nor get any spices wey fine rish di ones wey Sheba kween give King Solomon.

¹⁰ (Plus all dis ones, Hiram and Solomon savant buy gold from Ofir, plus fine timba and precious jewels. ¹¹ Di king use di timbas take make steps for God Temple, en royal palis kon do instrument for doz wey dey play music. For Judah land, nobody don ever si anytin like dat until dat time.)

¹² Evritin wey Sheba kween ask for, King Solomon gi-am and wetin e gi-am many pass wetin di kween bring kom. Den di kween kon go back to en kountry with di men wey follow am kom.

Solomon Propaty

¹³ Solomon dey kollect 666 pound for gold evry year. ¹⁴ All dis nor dey join di oda tins wey e dey get from doz wey dey buy and sell. All Arabia kings and govnor from di aria, dey still bring gold and silva kon gi-am.

¹⁵ King Solomon make 200 big shield with gold; na 600 gold wey dem melt for fire, dem take

make each one. ¹⁶ E still make 300 small shield with gold; na 300 gold wey dem melt for fire, dem take make each one. Di king put dem for di palis for Lebanon Forest. ¹⁷ Di king make one big throne wey dem design with ivory kon dekorate am with gold. ¹⁸ Di throne get six steps and di place where dem go put leg on-top, na gold dem take do am. Di throne get where dem go rest hand put for di two side and one image like lion dey for di two side for di throne. ¹⁹ E still get twelf oda image like lion for di six step; one lion for each end for di six step. E nor get any oda throne for di world wey dem fit use take kompare dis one! ²⁰ All di cup wey king Solomon dey take drink wota or wine, na betta gold dem take make dem, just like all di tins wey dey di palis for Lebanon Forest. Dem nor make dem with silva, bikos wen Solomon dey rule, e nor si silva as anytin! ²¹ Di king get many ship wey go Tarshish with Hiram savants. Wons evry three years, di ship dey kom back with plenty gold, silva, ivory, apes and peacocks.

²² So King Solomon kon get money well-well and wise pass any oda king wey dey dis eart.

²³ Kings from evriwhere dey kom meet am make dem for hear from di wisdom wey God gi-am.

²⁴ Evribody wey dey kom visit Solomon, dey bring gift wey bi gold, silva, klot, war tins, spices, horse and melu kom meet am.

²⁵ Solomon get 4,000 place where e dey keep en shariot and ordinary horse put and e get 12,000 horse. E keep dem for some towns wey e choose and for Jerusalem town too. ²⁶ E rule all

di kingdoms from Eufrates River go rish Filistia pipol land and e still rish di borda for Egypt side. ²⁷ Di king make silva plenty for Jerusalem like san-san. Cedar wood plenty, just as sikamore fig tree plenty for di low lands. ²⁸ Solomon buy en horse dem from Egypt and many difren kountries.

²⁹ Di remainin tins wey Solomon do, from biginnin go rish di end, dem rite dem put for di book wey Profet Natan rite; plus Ahijah for Shiloh profesy; Iddo wey dey si vishon and di vishon about Jeroboam wey bi Nebat pikin. ³⁰ E rule Israel pipol from Jerusalem for forty years. ³¹ Wen King Solomon die, dem beri am for David Town, bikos dem name di town afta en papa, David. En pikin Rehoboam kon take-ova as king.

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¹ Rehoboam travel go Shekem, bikos Israel pipol don gada for der to make am dia king. ² Nebat pikin, Jeroboam wey run from Solomon go hide for Egypt, still dey stay der wen e hear dis tin. ³ Dem kon send pesin go koll Jeroboam kom and all of dem go meet Rehoboam kon tell am, ⁴ “Yor papa, Solomon wiked us kon make us dey do hard work. If yu sorry for us kon komot dis heavy load for awa head, wi promise sey wi go respet yu forever.”

⁵ Rehoboam ansa, “Afta three days, make una kom back and I go give una my ansa.” So, dem kon go.

⁶ King Rehoboam ask di old men wey bin dey advise Solomon sey, “Wetin una wont make I tell dis pipol?”

⁷ Dem ansa am, “If yu wont make dis pipol serve yu well; give dem ansa wey dem go like and dem go use all dia heart serve yu forever.”

⁸ But King Rehoboam nor listin to dem, instead e go ask di yong men wey bi en mate, ⁹ “Wetin una wont make I do? Wetin I go tell dis pipol wey sey make I sorry for dem?”

¹⁰ Dem ansa, “Make yu tell dem, ‘I hard pass my papa, Solomon!’ ¹¹ Yu go still tell dem, ‘My papa give una hard work do, but I go make di work hard well-well. Na ordinary kane e take flog una, but na koboko I go take dey flog una!’”

¹² Afta three days, Jeroboam and di pipol go meet King Rehoboam, just as e tell dem. ¹³ Di king nor listin to di old pipol advise, instead e tok to dem anyhow, just ¹⁴ as di yong men advise am. E sey, “My papa give una hard work, but I go make una work hard well-well. My papa dey flog una with ordinary kane, but I go flog una with koboko!” ¹⁵ Dis na how God wont make e bi, so dat wetin E tell Profet Ahijah for Shiloh sey make e tell Nebat pikin, Jeroboam, go fit happen and na dis make di king nor listin to di pipol.

¹⁶ Wen di pipol si sey di king nor won listin to dem, dem kon bigin shaut,

“Make David and en family get out!

Wetin dem don do for us before?
Israel pipol; make wi dey go house!

Make King Rehoboam kare for ensef!”

So Israel pipol bigin argue among diasef ¹⁷ kon waka leave Rehoboam make e bi king to only doz wey dey Judah aria.

¹⁸ So King Rehoboam send Adoniram wey bi di workers oga go meet Israel pipol, but dem stone am die and wen King Rehoboam hear wetin happen, e kwik-kwik enter en shariot kon run go Jerusalem. ¹⁹ And na since den Israel pipol for nort bigin fight against David kingdom.

11

¹ Wen Rehoboam rish Jerusalem, e koll 180,000 strong sojas from Judah and Benjamin tribe sey make dem go fight Israel tribe wey dey di nort side.

² But God tell Profet Shemaya sey, ³ “Make yu go tell Rehoboam, Judah and Benjamin pipol sey: ⁴ ‘Make una nor attack una own brodas wey bi Israel pipol, but make all of una dey go una house, bikos evritin dey happen, just as I wont am.’ ” So all of dem obey God kon go dia house.

⁵ King Rehoboam for Jerusalem guide and build wall round dis towns for Judah: ⁶ Betlehem, Etam, Tekoa, ⁷ Bet-Zur, Soko, Adullam, ⁸ Gat, Maresha, Zif, ⁹ Adoraim, Lakish, Azeka, ¹⁰ Zorah, Aijalon and Hebron. Na dis towns dem guide well-well for Judah and Benjamin. ¹¹ E guide dis towns well-well kon put ofisas der with store wey dem put food, olive oil and wine. ¹² Shield and spear dey for evry town. E make dis town strong well-well. Na-im get Judah and Benjamin.

¹³ Di priest and Levi pipol wey dey Israel, still dey support am no matter where dem dey stay.

¹⁴ Levi pipol leave all dia propaty and betta land kon kom Judah and Jerusalem, bikos Jeroboam with en shidren nor gri make dem serve as God priest. ¹⁵ King Jeroboam appoint en own priest dem to dey serve for di woship place and for di juju altar wey e make. ¹⁶ All di pipol for Israel wey won woship Israel God follow dem go Jerusalem go sakrifice give dia grand-grand papa God. ¹⁷ Dem support Judah kon obey Solomon pikin, King Rehoboam for three years. Dem follow David and Solomon laws for three years.

¹⁸ King Rehoboam marry Mahalat wey David pikin, Jerimot born and en mama na Abihail wey Jesse pikin, Eliab born. ¹⁹ Dem born three sons: Jeush, Shemaraya and Zaham. ²⁰ King Rehoboam still marry Maaka, wey bi Absalom pikin and dem born four sons: Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomit. ²¹ All Rehoboam wife na eighteen and en girl-friends na sixty. E born twenty-eight sons and sixty dotas. Na Absalom pikin, Maaka e like pass among en wives and girl-friends ²² and na Maaka pikin Abijah, e like pass among di oda shidren. So e kon choose Abijah as king afta am. ²³ E use sense put en sons as leaders for Judah and Benjamin aria and oda towns wey dem dey guide well-well. E dey give dem evritin kon marry many wives for dem.

12

¹ Wen Rehoboam dey rule and don get pawa well-well, en and Israel pipol kon rijet God law.

² Bikos dem nor dey follow God law again, for di

fift year wey Rehoboam dey rule, King Shishak for Egypt kon attack Jerusalem. ³ King Shishak bring 1,200 shariot, 60,000 horse-men and many sojas follow am kom from Egypt, Libya, Sukk and Kush. ⁴ E seize Judah town wey dem fence well-well kon mash face Jerusalem.

⁵ Profet Shemaya visit Rehoboam and Judah leaders wey gada for Jerusalem, bikos of Shishak kon tell dem sey, "Dis na wetin God tok: 'Una don rijet mi, so I go rijet and give una to Shishak.' "

⁶ Israel leaders and di king honbol demsef kon sey, "Na di korrekct tin God dey do so o-o."

⁷ Wen God si sey dem don turn kom meet am, E kon tell Profet Shemaya sey, "Dem don honbol demsef, so I nor go distroy dem again. I go soon diliver dem. I nor go use Shishak take show Jerusalem pipol as I dey vex rish. ⁸ But Shishak go win dem, so dat dem go know di difren between to serve mi or oda rulers."

⁹ King Shishak for Egypt attack Jerusalem kon karry all di good tins wey dey di temple and di gold shield wey Solomon make. ¹⁰ King Rehoboam make gold shield take replace dem kon put ofisas to guide di palis gate. ¹¹ Anytime di king go di temple, di guards go karry di shields kom out, den take dem go back to di guard-room wen di king don komot from di temple.

¹² Afta Rehoboam honbol ensef, God nor vex distroy am again and evritin kon dey progress for Judah.

¹³ King Rehoboam kingdom kon strong well-well for Jerusalem. E bi forty-one years wen e start to rule and e rule for seventeen years from

Jerusalem, di town wey God choose among all Israel tribe as en house. King Rehoboam mama kom from Ammon and en name na Naamah. ¹⁴ E sin against God bikos e nor gri serve am with en whole heart.

¹⁵ Evry oda tin wey King Rehoboam do, dem rite am put for Profet Shemaya and Profet Iddo history book. ¹⁶ Den Rehoboam die and dem beri am for David Town. En pikin Abijah kon take-ova as king.

13

Abijah And Jeroboam

¹ For eighteen years wen King Jeroboam dey rule, Abijah kon bi king for Judah. ² E rule three years from Jerusalem. Na Maaka wey bi Uriel dota from Gibeah, born am.

War kon start between King Abijah and King Jeroboam. ³ Abijah attack Jeroboam with 400,000 sojas and Jeroboam get 800,000 sojas.

⁴ Abijah klimb go Zemaraim mountin, for Efraim hill kountry kon shout sey: "Jeroboam with all Israel pipol, make una listin to mi!

⁵ Una nor know sey di oga wey bi Israel God get agriment with David family sey, dem go rule Israel forever? ⁶ Nebat pikin, Jeroboam fight against David pikin, King Solomon wey bi en masta. ⁷ Leta e gada some yeye men wey tell and make King Rehoboam do some yeye tins, bikos di king heart nor strong rish to tell dem 'No'.

⁸ "Naw, yu won fight against di royal pawa wey God give David shidren-shidren. Yu fit get

plenty sojas and yu karry gold juju as yor god. ⁹ Shebi yu porshu Levi pipol and God priest wey bi Aaron shidren-shidren? Yu put doz wey nor suppose bi priest for dia place, just as oda nashons dey do. Anybody wey kom with seven melu or seven ram fit bi priest for dat fake juju wey yu koll god.

