

## "Seventy Sevens" or "Seventy Weeks"?

[Note: Only three vocalizations of the Hebrew letters *šbʿym* are attested in the Old Testament. These are: *šibʿim* "seventy" (66 examples), *šbūʿayim* "weeks (dual), i.e., two weeks" (Lev 12:5), and *šābūʿim* "weeks (plural)" (Dan 9:24, 25; 10:2, 3). To my knowledge no one has ever proposed a fourth vocalization that would account for the popular, but imaginary, gloss "sevens" in Dan 9:24, 25.

The plural spelling *šābūʿim* "weeks" in Dan 9 is admittedly unusual. Daniel is the only biblical writer who uses the masculine when writing the word "weeks." Most commonly it is feminine (*šābūʿôt*). But what Daniel writes in chap. 9 is truly the word "weeks." We can know that this is the case because he uses the same vocalization in chap. 10. No one claims that Daniel fasted for three "sevens." He fasted for three "weeks." (By saying "weeks of days" he means three full weeks, i.e., twenty-one days.) For Daniel, whose Hebrew is not always entirely standard, "weeks" is a masculine word.

I submit that there are only three acceptable glosses for the Hebrew letters *šbʿym*. The widespread assertion that there is a fourth gloss ("sevens") provides no evidence whatever that there is a grammatical basis for saying so. The burden of proof rests with those who wish to translate "sevens" in Dan 9:24 and 25. Wanting to avoid this implication does not provide a basis for avoiding it. Until some grammatical evidence for the new gloss becomes available, the letters *šbʿym šbʿym* in Dan 9:24 must be vocalized *šābūʿim* ("weeks") *šibʿim* ("seventy"), i.e., "seventy weeks."

There is one further reason why we can be very sure that "weeks" means "weeks" and not "sevens." In this same passage the same word occurs twice in the singular. If the plural is "sevens" in Dan 9:24, as so many assert, then the singular should be "seven" in Dan 9:27. If the plural is "weeks," then the singular should be "week." This is most instructive, because there is a potential consonantal difference between "seven" and "week." Hebrew "seven" can only be spelled with three letters (*šbʿ*). Hebrew "week" can be spelled with either three letters (*šbʿ*) or four (*šbwʿ*), i.e., defectivum or plene. The spelling attested in the text is *šbwʿ* (four letters, plene). The meaning in Dan 9:27 is therefore "week." So the line of argument would be that if one of them is a "week," seventy of them is, and can only be, "weeks." In this way year-day symbolism is built into the very fabric of the Hebrew text of Dan 9. FWHJ]

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כִּי שִׁבְעִים יָקַם־קַיִן וְלַמֶּךְ שִׁבְעִים וְשִׁבְעָה: <sup>WTT</sup> **Genesis 4:24**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 4:24** If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."

<sup>NRS</sup> **Genesis 4:24** If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

<sup>TNK</sup> **Genesis 4:24** If Cain is avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

וַיְחִי קַיִן שִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְדֵה אֶת־מַהֲלָלֵאל: <sup>WTT</sup> **Genesis 5:12**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 5:12** When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Genesis 5:12** When Kenan had lived seventy years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Genesis 5:12** When Kenan had lived 70 years, he begot Mahalalel.

וַיְנַחֶשֶׁת הַתְּנוּפָה שִׁבְעִים כֶּכֶר וְאַלְפִים <sup>WTT</sup> **Exodus 38:29**

וְאַרְבַּע־מֵאוֹת שֶׁקֶל:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Exodus 38:29** The bronze from the wave offering was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Exodus 38:29** The bronze that was contributed was seventy talents, and two thousand four hundred shekels;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Exodus 38:29** The copper from the elevation offering came to 70 talents and 2400 shekels.

