



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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CHAPTERS 1 TO 22

Chapter 1

David is aged and stricken and prone;
Son Adonijah would garner the throne.
Solomon then is anointed as king;
Streets with the shouting and music do ring.

Chapter 2

King David dies and is buried with care.
Then Adonijah is joined to him there.
Joab then quickly is slain for his deed.
Shimei next as the king has decreed.

Chapter 3

Solomon dreams and the Lord ventures near,
Bringing him words that are gracious to hear.
Women then come with a baby involved;
Sword is brought forth and the problem is solved.

Chapter 4

Solomon reigns over all of the land,
Having great armies within his command,
Horses and chariots, servants and gold,
Three thousand proverbs and wisdom untold.

Chapter 5

Hiram and Solomon join in a league.
One will give timber, the other give feed.
Hiram sends lumber and men for the task;
Solomon, wheat and the stuff he does ask.

Chapter 6

Solomon raises the house of the Lord.
God sends a message of blessing outpoured.
House is resplendent with beauty unmatched.
Seven full years to erect are dispatched.

Chapter 7

Builds now a mansion in which he may dwell.
Wife, Pharaoh's daughter, receives one as well.
Here is a story of beauty untold,
Workings in stone and in brass and in gold.

Chapter 8

Temple is readied; the Glory is there.
Solomon offers a beautiful prayer,
Offers up oxen and sheep by the score.
People rejoice for the bountiful store.

Chapter 9

God brings a promise of cursing or ease.
Solomon's gift to his friend does not please.
Solomon builds a great navy of ships,
Taxes the land and his building equips.

Chapter 10

Solomon's guest is now Sheba's fair queen.
She is dumbfounded by things that are seen.
Here in Jerusalem vessels are gold.
Silver is common, not fit to behold.

Chapter 11

Solomon falls to his manifold drives,
Taking a full seven hundred as wives.
God is against him and leaves him distressed.
Solomon dies and is lowered to rest.

Chapter 12

King Rehoboam gets tough on the throne.
Kingdom is split and his tribe is alone.
Ten tribes retain Jeroboam as king.
He then sets up the idolatrous thing.

Chapter 13

Man of God speaks and the altar is cursed,
Answers the king with a speech well rehearsed.
Then he is tested; he wanders astray;
Slain by a lion as he rides in the way.

Chapter 14

King Jeroboam sends wife for a word.
Death of his son is most promptly assured.
King then succumbs as a sinner abhorred.
Judah has also deserted the Lord.

Chapter 15

Judah's Abijah does that which is wrong.
Asa then follows is righteous and strong,
Hires the Syrian host with a prize,
Then is diseased in his feet when he dies.

Chapter 16

Jehu pronounces the end of a strain.
Zimri and Omri in Israel reign.
Ahab is worst of the whole sordid tale,
Marrying Jezebel, worshiping Baal.

Chapter 17

Now does Elijah pronounce a sore blight,
Fed by the ravens both morning and night,
Then by the widow is given his bread,
Raises the widow's young son from the dead.

Chapter 18

Prophet returns unto Ahab's domain,
Prays to the Lord for abundance of rain;
Calls down the fire of God from on high.
Sacrifice burns and the false prophets die.

Chapter 19

Angel of God bakes Elijah two cakes,
Giving him strength for the journey he makes.
God is disclosed in a still little voice.
Prophet Elisha is now made a choice.

Chapter 20

Ahab makes war at the prophet's command.
Syrian host is destroyed at his hand.
Loser, Ben-hadad, is freed from the strife.
Ahab the victor, must pay with his life.

Chapter 21

Naboth refuses what Ahab has willed.
Jezebel ruthlessly orders him killed.
Ahab is found by Elijah and cursed.
Ahab repents and is spared from the worst..

Chapter 22

Ahab, Jehoshaphat, join in a fight.
Ahab is slain and his armies take flight.
Ahab is seen an idolatrous fool.
Dogs lick his blood at Samaria's pool.