¹⁰ “But for us, na di Oga bi awa God and wi nor go ever rijet am. Na Aaron shidren-shidren bi God priests and Levi pipol dey assist dem. ¹¹ Dem dey give God sakrifice wey get betta fine smell both for morning and evening. Dem dey gi-am bread ofrin for klean tabol kon lite di lamp put for di gold lampstand for evening. Wi dey do wetin God sey make wi do, but una don rijet am. ¹² Na God ensef dey lead us. En priest dey here won blow trumpet, so dat wi go kon fight una. Israel pipol, make una nor fight against una grand-grand papa God, bikos una nor go fit win.”

¹³ But Jeroboam don send some men go attack Judah sojas from dia back. Di real sojas dey for front, while Judah sojas dey for back. ¹⁴ Judah men turn kon si sey dem dey attack dem both from front and back. Dem kry to God for help and di priests blow dia trumpet. ¹⁵ Judah men and King Abijah wey dey lead dem kon shaut kry give God, so God kon help dem win Jeroboam and Israel sojas. ¹⁶ Israel pipol run from Judah sojas and God kon let Judah men win dem well-well. ¹⁷ Abijah with en sojas win dem well-well, dem kill 500,000 strong Israel sojas.

¹⁸ So Judah men win Israel pipol, bikos dem

trust and bilive dia grand-grand papa God. ¹⁹ Abijah porshu Jeroboam and en sojas kon take Bethel, Jeshanah and Efron. ²⁰ Jeroboam nor ever get pawa again durin di time wen Abijah dey rule. Afta, God kon kill Jeroboam.

²¹ Abijah get pawa well-well, e get fourteen wifes, twenty-two sons and sixteen dotas.

²² Di remainin tins wey King Abijah tok and do, dem rite dem put for Profet Iddo book.

14

Asa Bi King

¹ King Abijah die and dem beri am for David Town. En pikin Asa kon take-ova as king. Wen Asa dey rule, di land get peace for ten years.

² King Asa do evritin wey God wont. ³ E remove di juju altars kon skata dia stone, den e distroy Asherah juju pole. ⁴ E kommand Judah pipol make dem dey obey dia grand-grand papa God.

⁵ Judah town get peace, bikos di king skata all di place and altar where dem for dey serve juju.

⁶ E build many towns wey dem protet well for Judah and for many years, dem nor fight war, bikos God don give dem peace.

⁷ Di king tell Judah pipol, "Make wi build wall round dis town kon put towa and strong gate. Di land na awa own, bikos wi dey always obey and do wetin God wont." So, dem kon build di towns and evritin kon dey go well for dem.

⁸ King Asa get 300,000 sojas from Judah wey karry shield and spear. E still get 280,000 strong

men from Benjamin and dem still karry shield and spear.

⁹ Zera wey kom from Kush attack dem with 1,000,000 sojas and 300 shariot. E go Maresha, ¹⁰ where King Asa for shalenge am. Dem gada to fight for Zefata Valley near Maresha.

¹¹ King Asa pray to di Oga wey bi en God sey, "My Oga God! Na Yu dey make weak pipol strong. Wi dey go fight dis many sojas, bikos wi bilive sey Yu go help us."

¹² God kon help Asa and Judah pipol and dem kill Kush sojas, while di remainin ones kon run.

¹³ King Asa with en sojas porshu dem rish Gerar. Dem kill many Kush sojas, bikos dem nor fit fight again. Den Judah men kon karry dia propaty.

¹⁴ Dem win all di towns near Gerar, bikos God make dis towns run with fear. Judah men karry dia propaty go house, bikos di propaty for di towns many well-well. ¹⁵ Dem still attack doz wey dey keep animals for di towns kon karry many sheep and kamel go back to Jerusalem.

15

¹ God Spirit enter Zabud wey bi Oded pikin. ² E go meet King Asa kon tell am, "King Asa, Judah and Benjamin tribe, make una listin to mi! As long as una dey obey God, E go always dey with una. If una koll am, E go ansa una, but if una rijet am, E go rijet una too. ³ For sometaim naw, Israel pipol nor get di true God or priest wey go tell dem di law or wetin to do. ⁴ Bikos of dia sofa, dem kon turn go meet Israel God. Dem find am until dem si am. ⁵ For dat time, nobody fit travel

as e like, bikos trobol dey evriwhere for di land. ⁶ One town dey opress anoda town; nashon dey opress nashon, bikos na so God wont am. ⁷ But as for una, make una dey strong and nor fear, bikos God go reward una work.”

⁸ Wen King Asa hear dis word and wetin Profet Oded tok, en heart kon strong. E distroy all di juju for Judah and Benjamin land and for all di towns wey e take from Efraim hill. So e ripair God altar wey dey di temple front.

⁹ E gada all Judah and Benjamin pipol, plus di pipol wey dey for Efraim, Manasseh and Simeon tribe wey dey with am. Many pipol from Israel kom stay der wen dem si sey di Oga God dey with am.

¹⁰ For fifteen years wen Asa don bi king, dem kon gada for Jerusalem for di third mont. ¹¹ Dat time, dem offa some tins wey dem karry from war as sakrifice give God and na 700 melu head and 7,000 sheep, dem use. ¹² Dem gri sey na only di Oga wey bi dia grand-grand papa God, dem go serve with dia whole heart. ¹³ Dem kon kill both yong and old; boys or girls wey nor gri serve God. ¹⁴ Dem promise sey dem go serve God kon dey blow trumpet to show sey dem mean wetin dem dey tok. ¹⁵ Judah pipol happy, bikos dem make dis promise with all dia heart. Dem find God with dia heart and E hear dia kry kon save dem.

¹⁶ King Asa remove en grand-mama, Maaka from en pozishon as kween mama, bikos e make Asherah en juju. King Asa kut di juju kon burn am to pieces for Kidron Valley. ¹⁷ Even doh Asa

nor skata all di juju for di land, e obey God till e die. ¹⁸ E put all di tins wey Abijah en papa, dedikate give God for di temple, with di gold and silva.

Asa Fail

¹⁹ War nor kon dey again until di thirty-fift years wen Asa dey rule.

16

¹ For thirty-six years wen Asa dey rule for Judah, King Baasha for Israel kon attack Judah. E put sojas for Rama, so dat nobody go enter or komot from di town.

² King Asa take all di silva and gold wey dey di temple and di royal palis kon send dem with message go give King Ben-Hadad for Siria, wey dey rule Damaskus sey: ³ "I won enter agriment with yu as awa papa do. I don send silva and gold kon give yu. So make yu break yor agriment with King Baasha for Israel, so dat e go komot from my land."

⁴ King Ben-Hadad gri with wetin King Asa tok, so e send en sojas go attack Israel towns. Dem win Ijon, Dan, Abel-Maim and all di towns where Naftali pipol dey keep tins put. ⁵ Wen King Baasha hear di news, e karry en sojas kon komot from Rama. ⁶ King Asa orda Judah men sey make dem karry di stones and wood wey Baasha take block Rama komot. E kon use dem take build Gibeah and Mizpa.

⁷ For dat time, Profet Hanani visit King Asa for Judah kon tell am: "Bikos yu bilive Siria king pass God, yu nor go fit win Siria sojas again.

⁸ Kush and Libya pipol nor get plenty sojas, shariot and many men wey dey ride horse for dem? But wen yu trust God, E kon give dem to yu. ⁹ E klear sey na God dey wosh di whole world and E dey ready to give pawa to doz wey trust am. Yu nor use sense for dis matter, so from naw go, na so-so war yu go dey fight.”

¹⁰ Asa vex well-well for di profet, so e kon put am for prison. Dat time, King Asa still vex opress some pipol.

King Asa Die

¹¹ All di tins wey happen wen King Asa dey rule, dem rite dem put for Judah and Israel kings history book. ¹² For thirty-nine years wen King Asa dey rule, e kon get diziz for leg. Even doh di sickness dey worse well-well, Asa nor gri pray to God at-all, instead e kon dey go meet difren doctors. ¹³ King Asa die for di forty-first year wey e bi king. ¹⁴ Dem beri am for en own grave for David Town. Dem pour spices and betta oil for en body kon make and burn big fire to take honor am.

17

¹ Asa pikin, Jehoshafat kon take-ova as king. ² E pak sojas full Judah towns kon send some go difren place for Judah land and for Efraim towns wey en papa seize.

³ God bin dey with Jehoshafat wen e start to rule, bikos e dey obey God like David en grand-grand papa. E nor gri serve juju, ⁴ instead e serve and obey en grand-grand papa God. E nor do

like Israel pipol. ⁵ Bikos God guide en kingdom, Israel pipol kon take gift go give Jehoshafat, so e get enough money and pipol kon dey respet am. ⁶ E like to obey God and e skata evriwhere wey dem for dey woship Asherah juju for Judah.

⁷ For di third year wen e dey rule, e send Ben-Hail, Obadaya, Zekaraya, Netanel and Mikaya wey bi en ofisas go tish pipol for Judah towns. ⁸ Shemaya, Netanaya, Zebadaya, Asahel, Shemiramot, Jonatan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tob-Adonijah wey kom from Levi tribe and Priest Elishama with Priest Jehoram, still follow dem. ⁹ Dem dey tish Judah pipol from di book wey God law dey. Dem travel go all di towns for Judah dey tish di pipol.

¹⁰ God put fear for all di kingdom wey near Judah and dem nor fight with King Jehoshafat at-all. ¹¹ Some Filistia pipol bring many silva and gold as gifts kon give Jehoshafat. Arab pipol bring 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats from dia animals kon gi-am.

¹² Jehoshafat kon dey get pawa more-more. E build big-big house and towns full Judah. ¹³ E get many tins wey e store for Judah town kon keep many sojas for Jerusalem. ¹⁴ Na like dis dem take divide dia families:

dem get 1,000 ofisas from Judah.

Adnah wey bi kommander, dey lead 300,000 strong sojas.

¹⁵ Jehohanan wey bi kommander, dey lead 280,000

- ¹⁶ and Amasaya wey bi Zikri pikin wey sey e go serve God, dey lead 200,000 strong sojas wey get skill.
- ¹⁷ From Benjamin family:
Eliada wey bi strong soja dey lead 200,000 men wey karry bow and shield,
- ¹⁸ while Jehozabad dey lead 180,000 strong sojas.
- ¹⁹ Na dis ones serve di king, apart from doz wey di king put for di strong towns for Judah.

18

¹ Afta King Jehoshafat get money kon popula well-well, e sey make one pesin for en family marry from King Ahab family for Israel. ² Afta some years, Jehoshafat travel go meet King Ahab for Samaria. King Ahab kill many sheep and melu as respet for King Jehoshafat with en men wey kom visit am. E beg King Jehoshafat make e join am attack Ramot pipol for Gilead town. ³ King Ahab ask King Jehoshafat, "Yu go follow mi go attack Ramot Gilead?"

Jehoshafat ansa, "Mi and my sojas dey ready, if yu ready. ⁴ But make wi ask God first."

⁵ So King Ahab koll almost 400 profets kon ask dem, "Make I go attack Ramot Gilead or not?"

Dem ansa, "Make yu go attack am, bikos God go make yu win."

⁶ But King Jehoshafat ask, "E nor get anoda profet wey wi fit use take ask God?"

⁷ King Ahab ansa, "E get anoda one, en name na Mikaya wey Imlah born. But I hate am, bikos

e nor dey profesai anytin wey dey good give mi, na only bad tin e dey tell mi.”

King Jehoshafat kon sey, “Make yu nor tok like dat!”

⁸ Den King Ahab koll di offisa for di kourt kon sey make e go bring Profet Mikaya kom.

⁹ Di two kings wear dia royal robes kon sidan for dia thrones for di gardins for Samaria gate and all di profets bigin profesai for dem. ¹⁰ One among dem wey en name na Kenaana wey Zedekaya born kon use iron make horn, den e tell King Ahab, “Dis na wetin God tok, ‘Na dis tin yu go take fight Siria pipol kon win dem finish.’”