Leviticus 12:5 <sup>WTT</sup> וְאִם-נִקְבְּהָ תֵלֵד וְטִמְאָה שְׁבַע יָמִים כַּנְדָּתָהּ

וְשָׁשִׁים יוֹם וְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תֵּשֵׁב עַל-דַּמֵּי טְהָרָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Leviticus 12:5** If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Leviticus 12:5** If she bears a female child, she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her menstruation; her time of blood purification shall be sixty-six days.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Leviticus 12:5** If she bears a female, she shall be unclean two weeks as during her menstruation, and she shall remain in a state of blood purification for sixty-six days.

Numbers 7:13 <sup>WTT</sup> וְקָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת-כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה מִשְׁקָלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שְׁבַעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:13** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:13** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:13** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

Numbers 7:19 <sup>WTT</sup> הַקָּרֵב אֶת-קָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת-כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה מִשְׁקָלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שְׁבַעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:19** The offering he brought was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:19** he presented for his offering one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:19** He presented as his offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

Numbers 7:25 <sup>WTT</sup> קָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת-כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה מִשְׁקָלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שְׁבַעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:25** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:25** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:25** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

Numbers 7:31 <sup>WTT</sup> קָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת-כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה

מִשְׁקֵלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:31** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:31** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:31** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אֶחָת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:37**  
מִשְׁקֵלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:37** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:37** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:37** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אֶחָת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:43**  
מִשְׁקֵלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:43** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:43** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:43** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אֶחָת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:49**  
מִשְׁקֵלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:49** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:49** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:49** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אֶחָת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:55**

מִשְׁקְלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:55** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:55** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:55** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:61**  
מִשְׁקְלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:61** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:61** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:61** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:67**  
מִשְׁקְלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:67** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:67** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:67** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:73**  
מִשְׁקְלָהּ מִזְרֶק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלְאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:73** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:73** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:73** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

קָרְבָּנוֹ קִעְרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה <sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 7:79**

מִשְׁקֵלָהּ מִזְרָק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם |  
מִלֵּאִים סֶלֶת בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן לְמִנְחָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 7:79** His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 7:79** his offering was one silver plate weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of choice flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 7:79** His offering: one silver bowl weighing 130 shekels and one silver basin of 70 shekels by the sanctuary weight, both filled with choice flour with oil mixed in, for a meal offering;

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אֲסֹפֶה-לִּי שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ<sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 11:16**  
מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יֹדְעֵת כִּי-הֵם זִקְנֵי הָעָם וְשִׁטְרֵי וְלִקְחָת  
אֹתָם אֶל-אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְהִתְיַצְבוּ שָׁם עִמָּךְ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 11:16** The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 11:16** So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 11:16** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy of Israel's elders of whom you have experience as elders and officers of the people, and bring them to the Tent of Meeting and let them take their place there with you.

וַיֵּצֵא מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶל-הָעָם אֵת דְּבַר יְהוָה  
וַיֹּאסֶף שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ מִזִּקְנֵי הָעָם וַיַּעֲמֵד אֹתָם סְבִיבֹת הָאֹהֶל:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 11:24** So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 11:24** So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 11:24** Moses went out and reported the words of the LORD to the people. He gathered seventy of the people's elders and stationed them around the Tent.

וַיֵּרֶד יְהוָה בְּעָנָן וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלָיו וַיֹּאצֵּל<sup>WTT</sup> **Numbers 11:25**  
מִן-הָרוּחַ אֲשֶׁר עָלָיו וַיִּתֵּן עַל-שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ הַזִּקְנִים וַיְהִי כִּנּוּחַ  
עֲלֵיהֶם הָרוּחַ וַיִּתְנַבְּאוּ וְלֹא יָסֹפוּ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Numbers 11:25** Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Numbers 11:25** Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Numbers 11:25** Then the LORD came down in a cloud and spoke to him; He drew upon the spirit that was on him and put it upon the seventy elders. And when the spirit rested upon them, they spoke in ecstasy, but did not continue.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי-בְּזֶק שִׁבְעִים | מַלְכִים בְּהִנּוּת יְדִיהֶם<sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 1:7**  
וְרַגְלֵיהֶם מְקַצְצִים הָיוּ מַלְקָטִים תַּחַת שְׁלַחַנִי כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי

בֶּן שְׁלֹשִׁים לִי אֱלֹהִים וַיְבִיאוּהוּ יְרוּשָׁלַם וַיִּמָּת שָׁם: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 1:7** Then Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have picked up scraps under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them." They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 1:7** Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to pick up scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has paid me back." They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 1:7** And Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings, with thumbs and big toes cut off, used to pick up scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has requited me." They brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.

וַיִּלְכְּדֵנֶּעַר מֵאֲנָשֵׁי סֻכּוֹת וַיִּשְׁאַלְהוּ וַיִּכְתֹּב אֵלָיו <sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 8:14**

אֶת־שְׂרֵי סֻכּוֹת וְאֶת־זִקְנֵיהָ שִׁבְעִים וְשִׁבְעָה אִישׁ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 8:14** He caught a young man of Succoth and questioned him, and the young man wrote down for him the names of the seventy-seven officials of Succoth, the elders of the town.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 8:14** he caught a young man, one of the people of Succoth, and questioned him; and he listed for him the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven people.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 8:14** captured a boy from among the people of Succoth and interrogated him. The latter drew up for him a list of the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven in number.

וַיִּלְגְּדֵעוֹן הָיוּ שִׁבְעִים בָּנִים יִצְאֵי יִרְכּוֹ כִּי־נָשִׁים <sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 8:30**

רַבּוֹת הָיוּ לוֹ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 8:30** He had seventy sons of his own, for he had many wives.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 8:30** Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 8:30** Gideon had seventy sons of his own issue, for he had many wives.

דְּבַר־וָאָ בְּאָזְנֵי כָל־בְּעָלֵי שְׁכֶם מַה־טוֹב לָכֶם <sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:2**

הַמְּשַׁל בְּכֶם שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ כֹּל בְּנֵי יִרְבֵּעַל אִם־מְשַׁל בְּכֶם אִישׁ

אֶחָד וּזְכַרְתֶּם כִּי־עַצְמֹכֶם וּבִשְׂרָכֶם אָנִי:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:2** "Ask all the citizens of Shechem, 'Which is better for you: to have all seventy of Jerub-Baal's sons rule over you, or just one man?' Remember, I am your flesh and blood."

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:2** "Say in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh."

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:2** "Put this question to all the citizens of Shechem: Which is better for you, to be ruled by seventy men -- by all the sons of Jerubbaal -- or to be ruled by one man? And remember, I am your own flesh and blood."

וַיִּתְּנוּ־לוֹ שִׁבְעִים כֶּסֶף מִבַּיִת בַּעַל בְּרִית וַיִּשְׂכֹּר <sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:4**

בָּהֶם אַבִּימֶלֶךְ אֲנָשִׁים רִיקִים וּפְחָזִים וַיִּלְכּוּ אַחֲרָיו:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:4** They gave him seventy shekels of silver from the temple of Baal-Berith, and Abimelech used it to hire reckless adventurers, who became his followers.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:4** They gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the temple of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:4** They gave him seventy shekels from the temple of Baal-berith; and with this Abimelech hired some worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.

וַיָּבֵא בֵּית־אָבִיו עִפְרָתָה וַיַּהַרְגֵהָ אֶת־אָחִיו <sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:5**

בְּנֵי־יִרְבֵּעַל שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ עַל־אָבִן אַחַת וַיִּוָּתֵר יוֹתָם בֶּן־יִרְבֵּעַל

הַקָּטָן כִּי נִחַבָּא: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:5** He went to his father's home in Ophrah and on one stone murdered his seventy brothers, the sons of Jerub-Baal. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerub-Baal, escaped by hiding.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:5** He went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone; but Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, survived, for he hid himself.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:5** Then he went to his father's house in Ophrah and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men on one stone. Only Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, survived, because he went into hiding.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:18** וְאַתֶּם קָמַתֶם עַל-בֵּית אָבִי הַיּוֹם וַתְּהַרְגוּ  
אֶת-בָּנָיו שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ עַל-אֶבֶן אַחַת וַתְּמַלִּיכוּ אֶת-אַבִּימֶלֶךְ  
בֶּן-אִמְתּוֹ עַל-בְּעֻלֵי שְׁכֶם כִּי אַחִיכֶם הוּא:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:18** (but today you have revolted against my father's family, murdered his seventy sons on a single stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his slave girl, king over the citizens of Shechem because he is your brother)--

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:18** but you have risen up against my father's house this day, and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his slave woman, king over the lords of Shechem, because he is your kinsman--

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:18** and now you have turned on my father's household, killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and set up Abimelech, the son of his handmaid, as king over the citizens of Shechem just because he is your kinsman --

<sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:24** לָבוֹא חֲמֵס שִׁבְעִים בְּנֵי-יִרְבֵּעַל וּדְמָם לָשׂוֹם  
עַל-אַבִּימֶלֶךְ אַחִיהֶם אֲשֶׁר הָרַג אוֹתָם וְעַל בְּעֻלֵי שְׁכֶם  
אֲשֶׁר-חִזְקוּ אֶת-יָדָיו לְהָרַג אֶת-אֲחָיו:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:24** God did this in order that the crime against Jerub-Baal's seventy sons, the shedding of their blood, might be avenged on their brother Abimelech and on the citizens of Shechem, who had helped him murder his brothers.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:24** This happened so that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged and their blood be laid on their brother Abimelech, who killed them, and on the lords of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:24** to the end that the crime committed against the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged, and their blood recoil upon their brother Abimelech, who had slain them, and upon the citizens of Shechem, who had abetted him in the slaying of his brothers.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 9:56** וַיָּשָׁב אֱלֹהִים אֶת רָעַת אַבִּימֶלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
לְאָבִיו לְהָרַג אֶת-שִׁבְעִים אֲחָיו:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 9:56** Thus God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done to his father by murdering his seventy brothers.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 9:56** Thus God repaid Abimelech for the crime he committed against his father in killing his seventy brothers;

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 9:56** Thus God repaid Abimelech for the evil he had done to his father by slaying his seventy brothers;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Judges 12:14** וַיְהִי-לוֹ אַרְבַּעִים בָּנִים וּשְׁלֹשִׁים בְּנֵי בָנָיו  
לְכָבִים עַל-שִׁבְעִים עֵיָרָם וַיִּשְׁפֹּט אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁמֹנֶה שָׁנָיִם:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Judges 12:14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys. He led Israel eight years.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Judges 12:14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys; he judged Israel eight years.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Judges 12:14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy jackasses. He led Israel for eight years.

וַיִּדָּבַר בְּאֲנָשֵׁי בֵּית־שֵׁמֶשׁ כִּי רָאוּ בְּאֲרוֹן יְהוָה  
וַיִּדָּבַר בָּעָם שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ חֲמִשִּׁים אֶלֶף אִישׁ וַיִּתְּאֲבְלוּ הָעָם  
כִּי־הִכָּה יְהוָה בָּעָם מִכָּה גְדוֹלָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **1 Samuel 6:19** But God struck down some of the men of Beth Shemesh, putting seventy of them to death because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. The people mourned because of the heavy blow the LORD had dealt them,

<sup>NRS</sup> **1 Samuel 6:19** The descendants of Jeconiah did not rejoice with the people of Beth-shemesh when they greeted the ark of the LORD; and he killed seventy men of them. The people mourned because the LORD had made a great slaughter among the people.

<sup>TNK</sup> **1 Samuel 6:19** *The LORD* struck at the men of Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of the LORD; He struck down seventy men among the people *and* fifty thousand men. The people mourned, for He had inflicted a great slaughter upon the population.

וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה דְּבַר בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל מִהַבֹּקֶר וְעַד־עֵת  
מוֹעֵד וַיָּמָת מִן־הָעָם מִדָּן וְעַד־בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף אִישׁ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Samuel 24:15** So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Samuel 24:15** So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from that morning until the appointed time; and seventy thousand of the people died, from Dan to Beer-sheba.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Samuel 24:15** The LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from morning until the set time; and 70000 of the people died, from Dan to Beer-sheba.

וַיְהִי לְשִׁלְמָה שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף נֹשֵׂא סִבָּל וּשְׁמֹנִים  
אֶלֶף חֹצֵב בְּהָר:

<sup>NIV</sup> **1 Kings 5:15** Solomon had seventy thousand carriers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hills,

<sup>NRS</sup> **1 Kings 5:15** Solomon also had seventy thousand laborers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hill country,

<sup>TNK</sup> **1 Kings 5:29** Solomon also had 70000 porters and 80000 quarriers in the hills,

וּלְאַחָאב שִׁבְעִים בָּנִים בְּשִׁמְרוֹן וַיִּכְתֹּב יְהוּא  
סְפָרִים וַיִּשְׁלַח שְׁמֹרוֹן אֶל־שָׂרֵי יִזְרְעֵאל הַזְּקֵנִים וְאֶל־הָאֲמֹנִים  
אַחָאב לֵאמֹר:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Kings 10:1** Now there were in Samaria seventy sons of the house of Ahab. So Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria: to the officials of Jezreel, to the elders and to the guardians of Ahab's children. He said,

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Kings 10:1** Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. So Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to the guardians of the sons of Ahab, saying,

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Kings 10:1** Ahab had seventy descendants in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the elders and officials of Jezreel and to the guardians of *the children* of Ahab, as follows:

וּלְקַלְיָ אַתֶּם שְׁמָעִים קְחוּ אֶת־רֵאשֵׁי אֲנָשֵׁי בְנֵי־אֲדֹנֵיכֶם וּבְאוּ  
וַיִּכְתֹּב אֲלֵיהֶם סְפָר וַשְׁנִית לְאֹמֶר אִם־לִי אַתֶּם



אֵלֶי כָּעֵת מִחֵר יִזְרַעְאֵלָהּ וּבְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ אֶת־גְּדֻלָּי  
הָעִיר מִגְּדֻלִּים אוֹתָם:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Kings 10:6** Then Jehu wrote them a second letter, saying, "If you are on my side and will obey me, take the heads of your master's sons and come to me in Jezreel by this time tomorrow." Now the royal princes, seventy of them, were with the leading men of the city, who were rearing them.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Kings 10:6** Then he wrote them a second letter, saying, "If you are on my side, and if you are ready to obey me, take the heads of your master's sons and come to me at Jezreel tomorrow at this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the leaders of the city, who were charged with their upbringing.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Kings 10:6** He wrote them a second time: "If you are on my side and are ready to obey me, take the heads of the attendants of your master's sons and come to me in Jezreel tomorrow at this time." Now the princes, seventy in number, were with the notables of the town, who were rearing them.

וַיְהִי כִּבְאֵ הַסֵּפֶר אֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ  
וַיִּשְׁחֲטוּ שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ וַיִּשְׂמוּ אֶת־רֵאשֵׁיהֶם בְּדוּדִים וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ  
אֵלָיו יִזְרַעְאֵלָהּ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Kings 10:7** When the letter arrived, these men took the princes and slaughtered all seventy of them. They put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Kings 10:7** When the letter reached them, they took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons; they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Kings 10:7** But when the letter reached them, they took the princes and slaughtered all seventy of them; they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him in Jezreel.

וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה דִּבְרַ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּפֹּל מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל  
שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף אִישׁ:

<sup>NIV</sup> **1 Chronicles 21:14** So the LORD sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell dead.