¹¹ All di oda profets tok di same tin sey, “Make yu go fight for Ramot Gilead and yu go win dem, bikos God go give yu viktory.”

¹² Di ofisas wey go koll Mikaya, tell am, “All di oda profets don profesai viktory give di king. So make yu do di same tin.”

¹³ But Profet Mikaya ansa, “I promise una with God wey dey alive sey, I go tok wetin God sey make I tok!”

¹⁴ Wen Profet Mikaya rish where King Ahab dey, di king ask am, “Profet Mikaya, Make mi and King Jehoshafat go attack Ramot Gilead or make wi nor go?”

Mikaya ansa, “Make una go attack am, bikos God go give una viktory.”

¹⁵ But King Ahab ask am, “How many times I go tell yu sey, if yu dey tok to mi with God name, make yu dey tell mi di trut?”

¹⁶ Mikaya ansa, "I si Israel soja wey skata for evriwhere for di hill like sheep wey nor get who dey kare for dem. And God sey, 'Dis men nor get leader, make dem go house with peace.' "

¹⁷ King Ahab tell King Jehoshafat, "I nor tell yu sey e nor dey profesai anytin wey dey good for mi? Na only bad tin e dey profesai for mi!"

¹⁸ Mikaaya still sey, "Make yu listin to wetin God tok! I si God sidan for en throne for heaven with all en angels as dem stand round am. ¹⁹ Den God ask, 'Na who go-go deceive King Ahab, so dat dem go kill-am for Ramot Gilead?'

"Di angels kon dey tok difren tins, ²⁰ until one spirit kom out kon tell God, 'I go-go deceive am.'

²¹ "God ask, 'How yu wont take deceive am?'

"Di spirit ansa, 'I go make all di profets lie for Ahab.'

"God kon sey, 'Make yu go deceive am, bikos e go hear yu.' "

²² Profet Mikaaya still sey, "Dis na how God wont make e bi. God don make dis profets lie to yu, bikos en ensef don sey, yu go si wahala!"

²³ Den Profet Zedekaya wey bi Kenaana pikin, waka kom meet and slap Mikaya, den e ask am, "Since wen God Spirit leave mi kon dey tok to only yu?"

²⁴ Mikaya ansa, "Wen yu go don hide inside yor room, den yu go know di trut."

²⁵ King Ahab kon orda sey, "Make una arrest and karry Mikaya go Amon wey bi di main town where Prince Joash bi govnor. ²⁶ Una go tell dem make dem put am for prison kon gi-am bread and wota till I go kom back."

²⁷ Mikaya ansa, “If yu kom back alive, den God nor tok thru mi!” E still sey, “Make all of una listin to wetin I don tok!”

Ahab Die

²⁸ Den King Ahab for Israel and King Jehoshafat for Judah kon go attack Ramot town for Gilead. ²⁹ King Ahab tell King Jehoshafat, “As wi dey go di war so, I go shange myself, but make yu wear yor royal robe.” So Israel king shange kon go di war.

³⁰ Siria king don kommand en kommanders wey dey use shariot sey make dem nor attack anybody escept Israel king. ³¹ So wen dem si King Jehoshafat, all of dem tink sey na Israel king bi dat, so dem bigin attack am. But King Jehoshafat shaut and God help am. ³² Den Ramot sojas kon know sey e nor bi Israel king, so dem stop to attack am.

³³ Leta, one Siria soja shot en arrow kon shuk King Ahab for belle. King Ahab tell di man wey dey ride en horse sey, “Dem don wound mi! Make yu turn komot for here!” ³⁴ As dem dey fight thru-out dat day, di king just sleep for en shariot face Siria pipol. For evening wen sun don go down, di king kon die.

19

¹ Wen King Jehoshafat for Judah rish en house for Jerusalem, ² Profet Jehu wey bi Hanani pikin go meet di king kon sey, “E dey good make wi help and follow wiked pipol wey hate God? Wetin yu do so, don make God dey vex for yu.

³ But yu don still do some good tins before. Yu

remove Asherah juju from di town and yu really won follow God.”

Judge

⁴ As Jehoshafat dey stay for Jerusalem, e dey follow di pipol travel from Beersheba go di hill kountry for Efraim and e dey advise dem make dem follow dia grand-grand papa God. ⁵ E put judge for all di land for Judah towns wey dem dey guide. ⁶ King Jehoshafat tell di judge dem, “Make una dey kareful for wetin una dey do, bikos una nor dey judge for men, but na for God wey go dey with una wen una dey make decision. ⁷ Make una respet God as una dey take decision, bikos di Oga wey bi awa God nor dey like wayo, bribe or anyhow tins.”

⁸ For Jerusalem, King Jehoshafat put some Levi pipol, priest and some Israel family for Israel as God judge and to dey setol wahala. ⁹ E kommand dem sey, “Make una get respet for God as una dey do una work with klean heart. ¹⁰ Wen ever una kountry man kon ripot matter give una (weda e koncern pesin wey dem kill or about di law and kommandments), make una warn dem sey make dem nor sin against God. If una nor do like dat, God go vex for una and doz wey dey work with una, but if una obey am, una go dey free.

¹¹ “Any matter wey koncern di king, una go ripot to Amaraya wey bi di shief priest and Ishmael pikin, Zebadaya wey dey lead Judah family. Levi pipol go bi una ofisas. Make una do una work well! Make God dey with doz wey dey do well!”

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War With Edom Piplol

¹ Afta, Moab and Ammon pipol with some pipol from Meun kon attack Jehoshafat.

² Some messenjas go tell Jehoshafat sey, “Plenty sojas dey attack yor town from di oda side for di Dead Sea for Edom side, for Hazezon Tamar wey bi En-Gedi.” ³ Jehoshafat kon dey fear, so e go meet God. E kommand evribody for Judah sey make dem fast. ⁴ Judah pipol from difren town gada togeda kom sey make God help dem.

⁵ King Jehoshafat stand for where Judah and Jerusalem pipol gada put for di kourtyard front, wey dey God Temple ⁶ kon pray:

“My Oga wey bi awa grand-grand papa God, na Yu bi God wey dey for heaven and na Yu dey rule di whole world. Na Yu get all pawa and nobody fit stand against Yu. ⁷ Awa Oga God, Yu porshu doz wey dey dis land before kon gi-am to yor friend Abraham and en shidren-shidren Israel, wey bi yor pipol. ⁸ Dem stay di town kon build temple put as respet for Yu sey, ⁹ ‘If wahala kom meet us like sojas attack us, judgement, sickness or sey food nor dey, wi go kry kon meet Yu with awa pain, so dat Yu go hear and diliver us.’

¹⁰ Naw, Ammon, Moab and pipol for Mount Seir dey kom! Wen Israel pipol komot from Egypt, Yu nor gri make dem fight dis pipol. Dem just pass and dem nor tosh dem. ¹¹ But naw, make Yu si how dem dey pay us back.

Dem dey kom drive us komot from awa land wey Yu give us! ¹² Awa Oga God, Yu nor go judge dem? Wi nor get pawa rish dis plenty sojas wey dey kom attack us so o-o. Wi nor know wetin wi go do, so wi kom meet Yu make Yu help us.”

¹³ All di men for Judah, dia wifes and shidren kon stand for God front.

¹⁴ Den Zekaraya wey Benaya born, God Spirit kon enter en pikin Jahaziel, for all di pipol present. Na Jeiel wey Matanaya born bi Benaya papa. Dem bi Levi pipol from Asaf family.

¹⁵ Jahaziel kon sey, “Judah pipol and doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem with Jehoshafat, make una listin! Dis na wetin God dey tok, ‘Make una nor fear, bikos of dis plenty sojas! Bikos di fight nor bi una own, but na God go fight am.’

¹⁶ Make una go fight dem tumoro as dem dey kom Ziz. Una go si dem for one small river for Jeruel Desert front. ¹⁷ Una nor go fight for dis war. Make una just stand kon si how God go diliver una wey bi Judah and Jerusalem pipol. Make una nor fear, make una go fight dem tumoro, bikos God dey with una.”

¹⁸ King Jehoshafat kon bow and Judah pipol with doz wey dey stay Jerusalem, bow woship God. ¹⁹ Den some Levi pipol wey kom from Kohat and Korah get up kon shout dey praiz God.

²⁰ Di next day for early morning, dem mash go Tekoa Desert. Wen dem don ready to move, Jehoshafat kon stand sey: “Make una listin, una wey bi Judah pipol and doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem! Make una trust di Oga una God and

E go save una! Make una trust en profet words and una go win.” ²¹ Jehoshafat go meet en pipol kon choose doz wey go dey sing and praiz God wey dey holy. As dem dey mash go meet di sojas, dem kon dey sey,

“Make wi tank God,

bikos en love na forever and ever.”

²² As dem dey sing, na wons God attack Ammon, Moab and di men from Mount Seir wey dey kom fight Judah pipol, so Judah men win all of dem. ²³ Ammon and Moab men attack di men wey kom from Mount Seir kon distroy dem. Wen dem kill Seir men finish, dem kon start to kill demself.

²⁴ Wen Judah men rish di war front for di desert, na only dead body, dem si for groun.

²⁵ King Jehoshafat with en men kon go pak di sojas tins. Dem pak dia klot and many oda betta tins. E take dem like three days to pak all di tins, bikos dem plenty well-well. ²⁶ For di fourt day, dem gada go Beraca Valley kon praiz God for der. Na Beraca Valley dem dey koll dat place till today.

²⁷ All di men for Judah and Jerusalem kon dey happy as dem dey go Jerusalem and na Jehoshafat dey lead dem. God don give dem viktory ova dia enemies. ²⁸ Dem enter Jerusalem with trumpet and oda tins wey dem take dey sing kon dey happy and dance go God Temple.

²⁹ All di oda kingdom wey near dem kon dey fear God wen dem hear as E fight Israel pipol enemies. ³⁰ So, Jehoshafat kon get peace, bikos God dey protet am for evry side.

King Jehoshafat Die

³¹ King Jehoshafat reign for Judah. E bi thirty-five years wen e start to rule and e rule for twenty-five years from Jerusalem. En mama na Azuba wey bi Shilhi pikin. ³² E follow wetin Asa en papa do and e dey kareful and dey do only wetin God wont. ³³ But e nor still skata all di place where dem for dey serve juju and di pipol nor use all dia mind serve dia grand-grand papa God.

³⁴ Di remainin tins wey Jehoshafat do from biginnin go rish end, dem rite am for Hanani pikin, Profet Jehu book kon put am join Israel kings history book.

³⁵ Leta, King Jehoshafat make friend with King Ahazaya for Israel wey do many wiked tins. ³⁶ Dem agri to make ship wen dem go take travel go Tarshish and dem make di ship for Ezion-Geber. ³⁷ Dodavahu pikin Elieza from Maresha kon tok against King Jehoshafat sey, “Bikos yu enter agriment with King Ahazaya, God go skata wetin yu don make.” Di ship sink and e nor fit go Tarshish again.

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¹ Jehoshafat die and dem beri am with en grand-grand papa dem for David Town. En pikin Jehoram kon take-ova as king.

Jehoram Rule

² Jehoram brodas na Zabud, Jehiel, Zekaraya, Azariahu, Mikael and Shefataya. All of dem na King Jehoshafat pikin. ³ Dia papa give dem gold, silva and many oda good tins with towns for

Judah wey dem guide well, but e give di kingdom to Jehoram, bikos na-im bi di first pikin.

⁴ Jehoram kontrol en papa kingdom kon get pawa well-well. Den e kill all en brodas and some ofisas for Israel. ⁵ Jehoram na thirty-two years wen e start to rule and e rule rish eight years from Jerusalem. ⁶ E follow Israel king footstep just as Ahab rule. E marry Ahab pikin kon do wiked tins for God present. ⁷ But God nor won distroy David kingdom, bikos E promise am sey en kingdom go dey forever.