<sup>NRS</sup> **1 Chronicles 21:14** So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand persons fell in Israel.

<sup>TNK</sup> **1 Chronicles 21:14** The LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel, and 70000 men fell in Israel.

וַיִּסְפֹּר וַיִּסְפֹּר שְׁלֹמֹה שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף אִישׁ סָבֵל  
וּשְׁמֹנִים אֶלֶף אִישׁ חֲצֵב בְּהָר וּמִנְצָחִים עֲלֵיהֶם שְׁלֹשֶׁת  
אַלְפִים וּשְׁשׁ מֵאוֹת: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:2** He conscripted seventy thousand men as carriers and eighty thousand as stonecutters in the hills and thirty-six hundred as foremen over them.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:2** Solomon conscripted seventy thousand laborers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hill country, with three thousand six hundred to oversee them.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:1** Solomon mustered 70000 basket carriers and 80000 quarriers in the hills, with 3600 men supervising them.

וַיַּעַשׂ מֵהֶם שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף סָבֵל וּשְׁמֹנִים  
אַלְף חֲצֵב בְּהָר וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֶלְפִים וּשְׁשׁ מֵאוֹת מִנְצָחִים לְהַעֲבִיד  
אֶת־הָעָם:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:18** He assigned 70,000 of them to be carriers and 80,000 to be stonecutters in the hills, with 3,600 foremen over them to keep the people working.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:18** Seventy thousand of them he assigned as laborers, eighty thousand as stonecutters in the hill country, and three thousand six hundred as overseers to make the people work.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Chronicles 2:17** He made 70000 of them basket carriers, and 80000 of them quarriers, with 3600 supervisors to see that the people worked.

<sup>WTT</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:32** וַיְהִי מִסְפַּר הָעֹלָה אֲשֶׁר הֵבִיאוּ הַקָּהָל  
בְּקָר שִׁבְעִים אֵילִים מֵאָה כְּבָשִׂים מֵאֲתָיִם לְעֹלָה לַיהוָה  
כָּל־אֵלֶּה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:32** The number of burnt offerings the assembly brought was seventy bulls, a hundred rams and two hundred male lambs-- all of them for burnt offerings to the LORD.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:32** The number of the burnt offerings that the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:32** The number of burnt offerings that the congregation brought was 70 cattle, 100 rams, 200 lambs -- all these for burnt offerings to the LORD.

<sup>WTT</sup> **2 Chronicles 36:21** לְמִלְאוֹת דְּבַר־יְהוָה בְּפִי יִרְמְיָהוּ  
עַד־רִצְתָהּ הָאָרֶץ אֶת־שַׁבְּתוֹתֶיהָ כְּלַיְמֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם שִׁבְתָהּ  
לְמִלְאוֹת שִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **2 Chronicles 36:21** The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Chronicles 36:21** to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

<sup>TNK</sup> **2 Chronicles 36:21** in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, until the land paid back its sabbaths; as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, till seventy years were completed.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 2:3** בְּנֵי פָרְעֹשׁ אֲלֵפִים מֵאָה שִׁבְעִים וּשְׁנַיִם: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 2:3** the descendants of Parosh 2,172

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 2:3** the descendants of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 2:3** the sons of Parosh -- 2172;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 2:4** בְּנֵי שְׁפַטְיָה שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת שִׁבְעִים וּשְׁנַיִם: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 2:4** of Shephatiah 372

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 2:4** Of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 2:4** the sons of Shephatiah -- 372;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 2:36** הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי יְדַעְיָה לְבֵית יֵשׁוּעַ תְּשַׁע מֵאוֹת  
שִׁבְעִים וּשְׁלֹשָׁה: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 2:36** The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah (through the family of Jeshua) 973