⁸ Wen Jehoram dey rule, Edom pipol free diasef from Judah kontrol and dem kon choose king for demsef. ⁹ Jehoram cross go Zair with en ofisas and all en shariot. Edom pipol wey dey near am kon attack and win en with en ofisas for nite. ¹⁰ Na dis make Edom pipol dey free from Judah pawa kon rish naw.

For dat same time, Libnah still fight free demsef from Judah pawa, bikos King Jehoram rijet en papa God. ¹¹ E still build juju place for Judah hills, den Jerusalem and Judah pipol nor kon dey obey di Oga dia God.

¹² King Jehoram receive dis leta from Profet Elijah:

“Dis na wetin yor grand-grand papa, David God tok: yu nor follow Jehoshafat yor papa and King Asa for Judah footstep, ¹³ instead, yu dey sin like Israel kings. Yu make Judah pipol and doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem turn from God, just as Ahab family do for Israel. Yu still kill yor brodas and yor papa family wey betta pass yu. ¹⁴ So, God go send sickness kom meet

yor pipol, yor sons, yor wifes and evribody wey bi yor own. ¹⁵ Yu go get sirious diziz wey go make yor intestine swell-up.”

¹⁶ God make some Filistia and Arab pipol wey dey stay near di river go fight war with King Jehoram. ¹⁷ Dem attack Judah kon karry evritin wey dem si for di palis; plus di king sons, en wifes, but dem leave en yongest son, Ahazaya.

¹⁸ Wen all dis tins don happen, God kon ponish am with betta diziz for intestine and nobody fit heal am. ¹⁹ Afta two years, en intestine swell-up well-well and e kon die with pain. En pipol nor make big fire take beri am, just as dem beri en grand-grand papa dem.

²⁰ King Jehoram na thirty-two years wen e bi king and e rule for eight years from Jerusalem. En deat nor pain anybody at-all and dem beri am for David Town, but nor bi for di royal beri groun.

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Ahazaya Rule Judah

¹ Pipol wey dey stay Jerusalem kon make Jehoram yongest pikin king, bikos Arab pipol wey skata di town kill all di oda shidren. So Ahazaya wey bi Jeroham pikin kon bi king for Judah.

² Ahazaya na twenty-two years wen e start to rule and e rule for one year from Jerusalem. Na Atalaya wey Omri born bi en mama.

³ E sin like King Ahab, bikos of di wiked advise wey en mama dey gi-am. ⁴ E do bad-bad tins for

God eye just like Ahab, bikos wen en papa die, di pipol wey dey gi-am advise kon make am sin well-well. ⁵ E follow dia advise kon go join Ahab son, King Joram for Israel. Dem go fight against King Hazael for Ramot Gilead wey dey Siria and Siria pipol win King Joram and en men. ⁶ Ahab pikin, King Joram go Jezrel go heal di wound wey e get for Rama wen dem dey fight against King Hazael for Siria and Jehoram pikin, King Ahazaya kon go visit am.

⁷ God kon make Ahazaya kingdom skata, bikos e go visit Joram. Wen Ahazaya rish der, e kon follow Joram go meet Nimshi pikin, Jehu wey God choose to take distroy Ahab family. ⁸ As Jehu dey distroy Ahab family, e kon si Judah pipol ofisas, Ahazaya sons and en relashon wey dey serve am. So Jehu kill all of dem. ⁹ Dem find Ahazaya until dem si am for where e hide for Samaria. Dem bring am kon give Jehu and e kill-am. Dem just beri en body, bikos dem dey respet en grand-papa, King Jehoshafat, wey use all en mind take serve God. E nor get anybody for Ahazaya family wey remain to rule as king.

Kween Atalaya Die

¹⁰ Wen Ahazaya mama, Atalaya, si sey en pikin don die, e kon sey e must skata di whole Judah king family. ¹¹ Jehoshabeat wey bi King Jehoram dota, karry Ahazaya son Joash run komot from di place where dem for won kill di king family. E hide am with one nurse for one room, so dat Atalaya nor go si or kill-am. Na dis Jehoshabeat bi Priest Jehoiada wife. ¹² Dem hide am for God

Temple for six years wen Atalaya dey rule di land.

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¹ For di sevent year, Priest Jehoiada kon make plan with five sojas wey bi: Zabud wey Jeroham born, Ishmael wey bi Jehohanan pikin, Zabud wey Obed born, Maaseaya wey bi Adaya pikin and Elishafat wey Zikri born. ² Dem travel go Judah kon gada Levi pipol wey dey di towns with Israel pipol family leaders kom Jerusalem. ³ All di pipol wey gada, kon make kovenant with di king for God Temple.

Priest Jehoiada tell dem, “Di king pikin go rule as God promise dia family. ⁴ Dis na wetin una go do. Wen dem don divide di priest and Levi pipol wey dey duty for Sabat Day, one part must dey wosh di door. ⁵ Anoda part go stand for di palis gate and di oda part go dey di foundashon gate. All di pipol wey remain go stand for di kourtyard for God Temple. ⁶ Make nobody enter God Temple escept di priest and Levi pipol wey dey duty. Dem fit enter bikos dia hand klean, but make di oda pipol dey outside. ⁷ Levi pipol must gada round di king and evribody go hold en weapon for hand. Anybody wey won enter di temple, make una kill-am. Una must follow di king go anywhere wey e dey go.”

⁸ So Levi pipol and Judah men do as Priest Jehoiada tell dem. Di kommander gada all di men wey dey duty and doz wey nor dey duty for dat Sabat Day. ⁹ Priest Jehoiada give di sojas King David spears and shields wey dey God Temple.

¹⁰ E put all di men for pozishon with dia spear for dia hand. Dem line-up from di sout go rish nort for di temple and dem stand near di altar for di temple kon gada round di king.

¹¹ Priest Jehoiada and en sons lead di king pikin kom out with di crown and king klot wey dem wear for en body. Dem make am king kon pour oil for en head dey shout, "Make di king live forever!"

¹² Wen Atalaya hear di royal guards dey shout and praiz di king, e kon go where di pipol gada for di temple. ¹³ E si di king stand near di pila for where dem take dey enter di temple. Di ofisas and doz wey dey blow trumpet stand near di king and all di pipol for di land happy dey blow dia trumpet. Doz wey dey sing, dey der with difren instrument as dem dey lead di song. Atalaya tear en klot kon dey shout, "Dis na wayo! Dis na wayo!"

¹⁴ Priest Jehoiada koll di ofisas oga kon tell dem, "Make una karry am go outside di temple kon gi-am to di guards. Make una kill anybody wey won stop una." Di priest do like dis, bikos e nor wont make dem kill-am for inside God Temple. ¹⁵ Dem seize Atalaya, karry am go di palis kon kill-am for di horse gate.

¹⁶ Priest Jehoiada kon make kovenant sey en with all di pipol and di king go dey obey God.

¹⁷ All di pipol kon go distroy di juju temple. Dem skata di altar with all di juju wey dey inside. Dem kill Mattan wey bi Baal priest for di altar front.

¹⁸ Priest Jehoiada put di priest and Levi pipol make dem dey work for di temple. E sey make

dem do di duty wey King David give dem and burn di sakrifice wey dem give God with joy kon dey play music, just as dem rite am for Moses Law. ¹⁹ Priest Jehoiada still put guards for God temple gate, so dat doz wey dey plan bad tin against di king, nor go fit enter di temple.

²⁰ E koll di soja ofisas, di eldas, doz wey dey rule di pipol and all di pipol for di land, den kon lead di king komot from God Temple. Dem use di gate for up take enter di palis and di king kon sidan for en throne. ²¹ Di pipol for di land kon dey celebrate, bikos since dem kill Atalaya, di town kon get peace.

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King Joash

¹ Joash na seven years wen e start to rule. E rule for forty years from Jerusalem. Na Zibaya wey kom from Beersheba bi en mama. ² King Joash obey God thru-out di time wen Priest Jehoiada dey alive. ³ Priest Jehoiada choose two wife for King Joash and e get sons and dotas.

⁴ Wen e don bi king for sometaim, e kon won ripair God Temple. ⁵ E gada di priest and Levi pipol kon orda dem sey, "Make una go Judah towns go kollekt plenty money kom from di pipol make wi take ripair God Temple." E sey make dem kwik-kwik kollekt am, but Levi pipol nor kwik rish der.

⁶ So, di king koll Priest Jehoiada kon sey, "Wetin make yu neva tell Levi pipol make dem kollekt di

tax from Judah and Jerusalem pipol, just as dem rite am for God savant Moses book?"

⁷ (Atalaya wiked well-well and en sons break enter God Temple kon use all di tins wey dey der take woship Baal juju.)

⁸ Di king orda sey make dem make one box kon put am outside God Temple gate. ⁹ So dem send message go Jerusalem and Judah make evribody bring di tax, wey God savant, Moses, sey make Israel pipol dey pay wen dem dey wildaness. ¹⁰ All di ofisas and di pipol kon happy as dem dey put dia silva inside di box till e full. ¹¹ Anytime wen Levi pipol si sey di box wey di royal money dey don full, doz wey dey kount di money go remove all di money kon karry di box go back to di gate. Na so dem dey do am evriday, until dem kollekt plenty money. ¹² Di king and Priest Jehoiada give di money to doz wey dem sey make dem ripair God Temple. Dem hire karpenter, doz wey get handwork, doz wey dey do bronze and iron sey make dem ripair God Temple.

¹³ Dem work well-well kon ripair di temple. Dem follow as di measurement bi for di temple kon do am like dat. ¹⁴ Wen dem don finish, dem karry di silva wey remain go give di king and Priest Jehoiada. Dem use am make difren tins for God Temple: tins wey dem take dey serve God for di temple; tins to take burnt sakrifice; pans with oda tins wey dem use gold and silva take make. Wen Priest Jehoiada dey alive, dem dey always burnt sakrifice for di temple.

¹⁵ Priest Jehoiada old well-well and e die wen e bi one hundred and thirty years. ¹⁶ Dem beri

am for David Town with di oda kings, bikos e do good tins for Israel and for God Temple.

¹⁷ Wen Priest Jehoiada don die, Judah leaders kon visit di king, bikos of dia respet for Jehoiada. Di king kon listin to dia advise. ¹⁸ Dia Oga wey bi dia grand-grand papa God, dem leave en temple kon bigin woship Asherah and difren juju. Bikos of dia sin, God kon dey vex for Judah and Jerusalem pipol. ¹⁹ God send profet go meet dem, so dat dem go turn back kom meet am. Dem warn dem well-well, but dem nor gri listin.

²⁰ God Spirit kon enter Zekaraya wey bi Jehoiada pikin. E stand up kon tell di pipol, "Dis na wetin God tok: 'Why una nor dey obey God kommand? Una nor go prosper and God don rijet una, bikos una nor gri obey am!' "

²¹ Dem plan kon stone Zekaraya die for God kourtyard. ²² Di king forget di love wey Priest Jehoiada wey bi Zekaraya papa show am kon kill en pikin. Wen Zekaraya dey die, e shaut kry sey, "Make God si and ponish una for dis tin wey una dey do!"

²³ As di year dey start, Siria sojas attack Judah and Jerusalem kon karry many tins go Damaskus. ²⁴ Even doh Siria sojas small, God let dem win Judah sojas, bikos dem don turn from en wey bi dia grand-grand papa God. Like dis, God kon ponish King Joash. ²⁵ Dem wound am well-well. So wen dem don fight finish, den two of en ofisas kon plan and kill-am for en bed, bikos of Zekaraya wey e kill. Dem beri am for David Town, but nor bi for di royal beri groun.

²⁶ Doz wey plan against am na, Zabad wey one Ammon woman, Shimeat born and Jehozabad wey one Moab woman, Shimrit born. ²⁷ King Joash sons names, di tins wey dem profesai against Joash and as e take build God Temple again, dem rite am put for di kings book. Amazaya en pikin kon take-ova as king.

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Amazaya Rule

¹ Amazaya na twenty-five years wen e bigin rule and e rule Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. Na Jehoaddin wey kom from Jerusalem bi en mama. ² Even doh e dey obey God, e nor serve am with en whole heart. ³ Wen e don get pawa well-well for di throne, e kon kill di savants wey kill en papa. ⁴ E nor kill dia papa, bikos e obey God kommand wey dem rite for Moses Law sey, "Make dem nor kill pikin, bikos of en papa sin or kill papa, bikos of en pikin sin."

⁵ Amazaya gada Judah pipol, divide dem into difren family kon give dem to di sojas oga wey dey kontrol 1,000 pipol and doz wey dey kontrol hundred pipol for Judah and Benjamin tribe. E kount doz wey don rish and pass twenty years and dem bi 300,000 men wey strong rish to fight. So dem kon give dem spears and shields make dem take go fight. ⁶ Amazaya hire 100,000 sojas from Israel kon pay dem 7,500 pounds.

⁷ But one profet go meet am kon sey: "My king! Make yu nor allow Israel sojas follow yu go, bikos God nor dey with Israel and Efraim pipol.

⁸ Even if yu fight well for di war, God go make yor enemies win yu. Na only God get di pawa to help and fight for pesin.”

⁹ Den King Amazaya kon ask di profet, “Wetin yu wont make I do about di money wey I don pay take hire dem?” Di profet ansa, “God go give yu pass dat one.”

¹⁰ So, King Amazaya kon tell di sojas wey kom from Efraim sey make dem go house. Dem vex well-well for Judah pipol as dem dey go dia house.

¹¹ King Amazaya use strong heart take lead en sojas go Salt Valley, where e for fight and win 10,000 Edom pipol. ¹² Judah men katch 10,000 men kon take dem go on-top one hill den trow dem go down till dem die finish.

¹³ Di pipol wey King Amazaya nor gri make dem follow am go fight kon go attack Judah towns wey dey near Samaria and Bet-Horon. Dem kill 3,000 men kon karry many of dia tins go.

¹⁴ Wen Amazaya kill Edom pipol finish, e kom back with Seir pipol juju kon make dem en god. E dey bow, woship and sakrifice give dem. ¹⁵ God vex for King Amazaya, so E send one profet go meet and tell am, “Why yu dey follow doz gods wey nor fit save dia own pipol from yor pawa?”

¹⁶ As e dey tok, King Amazaya kon tell am, “Na who choose yu to advise di king? Make yu stop to profesai or dem go kill yu trowey!”

Di profet stop kon sey, “I know sey God one distroy yu, bikos of dis tins wey yu do and yu nor gri listin to my advise.”

¹⁷ Afta King Amazaya for Judah don tok to en advisers, e kon send message go meet Jehu grand-pikin, King Joash for Israel wey Jehoahaz born sey: "If yu get pawa, make yu kom follow mi fight."

¹⁸ King Joash for Israel kon send message go back to King Amazaya sey, "Shuku-shuku for Lebanon send dis message go give cedar tree for Lebanon sey, 'Make my son marry yor dota, den one wiked animal for Lebanon kon mash di shuku-shuku die.' ¹⁹ Di win wey yu win Edom pipol don dey won make yu kraze. Make yu stay for yor palis. Why yu won bring wahala kon give yorsef. Why yu won distroy yorsef and Judah tribe?"

²⁰ But King Amazaya nor hear en warnin. God won give dem to King Joash, bikos dem follow Edom gods. ²¹ So King Joash attack King Amazaya for Israel. Di two of dem kon face diasef for Bet-Shemesh for Judah. ²² Israel win Judah pipol and all of dem kon run go back to dia house. ²³ For Bet-Shemesh, King Joash katch King Amazaya wey Joash born kon karry am go Jerusalem. Na Jehoahaz born Joash. E skata Jerusalem wall, from Efraim gate go rish di korna gate wey long rish six hundred fit. ²⁴ Di gold, silva and di tins wey dey God Temple wey dem sey make Obed-Edom dey look, e karry all of dem go. E still karry all di rish tins for di palis and some pipol go Samaria.

²⁵ King Amazaya wey Joash from Judah born, dey for fifteen years afta King Joash wey bi Jehoahaz pikin for Israel, don die. ²⁶ Di remainin

tin wey King Amazaya do wen e dey rule, dem rite dem for Judah and Israel king history book. ²⁷ From di time wey King Amazaya stop to follow God, pipol kon dey plan against am for Jerusalem. E run go Lakish, but dem send pipol follow am kon kill-am for der. ²⁸ Dem use horse karry en dead body go beri for Jerusalem with en grand-grand papa dem for David Town.

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Uzzaya Rule

¹ All di pipol for Judah kon make Uzzaya king afta en papa, Amazaya don die. ² Afta Amazaya die, King Uzzaya ribuild Elat for Judah pipol.

³ Uzzaya na sixteen years wen e start to rule and e rule for fifty-two years from Jerusalem. En mama name na Jekolaya wey kom from Jerusalem. ⁴ E obey God, just as en papa King Amazaya bin do. ⁵ E follow God wen Zekaraya dey alive, bikos e tish am how to honor God. God make am prosper as e dey follow am.

⁶ Uzzaya attack Filistia pipol kon skata Gat, Jabneh and Ashdod wall. E build towns for Ashdod and all Filistia aria. ⁷ God help am fight Filistia, Arab and Meun pipol wey dey Gur Baal. ⁸ Ammon pipol dey respet Uzzaya well-well, so e kon get pawa and e rule go rish Egypt side.

⁹ King Uzzaya build towas for Jerusalem near di Korna Gate, di Valley Gate and for di wall korna, den e fence dem round. ¹⁰ E still build towas wey e fence; dig many well for di desert, bikos e get many animals for di hills and plain

land. E get pipol wey dey work for am for en farm, vineyard, di hills and for Mount Karmel, bikos e like farm work well-well.

¹¹ King Uzzaya get many sojas wey dem train to fight war; dem arrange di sojas for difren group, just as Jeiel wey dey rite and Maaseaya wey bi di ofisas, wen Hananaya bi di sojas oga, do am. ¹² All di family leaders wey lead sojas, na 2,600. ¹³ Dem dey kommand 307,500 sojas wey get skill and fit fight and dem ready to fight for dia king. ¹⁴ King Uzzaya give all di sojas shield, spears, helmet, breast-plates, bows and katapult stones. ¹⁵ E make war machine for Jerusalem wey dem take dey shot arrow with big stones from di towas and di wall kornas. E get pawa well-well, bikos pipol dey support am.

¹⁶ E kon use en pawa take distroy ensef, bikos e nor gri obey God again. E enter God Temple kon offa incense for di altar. ¹⁷ Priest Zabud and di oda eighty priest wey get mind follow am enter di temple. ¹⁸ Dem go meet King Uzzaya kon tell am, "E nor good make yu offa incense give God by yorsef, bikos dat na di work wey priests dey do and na Aaron shidren-shidren dem anoint to dey offa incense. Make yu komot from God house, bikos yu don disobey and nor gri respet am!"

¹⁹ So King Uzzaya kon dey vex and e hold di incense plate for hand. As e dey shaut for di priests, one kind skin diziz kom out for en fore head for di temple near di incense altar. ²⁰ Wen Priest Zabud and di oda priests look am well, dem kon si di diziz for en fore head. So di priests

hurry karry am komot, bikos dem si sey God don ponish am.

²¹ Dat diziz sofa King Uzzaya until di day wen e die. Dem separate am from pipol, bikos of di diziz and dem nor let am enter God Temple again. En pikin Jotam kon take-ova as king.

²² Di remainin tin wey Uzzaya do wen e dey rule, dem rite dem put for Profet Isaya wey bi Amos pikin book. ²³ King Uzzaya die and dem beri am near en grand-grand papa for where dem dey beri kings. (Dis na bikos e get skin diziz.) En pikin Jotam kon take-ova as king.

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King Jotam Rule

¹ Jotam na twenty-five years wen e start to rule and e rule for sixteen years from Jerusalem. En mama name na Jerusha wey Zadok born. ² E obey God, just like en papa Uzzaya. (E nor enter di temple go burn incense like en papa). But di pipol still dey sin. ³ E build di gate for up wey dem take dey go God Temple kon do plenty work for di wall wey dey di hill. ⁴ E build towns for di hill side for Judah kon build strong place and towas for di forest.

⁵ King Jotam fight against Ammon king with en sojas kon win dem. For dat year, Ammon pipol pay am 7,500 pounds for silva, 10,000 bags for wheat and 10,000 bags for barley. Ammon pipol still pay dis tins for anoda two years.

⁶ King Jotam grow kon get pawa, bikos e dey obey di Oga wey bi en God.

⁷ Di remainin tins wey e do wen e dey rule; di war wey e fight and en laws, dem rite dem for Israel and Judah kings history book. ⁸ E bi twenty-five years wen e start to rule and e rule for sixteen years from Jerusalem. ⁹ Jotam die and dem beri am for David Town. En pikin Ahaz kon take-ova as king.

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King Ahaz Rule

¹ Ahaz na twenty years wen e start to rule and e rule for sixteen years from Jerusalem. E nor do wetin God wont or follow en grand-grand papa David footstep. ² Israel kings wey make Baal juju before, na dia footsteps e follow. ³ E use en sons take do sakrifice for Ben-Hinnom Valley and na dis kind sins di nashons wey dey der before, dey do wey make God drive dem komot di land. ⁴ E dey offa sakrifice and burn incense for where dem for dey woship juju on-top di hill and for under evry green tree.

⁵ Di Oga wey bi en God kon gi-am to Siria king. Siria pipol win and karry Judah pipol go Damaskus as prisonas.

God still gi-am to Israel king and e kon distroy en kingdom. ⁶ King Pekah for Israel wey Remalaya born, kill 120,000 sojas for Judah, bikos dem turn from dia grand-grand papa God. ⁷ One soja for Efraim wey dem dey koll Zikri, kill di king son wey dem dey koll Maaseaya and Azrikam wey dey kare for di palis with Elkanah wey bi di kommander. ⁸ Israel pipol

seize 200,000 wives, sons and dotas from dia brodas. Dem still karry many of dia tins go Samaria.

⁹ Oded wey bi God profet, dey der. E go meet di sojas wen dem rish Samaria kon sey, "Si, bikos una grand-grand papa God dey vex with Judah pipol, na-im make am give dem to una. Una don kill dem well-well and God know evritin. ¹⁰ But naw, una won turn Judah and Jerusalem pipol to una slave. Una nor know sey dat one na sin against God? ¹¹ Make una listin and send di pipol wey una katch from una brodas land go back, bikos God don dey vex for una!"

¹² Zabud wey bi Jehohanan pikin, Berekaya wey Meshillemot born, Jehizkaya wey bi Shallum pikin and Amasa wey Hadlai born kon go meet doz pipol wey dey kom back from war ¹³ sey, "Make una nor bring doz slave kom here! Una wont make us kommit more sin for God eye? Awa sin don plenty rish and God don dey vex for Israel pipol already."

¹⁴ So for di ofisas and di pipol front, di sojas kon release di slave and all di tins wey dem karry. ¹⁵ Dem tell some men make dem find klot from di tins wey dem karry kon give di prisonas wey naked. So dem give dem klot, shoe, food, drink and oil wey dem go take rub dia body. Di ones wey nor fit waka, dem put dem on-top donkey. Dem bring dem back to Jeriko, di Palm Tree Town, den dem kon go back to Samaria.

¹⁶ For dat time, King Ahaz kon ask Assyria king make e help am. ¹⁷ Edom pipol don fight, win and karry Judah pipol go as slave again.

¹⁸ For dis time, Filistia pipol don still go fight Judah towns for di low lands and Negev Valley. Dem take-ova Bet-Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederot and Soko, Timnah, Gimzo and all di towns wey near dem kon stay der. ¹⁹ God sofa Judah pipol, bikos of King Ahaz for Israel wey enkourage Judah pipol to sin and disobey God. ²⁰ King Tilgat-Pilneser for Assyria kom, but instead make e support, e kon give dem more trobol. ²¹ Ahaz gada many tins from God Temple, di palis and di ofisas kon give dem to Assyria, but dat one nor help am.

²² Na wen King Ahaz dey for trobol, e even disobey God pass. ²³ E sakrifice give Damaskus juju, bikos e tink sey na di juju win am. E tok for en mind sey, “Bikos Damaskus juju help en pipol, I go sakrifice gi-am, so dat e go kom help mi too.” But dis won kon make Assyria sojas distroy en and evribody for Judah.

²⁴ Ahaz gada and remove all di tins wey dey God Temple. E lock di temple doors kon make juju altar for evry street for Jerusalem. ²⁵ E make high place for evriwhere make dem dey give juju sakrifice for Judah. E make en grand-grand papa God vex well-well.

²⁶ Di remainin tins wey Ahaz do wen e dey rule, dem rite dem for Judah and Israel kings history book. ²⁷ Ahaz die and dem beri am for David Town, but dem nor beri am for where dem beri Israel kings put. En pikin Hezekaya kon take-ova as king.

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¹ Hezekaya na twenty-five years wen e start to rule and e rule twenty-nine years from Jerusalem. Zekaraya pikin, Abijah, na-im bi Hezekaya mama. ² E obey God, just like David en grand-grand papa do.

³ For di first mont for di first year wen e dey rule, e open God Temple kon ripair di doors.

⁴ King Hezekaya bring di priest and Levi pipol togeda for di east side for di temple ⁵ kon tell dem, “Una wey bi Levi pipol, make una listin to mi. Make una dey holy, so dat una go fit make una grand-grand papa dem temple holy! Make una remove anytin wey nor dey klean from God Temple! ⁶ Awa papa dem nor obey God, dem do wiked tins against awa God kon turn from am. Dem leave and rijet God. ⁷ Dem lock di temple kon kwensh di lamps; dem nor offa incense or burnt sakrifice for God house and na dis God bi Israel pipol God. ⁸ Bikos of dis, God kon dey vex for Judah and Jerusalem pipol and wetin E do dem dey make evribody shake and fear. ⁹ Si, awa papa don die for war and dem karry awa wifes and shidren go as prisonas. ¹⁰ I won make kovenant with di Oga wey bi Israel pipol God, so dat E nor go vex again. ¹¹ My pipol, make una nor waste time, bikos God don choose una to serve and gi-am sakrifice.”

¹² Dis na Levi pipol wey ready to do wetin di king tok:

From Kohat shidren-shidren:

wi get Mahat wey bi Amasai pikin and Joel wey bi Zabud pikin.

From Merari shidren-shidren:
wi get Kish wey bi Abdi pikin and Zabud wey
Jehallelel born.

From Gershon shidren-shidren:
wi get Joah wey bi Zimma pikin and Eden
wey Joah born.

¹³ From Elizafan shidren-shidren:
wi get Shimri and Jeiel.

From Asaf shidren-shidren:
wi get Zekaraya and Matanaya.

¹⁴ From Heman shidren-shidren:
wi get Jehiel and Shimei.

From Jedutun shidren-shidren:
wi get Shemaya hand Uzziel.

¹⁵ Dem gada dia brodas kon santify demself.
Dem kon go inside go klean God Temple, just as
di king tok from God word. ¹⁶ Di priest enter
God house kon make am holy. Evritin wey nor
dey klean for God Temple, dem karry am go out
and Levi pipol kon karry dem go Kidron Valley.

¹⁷ Dem start to klean for di first day for di first
mont and for di eight day for di mont, dem klean
rish di varanda for God Temple. Dem klean God
Temple for anoda eight days kon finish for di
sixteent day for di same mont.

¹⁸ Dem go meet King Hezekaya kon tell am,
“Wi don klean God Temple with evritin wey dey
inside: di tabol for di holy bread and di altar wey
dem for dey offa sakrifice. ¹⁹ Wi don prepare and
replace all di tins wey Ahaz komot wen e bi king,
bikos e nor dey obey God. Dem dey God altar
front naw.”

²⁰ For early morning di next day, King Hezekaya gada all di town ofisas go God Temple. ²¹ Dem bring seven bulls, seven rams, seven lamb and seven goats to offa as sin ofrin for di kingdom, for God Temple and for Judah pipol. Di king tell di priest wey kom from Aaron family sey make e do sakrifice for God altar. ²² Dem kill di bulls, rams, lamb kon put dia blood for di altar. ²³ Den, dem bring di goats for di sin ofrin kon give di king and evribody wey gada, den dem put dia hand on-top di goats. ²⁴ So di priest kill di goats, put dia blood for di altar as sin ofrin to klean Israel pipol, bikos di king don tok am sey di burnt sakrifice and di sin ofrin, na for Israel pipol.

²⁵ Di king follow di advise wey God give King David thru Profet Gad and Profet Natan. E put Levi pipol for di temple with harp and cymbals. ²⁶ Levi pipol karry David music instrument and di priest dem karry dia own trumpet too.

²⁷ King Hezekaya sey make dem burn di sakrifice for di altar and as dem dey burn di sakrifice, dem dey play David music instrument and sing praiz God. ²⁸ All di pipol wey gada, woship God. Some dey sing and di odas dey blow trumpet. Dem do like dis till di sakrifice burn finish.

²⁹ Afta, di king and all di pipol wey dey with am kon bow woship God. ³⁰ King Hezekaya and all di ofisas tell Levi pipol sey make dem use David and Profet Asaf psalms take praiz God and dem kon dey happy as dem dey praiz and woship God.

³¹ King Hezekaya tell dem, “Si, una don dey klean for God eye, so make una bring sakrifice and gift kom take tank God for en temple.” Den, evribody wey gada, karry sakrifice and gifts go tank God and anybody wey like to offa sakrifice, dey burn en ofrin.

³² So evritin wey dem sakrifice give God na: 70 bulls, 100 rams and 200 lamb. ³³ Dem still bring 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep as sakrifice and na di pipol go chop dis ones. ³⁴ But dem nor get enough priest to kill all di animals. So, Levi pipol wey bi dia brodas kon help dem till di work finish and di priest santify demsef. Levi pipol even santify demsef pass di priest. ³⁵ Dem do many burnt sakrifice with di drink ofrin too kon burn di fat for di peace ofrin. ³⁶ King Hezekaya and all di pipol happy well-well for wetin God do for dem, bikos E kwik-kwik do am.

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Di Passova

¹ King Hezekaya send message go Israel and Judah kon rite leta go give Efraim and Manasseh pipol sey make dem kom God Temple for Jerusalem kon celebrate di Passova to take honor di Oga wey bi Israel pipol God. ² Di king, en ofisas and Jerusalem pipol kon choose to do di Passova for di sekond mont. ³ Dem nor fit dey do am always, bikos many of di priest neva fit santify diasef and di pipol neva gada for Jerusalem. ⁴ Di king and all di pipol like di plan. ⁵ So, dem send message go evriwhere for Israel; from Beersheba go rish Dan kon koll all di pipol sey

make dem kom do Israel pipol God, Passova Feast for Jerusalem, bikos dem neva koll all di nashon kon do am before, just as dem rite am for di law.

⁶ Di messenja give evribody for Israel and Judah, di king and di ofisas leta. Wetin di king rite for di leta na,

“My pipol Israel, make una turn back kom meet Abraham, Isaak and Israel God, so dat E go kom meet una wey E save from Assyria kings. ⁷ Make una nor bi like una papa wey nor dey obey dia grand-grand papa God wey make am vex distroy dem and una know evritin. ⁸ Make una nor dey sturbon like una papa, but make una obey God as una dey kom en house wey E don make holy forever. Make una serve am forever, so dat E nor go vex for una. ⁹ If una turn back kom meet God, doz wey karry una relashon go prison, go pity and free dem. Di Oga una God dey sorry for pipol and if una turn back kom meet am, E nor go rijet una.”

¹⁰ Di messenja waka from one town to anoda and e go evriwhere for Efraim and Manasseh land, e even rish Zebulun, but di pipol kon dey laf am. ¹¹ But some men from Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun honbol demsef kon go Jerusalem. ¹² God still help di pipol kom togeda for Judah, bikos dem obey di king and en ofisas kommand.

¹³ Many pipol gada for Jerusalem for di sekond mont make dem celebrate di bread wey nor get yist feast. ¹⁴ Dem remove di juju and incense altars from Jerusalem kon trow dem for Kidron Valley.

¹⁵ Dem kill di Passova lamb for di fourteent day for di sekond mont. Di priest and Levi pipol kon dey shame for diasef, so dem go God Temple go klean demsef kon offa burnt ofrin. ¹⁶ Dem stand for dia difren pozishon, just as God savant Moses rite for en law. As Levi pipol give di blood to di priests, dem kon sprinkol am for di temple. ¹⁷ Many pipol wey gada neva santify demsef, so Levi pipol kill di Passova lamb for all di pipol wey nor dey klean and wey nor fit make holy sakrifise for God. ¹⁸ Many pipol wey kom from Efraim, Manasseh, Issakar and Zebulun nor dey klean, but dem still disobey kon chop di Passova food as di law tok. King Hezekaya kon pray for dem sey, "Make Oga God wey dey good, forgive ¹⁹ evribody wey won follow God wey bi en grand-grand papa God, even doh dem nor dey klean as dem rite am for di temple law." ²⁰ God hear King Hezekaya prayer kon forgive di pipol.

²¹ Israel pipol wey gada for Jerusalem celebrate di bread wey nor get yist feast for seven days with joy. Di priests and Levi pipol dey praiz God evriday with all dia heart.

²² King Hezekaya show sey e happy well-well as Levi pipol use all dia mind dey serve God. Dem do di feast for seven days, dey give ofrins and dey tank God wey bi dia grand-grand papa God.

²³ Di pipol kon sey make dem celebrate for anoda seven days, so dem kon celebrate for anoda seven days. ²⁴ King Hezekaya give di pipol 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep. Di ofisas still give dem 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. Many priest

santify diasef too. ²⁵ All di pipol wey gada for der na: Judah pipol, di priests, Levi pipol and strenjas wey dey stay Israel and Judah land. ²⁶ Di party for Jerusalem big pass anytin wey don happen for Jerusalem, since wen Solomon wey bi David pikin, bi king. ²⁷ Di priest and Levi pipol stand up kon bless di pipol and God ansa dia prayers from en throne for heaven.

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King Hezekaya Bilive

¹ Afta di feast, Israel pipol for Judah kon go skata di pilas, Asherah juju pole, all di high place and altar where dem for dey serve juju for Judah, Benjamin, Efraim and Manasseh tribes. Den all of dem kon go back to dia house.

² King Hezekaya put priest and Levi pipol sey make dem dey burn sakrifice, serve, give ofrins, tank, praiz and dey woship God for en temple.

³ Di king give some of en animals as burnt sakrifice, with di morning and evening burnt sakrifice and di sakrifice wey dem dey burn for Sabat Day, New Moon and any oda time wey dem rite for God Law Book. ⁴ E give orda sey make di pipol for Jerusalem bring dia own part wey dem go share give di priest and Levi pipol, so dat dem go obey God kommand. ⁵ Wen dem give di orda, Israel pipol bring dia grain, wine, olive oil, honey and all wetin dem get for dia farm. Dem bring one for evry ten tins wey dem get and dem plenty well-well. ⁶ Israel and Judah pipol wey dey stay Judah towns bring one from evry ten

melu and sheep, with one from evry ten holy tins wey dem get, so dat dem go dey klean for God eye. Wetin dem bring plenty well-well. ⁷ For di third mont, dem kon gada all wetin dem bring till di sevent mont. ⁸ Wen King Hezekaya with en ofisas si wetin dem gada, dem praiz God kon bless di pipol.

⁹ Wen King Hezekaya ask di priest and Levi pipol about wetin dem gada, ¹⁰ Zabud from Zadok family wey dey head all di priests kon sey, "Since dem bigin bring all dis tins kom God Temple, wi dey get plenty to chop and e dey remain. God don bless en pipol, naim make all dis ones still remain."

¹¹ King Hezekaya give orda make dem prepare store room for di temple. As dem do am finish, ¹² dem kon take all di tins, di tithe and di holy tins enter inside. Kenanaya wey kom from Levi, naim bi oga for dis tins and na en broda Shimei dey help am. ¹³ Jehiel, Azazaya, Nahat, Asahel, Jerimot, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismakaya, Mahat and Benaya dey work under Kenanaya and en broda Shimei wey bi di oga for God Temple, bikos na so King Hezekaya and Zabud wey bi oga for di temple, wont make e bi.

¹⁴ Imnah pikin Kore, wey kom from Levi tribe, dey guide di east side for di temple and na-im still dey kollekt and divide di gifts wey pipol bring kon give God. ¹⁵ For di town wey priests dey stay, Eden, Mijamin, Jeshua, Shemaya, Amaraya and Shekanaya dey help Kore share di tins give di oda priests akordin to dia work and age.

¹⁶ Dem share give di men wey don old pass thirty years wey dem rite dia name put for di family rekord and doz wey go enter God Temple go serve and do dia evriday work. ¹⁷ Dem share di tins give di priests akordin to dia family name for di rekord kon give Levi pipol wey don rish and pass twenty years, akordin to di work wey dem give dia group. ¹⁸ Dem share food give all di family wey dem rite for di history book, plus di small shidren, wifes, sons and dotas. Bikos all dis ones dey always santify demsef.

¹⁹ Dem choose some men from di priests from Aaron shidren-shidren towns, so dat dem go share di food give all di priests and doz for Levi family rekord.

²⁰ For Judah, King Hezekaya do only tins wey dey rite, korrekt and good for God eye. ²¹ Evritin wey e do to take serve God well for en temple and to follow God laws and kommands, Hezekaya do dem with e whole heart and bikos of dis, God kon make am prosper.

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Dem Attack Judah

¹ Afta King Hezekaya do all dis good tins for God, King Sennakerib for Assyria with en sojas kon go attack Judah. ² Wen King Hezekaya si sey Sennakerib don enter and e won attack Jerusalem, ³ e go meet en advise and en sojas oga kon tell dem sey make dem stop di wota for outside di town and dem support am. ⁴ Many pipol gada go stop di wota make e for nor flow

go outside di town again and dem kon sey, “Why Assyria king go kom find wota for here?” ⁵ King Hezekaya use all en pawa take build di wall wey dem break. E build towa and wall for outside kon fence David Town round. E make many weapons and shields.

⁶ E put di sojas under dia offisa, den e gada dem for di town gate. E make dia heart strong wen e sey, ⁷ “Make una dey strong! Make una nor fear or shake, bikos of Assyria king and en sojas, bikos di Pesin wey dey with us, strong pass di pipol wey dey with am. ⁸ Na only human being pawa dem get, but di Oga wey bi awa God dey with us and E go help us fight all awa war.” So, wetin King Hezekaya tok kon make di sojas get strong heart.

⁹ Wen King Sennakerib and en sojas still dey for Lakish, e send dis message go give King Hezekaya and all Judah pipol wey dey with am for Jerusalem:

¹⁰ Dis na wetin King Sennakerib for Assyria tok, “Why una get heart kon still dey Jerusalem wen sojas surround evriwhere? ¹¹ King Hezekaya tell una sey, ‘Di Oga wey bi awa God go save us from Assyria king pawa.’ But e dey deceive una and hong a for food and wota go kill una. ¹² Na King Hezekaya skata all God place and altars kon tell Judah and Jerusalem pipol make dem burn incense and woship God for only one altar.

¹³ Una nor know wetin mi and my grand-grand papa dem do to oda nashons? All di oda land gods fit save en pipol from my pawa?

¹⁴ Any of doz kountry gods don fit save dem from my pawa? ¹⁵ Make una nor let King Hezekaya deceive una like dis. Make una nor bilive am, bikos no god for any kingdom don fit save en pipol from my hand or my grand-grand papa dem pawa. So, how una God go take save una from my hand?”

¹⁶ King Sennakerib savants still insult di Oga God and Hezekaya wey bi God savant. ¹⁷ E rite leta kon curse di Oga wey bi Israel pipol God sey: “Di gods for all di nashons nor fit save dia pipol from my pawa. Even King Hezekaya God nor go fit save en pipol from my pawa.” ¹⁸ Di ofisas shaut with Hibu language make Jerusalem pipol wey dey di wall, fear run komot, so dat dem go fit seize di town. ¹⁹ Dem dey tok about Jerusalem God like sey na one ordinary pesin for di nashon.

²⁰ King Hezekaya and Profet Isaya wey bi Amos pikin kon pray and kry to God. ²¹ God kon send angel go kill all di soja, prince and offisa for Assyria. So, King Sennakerib kon shame go back to en town. Den wen e go en god temple, en sons kon kill-am with swod.

²² God save King Hezekaya and Jerusalem pipol from King Sennakerib and di oda nashons. E protet dem for evry side. ²³ Many pipol bring tins kon give God for Jerusalem and dem still give betta gifts to King Hezekaya for Judah. From dat time go, all di nashons kon dey respet am.

King Hezekaya Sick

²⁴ For dat time, one kind bad sickness katch King Hezekaya. E pray give God and God show

am sign sey, e go well. ²⁵ But King Hezekaya nor dey honbol again, bikos e kon dey karry body wey make God vex for both en, Judah and Jerusalem pipol. ²⁶ King Hezekaya and Jerusalem pipol kon turn kom meet God and E forgive dem again.

²⁷ King Hezekaya get money well-well and pipol dey respet am. E build where dem go dey keep en silva, gold, precious stones, spices and many oda tins wey e get, put. ²⁸ E still build store for en rice wey dem harvest, en wine, olive oil and for en plenty animals. ²⁹ E build royal towns and e get many sheep and melu, bikos God gi-am many propaty.

³⁰ King Hezekaya block where wota from dey kom on-top Gihon kon direct am go di west side for David Town. So, God kon bless King Hezekaya for evritin wey e do. ³¹ Wen Babilon ofisas send pipol go find out about di sign wey happen for di land, God kon leave di king alone, so dat E go fit test am, make E for know wetin dey en mind.

³² Di remainin good tins wey Hezekaya do, dem rite dem for di book wey bi Profet Isaya wey Amos born, own. Dem still rite dem for Judah and Israel kings history book. ³³ Hezekaya die and dem beri am for David shidren-shidren grave. Judah pipol and doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem beri am with honor. En pikin Manasseh kon take-ova as king.

King Manasseh Rule Judah

¹ Manasseh na twelf years wen e start to rule and e rule for fifty-five years from Jerusalem.

² E sin like di oda kings and nashons wey God porshu komot di land for Israel pipol. ³ E build di high place wey en papa King Hezekaya skata. E make altars for Baal and Asherah juju. E bow and woship all di stars for di sky. ⁴ Manasseh build altars for God Temple, di place where God for sey, "Jerusalem go bi my house forever."

⁵ For di two kourtyard for God Temple, e build altars for all di stars for di sky. ⁶ E sakrifice en sons for fire for Ben-Hinnom Valley kon dey do juju and many bad-bad tins. E dig one pit and for der, doz wey don die, dem dey koll dia spirit kom back to life. E put majishan make dem dey supavise am. E do many wiked and bad tins wey make God vex.

⁷ Di juju image wey e make, e put am for God Temple, di place wey God tell David and Solomon en pikin sey, "Dis temple for Jerusalem, na-im I don choose among Israel land, as my house forever. ⁸ I nor go make Israel pipol leave di land wey I give dia grand-grand papa again, as long as dem dey obey di kommand, laws and rules wey I give dem thru Moses, my savant."

⁹ But Manasseh deceive Judah pipol and doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem make dem for sin pass di nashons wey God distroy komot der, for dem.

¹⁰ Even as God warn Manasseh and en pipol rish, dem nor gri listin.

Manasseh Turn To God

¹¹ So God kon allow di oga for Assyria sojas attack Judah. Dem seize Manasseh, hook en nose, tie am with bronze shains kon karry am go Babilon. ¹² As dem dey sofa am, Manasseh kon turn go meet God wey bi en grand-grand papa God sey make E kon help am. ¹³ Wen e pray to God, God hear and ansa en kry for help. God bring am kom back to Jerusalem wey bi en kingdom. Den Manasseh kon know sey na di Oga bi di true God.

¹⁴ Afta dis, Manasseh build di outside wall for David Town for di west side for Gihon Valley go rish di Fish Gate and di oda gates. E make am high well-well kon put sojas for evriwhere for di town wey dem fence for Judah.

¹⁵ E remove all di juju and image dem from God Temple. All di altars wey e build for di hill for God Temple and for Jerusalem, e trowey dem. ¹⁶ E build God altar kon offa peace and tanksgivin ofrin. E tell Judah pipol make dem serve Israel God wey bi di true God. ¹⁷ Di pipol still dey offa sakrifice for di high place, but na only to dia Oga wey bi God.

¹⁸ Di remainin tins wey Manasseh do, with how e pray to God and di profesy wey dem use God name take tell am, dem rite dem put for Israel kings history book. ¹⁹ Wetin dem rite for di profets book still get: en prayers and how God take ansa am; all en sins and di bad tins wey e do; where e build high place with Asherah juju before e turn to Oga God. ²⁰ Manasseh die and dem beri am for en palis. En pikin Amon kon take-ova as king.

Amor Rule

²¹ Amon na twenty-two years wen e start to rule and e rule for two years from Jerusalem.

²² E nor obey God just as Manasseh en papa bin do. E do sakrifice for all di juju wey en papa make. ²³ Amon nor respet di Oga wey bi God, just as Manasseh en papa take leta respet am. E even sin pass en papa.

²⁴ En savants plan kon kill-am for en palis.

²⁵ But di pipol kill doz wey plan against Amor, den Josaya wey bi Amon pikin, dem kon make am king.

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King Josaya Rule Judah

¹ Josaya na eight years wen e start to rule and e rule for thirty-one years from Jerusalem. ² E do wetin God wont kon follow David wey bi en grand-grand papa footstep, e nor turn go left or rite.

³ For di eight years wen e dey rule, even doh e still dey yong, e start to serve God wey en grand-grand papa David serve. For di twelft year, e bigin distroy all di place where dem for dey serve juju: Asherah juju and all di oda juju. ⁴ E give orda sey make dem distroy Baal juju kon skata di incense altar wey dey on-top dem. E skata and grind Asherah juju, di oda juju and dia image, den e pour dia dust on-top di juju savant graves.

⁵ E burn di juju priest bones for di altars where dem for dey woship before. Bikos of all dis tins wey e do, Judah and Jerusalem kon dey holy

again. ⁶ E do di same tin for Manasseh, Efraim and Simeon land go rish Naftali and all di towns wey dey near dem. ⁷ E distroy di altar, Asherah juju and di oda juju kon skata all di incense altars wey dey for Israel town, den e go back to Jerusalem.

⁸ For di eighteenth year wen e dey rule, e kontinue to dey make di land and di temple holy. King Josaya tell Shafan wey Azalaya born, Maaseaya wey bi Jerusalem govnor and Joah wey bi di high offisa Jehoahaz pikin sey, "Make una go ripair di Oga awa God, temple."

⁹ Di money wey Levi pipol wey dey guide don kollekt for di temple, dem pak and gi-am to Hilkaya wey bi di High Priest. (Dem kollekt am from Manasseh, Efraim and all di pipol wey remain for Israel, Judah, Benjamin and Jerusalem.) ¹⁰ Dem kon give di money to di three men wey dey ripair di temple wey ¹¹ leta give di karpenters and doz wey dey build, so dat dem go use am take buy strong stones and timba, to take ripair di house wey Judah kings bin skata.

¹² Di men work with all dia mind and di four Levi men wey dey supavise dem na: Jahat and Obadaya from Merari; Zekaraya and Meshullam from Kohat family. (All Levi pipol wey dey der, sabi sing well-well.) ¹³ Oda Levi pipol still dey supavise difren works, while some na guards and ofisas.

¹⁴ Wen dem remove di silva wey dem bring kom God Temple, Priest Hilkaya kon si di Law Book wey God give Moses. ¹⁵ Priest Hilkaya tell

Shafan. "I don si di Law Book for God Temple." Den e give di book to Shafan.

¹⁶ Shafan take di book go give di king kon sey, "Yor savants dey do evritin wey dem give dem.

¹⁷ Dem melt di silva for God Temple kon gi-am to doz wey dey supavise dia work." ¹⁸ Shafan still tell di king, "Na Priest Hilkaya give mi dis book." Den Shafan shaut as e dey read wetin dey di book give di king.

¹⁹ Wen di king hear di words wey dem rite for di Law Book, e kon tear en klot. ²⁰ Di king sey make Priest Hilkaya orda Ahikam wey bi Shafan pikin; Abdon wey Mikah born; Shafan wey bi di seketry and Asaya wey bi di king savant sey:

²¹ "Make una go pray give God for mi and di pipol wey remain for Judah and Israel. Den ask am about di words wey dey dis book wey dem si, bikos God dey vex for us, bikos awa grand-grand papa nor obey en word as dem rite am for dis book!"

²² So Priest Hilkaya and di oda pipol wey di king send with dem kon go meet Profetes Hulda wey dey stay di new part for Jerusalem. (En husband na Shallum wey Tokhat born and na Hasrah wey dey kare for di temple robe, bi en grand-papa.)

Dem kon tell di woman evritin wey happen,

²³ den di woman sey, "Make una go tell di king,

²⁴ 'God sey: "I go ponish Jerusalem and all di pipol with di curse dem wey dey inside dis book wey dem read gi-am. ²⁵ Dem don rijet mi kon dey sakrifice give oda gods, so I dey vex for wetin dem do. I dey vex naw for Jerusalem and nor-tin

go fit stop mi make I nor ponish dem.” ’ 26 And for di king ensef, dis na wetin di Oga God dey tok: ‘Yu don listin to evritin wey dem rite for dis book 27 and yu kom turn from sin kom meet mi, as yu tear yor klot dey kry wen yu hear sey I won ponish Jerusalem with en pipol. I don hear una prayer. 28 So, I go let una die make dem beri una with peace. Una nor go si di wahala wey I won bring kom Jerusalem.’ ”

So dem kon go tell di king dis tins.

29 Di king koll all di leaders for Judah and Jerusalem 30 kon gada di pipol, di priest, Levi pipol; both old and yong pipol go God Temple and e shaut read wetin dem rite for di Law Book wey dem si for di temple. 31 Di king stand near di pila kon make new kovenant with God sey dem go follow en kommand, laws and rules wey dem rite for di book with all dia heart.

32 E make all di pipol wey dey Jerusalem and Benjamin gri sey dem go do am. Pipol for Jerusalem follow di Oga wey bi dia grand-grand papa God kon obey en kovenant.

33 King Josaya remove all di juju from Israel pipol aria kon advise dem sey make dem serve God. For di time wen Josaya dey rule, di pipol nor sin against di Oga wey bi dia grand-grand papa God.

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Di Passova

1 Josaya celebrate God Passova for Jerusalem. Dem kill di Passova lamb for di fourteent day for di first mont. 2 E enkourage di priests kon sey

make dem do dia work well for di temple. ³ E still tell Levi pipol wey bi tisha for Israel about di tins wey dem dedikate give God sey, "Di holy ark wey Solomon, King David pikin build, make una put am for di temple. Make una nor put am for una shoulder. So, di Oga wey bi una God, na-im and en pipol Israel, una go serve! ⁴ Make una arrange unasef akordin to una family, just as King David for Israel and en pikin Solomon tell una.

⁵ "Make una stand for God house, with di oda Levi pipol and una go ripresent all Israel pipol.

⁶ Make una kill di Passova lamb, dedikate and prepare unasef for una pipol kon do wetin God kommand una thru Moses."

⁷ Josaya give di pipol 30,000 lamb and goats with 3,000 melu from en animals for di Passova sakrifice.

⁸ En ofisas still use dia mind give di pipol, di priest and Levi pipol some tins too. Priest Hilcaya, Zekaraya and Jehiel wey bi leaders for di temple, give dem 2,600 lamb and yong goats and 300 melu for di Passova. ⁹ Kenanaya and en brodas, Shemaya and Netanel with Hashabaya, Jeiel and Jozabad wey bi Levi pipol ofisas, give Levi pipol 5,000 lamb and 500 melu for di sakrifice.

¹⁰ Wen dem don arrange evritin for di Passova, di priest and Levi pipol kon stand, take dia pozishon, just as di king tell dem. ¹¹ Dem kill di Passova lambs, den di priest sprinkol di blood for evriwhere. Na Levi pipol prepare di animals.

¹² Den dem divide di burnt ofrin among di pipol akordin to dia family, so dat dem go fit offa dem

akordin to di kommand wey Moses give dem. ¹³ Levi pipol roast di Passova lambs just as dem rite am for di Law Book kon boil di holy ofrin inside pots, kettol and pans, den serve di food give all di pipol. ¹⁴ Afta, dem prepare sometin for diasef and for di priests, bikos di priests wey bi Aaron shidren-shidren, offa burnt sakrifice with di fat till evening.

¹⁵ Doz wey dey play music with Asaf shidren-shidren face dia own pot, just as King David tok thru Profet Asaf, Heman and Jedutun. Di guards nor komot from dia pozishon, bikos Levi pipol prepare sometin for dem too.

¹⁶ Dat day, dem prepare evritin to take woship God kon celebrate di Passova, den dem burn sakrifice for God altar, just as King Josaya kommand. ¹⁷ So Israel pipol for der kon use seven days take celebrate di Passova with di bread wey nor get yist, feast. ¹⁸ Dem neva do dis kind Passova for Israel since Profet Samuel die. No king for Israel don celebrate Passova like di way King Josaya, di priests, Levi pipol, Israel pipol, Judah pipol and all doz wey dey stay for Jerusalem, celebrate am. ¹⁹ Dem celebrate dis Passova for di eightent year wen King Josaya dey rule.

Josaya Die

²⁰ Afta King Josaya don do all dis tins for di temple, King Neko for Egypt kon go fight with Karkemish for Eufates River and Josaya kon go try to stop am. ²¹ King Neko send messenjas go meet am sey, "Judah King! Wetin make yu dey

oppoz mi? I nor dey attack yu, na di kingdom wey I follow get war I kom meet and God sey make I hurry. God dey my side, so make yu nor oppoz mi or God go distroy yu.”

²² But King Josaya nor hear word, bikos e don ready ensef for war. E nor listin to wetin King Neko tok at-all, so e kon go fight am for Megiddo Hill.

²³ Egypt sojas kon shot King Josaya as dem dey fight, so di king tell en savants, “Make una karry mi komot for here, bikos I don wound well-well.”

²⁴ So, en savants karry am for anoda shariot go Jerusalem where e for die. Dem beri am for en grand-grand papa grave and all di pipol for Judah and Jerusalem, kry well-well.

²⁵ Profet Jeremaya sing one song for King Josaya and e don turn tradishon for doz wey dey sing for Israel and na both man and woman dey use di song wen dem dey mourn. Dem add di song join di oda mourning songs.

²⁶ Di remainin good tins wey King Josaya do as dem rite am for God law book, ²⁷ with all di tins wey e gain, from biginnin go rish end, dem rite dem for Israel and Judah kings history book.

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King Jehoahaz Rule Judah

¹ Di pipol for di land take Josaya pikin Jehoahaz kon make am king for Jerusalem. ² Jehoahaz na twenty-three years wen e start to rule and e rule three monts from Jerusalem. ³ King Neko for Egypt take am go prison kon sey make Judah

pipol pay 7,500 pounds for silva and 75 pound for gold as tax to am. ⁴ Egypt king kon make Eliakim wey bi Jehoahaz broda king for Judah and Jerusalem and dem shange en name to Jehoiakim. King Neko karry Jehoahaz go Egypt.

King Jehoiakim

⁵ Jehoiakim na twenty-five years wen dem make am king and e rule eleven years from Jerusalem. E do wiked and bad tins before God. ⁶ King Nebukadnezzar for Babilon attack Jehoiakim, use bronze take shain am kon karry am go Babilon. ⁷ King Nebukadnezzar take some of di tins wey dey God Temple go Babilon kon put dem for en palis.

⁸ Di remainin tins wey Jehoiakim do wen e dey rule, all di big-big sins and bad tins wey e do, dem rite dem for Israel and Judah kings history book. En pikin Jehoiashin kon take-ova as king.

King Jehoiashin

⁹ Jehoiashin na eighteen years wen e start to rule and e rule three monts and ten days from Jerusalem. E nor gri obey God. ¹⁰ Wen di year just start, King Nebukadnezzar kon give orda sey make dem bring am with di betta tins wey dey for God Temple kom Babilon. E make Zedekaya wey bi en family memba, king for en place for Jerusalem.

King Zedekaya

¹¹ Zedekaya na twenty-one years wen e start to rule and e rule eleven years from Jerusalem. ¹² E do wiked and bad tins for God eyes. E nor honbol

ensef to Profet Jeremaya wey bi God savant. ¹³ King Zedekaya attack King Nebukadnezzar wey don make am swear with God name sey e go dey loyal to am. King Zedekaya sturbon well-well and e nor gri turn from sin kom meet di Oga wey bi Israel God. ¹⁴ All di priests and leaders nor kon dey faithful again and dem kon dey kommit bad-bad sins wey all di oda nashon dey kommit. Dem nor kon make God temple for Jerusalem holy again.

Babilon Distroy Jerusalem

¹⁵ God wey bi dia grand-grand papa God always dey warn dem, bikos E dey pity for en pipol and Jerusalem wey bi en house. ¹⁶ But dem laf God messenjas, rijet en warnin and en profets. At last, God vex for en pipol and nobody fit stop am wen E dey vex. ¹⁷ E allow Babilon king kill all dia yong men for dia temple. E nor sorry for di yong men or wimen, or even di old pipol. God give all of dem to Babilon king. ¹⁸ Di king karry all di tins wey dey God Temple go Babilon; weda di tins big or small, plus all di tins wey dem keep for God Temple, Israel kings and en ofisas store room. ¹⁹ Dem burn God Temple kon skata Jerusalem wall. Dem burn all di towns wey dem fence kon distroy all dia betta-betta tins.

²⁰ Di king karry all di pipol wey e nor kill go Babilon as slave and dem serve en and en shidren till Persia kingdom start to reign. ²¹ So, wetin God tok thru Profet Jeremaya kon happen.

“Dem go abandon di land; di land go rest well-well until di seventy years don komplette just as God tok am.”

Jerusalem Pipol

²² To take fulfil wetin God promise Israel pipol thru Profet Jeremaya, God kon make King Cyrus for Persia rite law give all of dem for en kingdom for di first year wen e start to rule.

²³ Wetin dem rite na: “King Cyrus for Persia sey: ‘Di Oga God wey dey heaven don give mi all di kingdoms for di world. E don choose mi to build temple for am for Jerusalem wey dey Judah. Naw, make all of una wey bi God pipol go back and di Oga una God go dey with una.’ ”

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