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 2:36** The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 2:36** The priests: the sons of Jedaiah: the house of Jeshua -- 973;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 2:40** הַלְוִיִּם בְּנֵי־יֵשׁוּעַ וְקַדְמִיָּאל לְבְנֵי הוֹדְוִיָּה שִׁבְעִים  
וְאַרְבָּעָה: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 2:40** The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel (through the line of Hodaviah)

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<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 2:40** The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the descendants of Hodaviah, seventy-four.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 2:40** The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel: the sons of Hodaviah -- 74.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 8:7** וּמִבְּנֵי עֵילָם יִשְׁעִיָּה בֶן־עַתְלִיָּה וְעִמּוֹ שְׁבַעִים  
הַזְּכָרִים: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 8:7** of the descendants of Elam, Jeshaiiah son of Athaliah, and with him 70 men;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 8:7** Of the descendants of Elam, Jeshaiiah son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 8:7** And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah son of Athaliah; and with him 70 males.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 8:14** וּמִבְּנֵי בְגוּי עוּתַי (וְזַבּוּד) [וְזַכּוּר] וְעִמּוֹ שְׁבַעִים  
הַזְּכָרִים: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 8:14** of the descendants of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them 70 men.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 8:14** Of the descendants of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them seventy males.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 8:14** And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur; and with them 70 males.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Ezra 8:35** הַבָּאִים מִהַשְּׁבִי בְנֵי־הַגּוֹלָה הִקְרִיבוּ עֹלוֹת  
לֵאלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל פָּרִים שְׁנַיִם־עָשָׂר עַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵילִים  
תְּשַׁעִים וְשֵׁשׁ כִּבְשִׂים שְׁבַעִים וְשִׁבְעָה צְפִירֵי חֲטָאת שְׁנַיִם  
עָשָׂר הַכֹּל עוֹלָה לַיהוָה: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezra 8:35** Then the exiles who had returned from captivity sacrificed burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven male lambs and, as a sin offering, twelve male goats. All this was a burnt offering to the LORD.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezra 8:35** At that time those who had come from captivity, the returned exiles, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and as a sin offering twelve male goats; all this was a burnt offering to the LORD.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezra 8:35** The returning exiles who arrived from captivity made burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs and twelve he-goats as a purification offering, all this a burnt offering to the LORD.

<sup>WTT</sup> **Nehemiah 7:9** ס בְּנֵי שְׁפַטְיָה שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת שְׁבַעִים וּשְׁנַיִם: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Nehemiah 7:9** of Shephatiah 372

<sup>NRS</sup> **Nehemiah 7:9** Of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Nehemiah 7:9** the sons of Shephatiah -- 372;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Nehemiah 7:39** הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי יַדְעִיָּה לְבַיִת יֵשׁוּעַ תְּשַׁע מֵאוֹת  
שְׁבַעִים וּשְׁלֹשָׁה: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Nehemiah 7:39** The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah (through the family of Jeshua) 973

<sup>NRS</sup> **Nehemiah 7:39** The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Nehemiah 7:39** The priests: the sons of Jedaiah: the house of Jeshua -- 973;

<sup>WTT</sup> **Nehemiah 7:43** הַלְוִיִּם בְּנֵי־יֵשׁוּעַ לְקַדְמִיָּאֵל לְבְנֵי לְהוֹדָוָה  
שְׁבַעִים וָאַרְבָּעָה: ס

<sup>NIV</sup> **Nehemiah 7:43** The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua (through Kadmiel through the line of Hodaviah) 74

<sup>NRS</sup> **Nehemiah 7:43** The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua, namely of Kadmiel of the descendants of Hodevah, seventy-four.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Nehemiah 7:43** The Levites: the sons of Jeshua: Kadmiel, the sons of Hodeiah -- 74.

וְהַשְׁוֹעֲרִים עֲקֹב טַלְמוֹן וְאַחֵיהֶם הַשְּׂמָרִים  
בְּשַׁעֲרֵים מֵאָה שְׁבַעִים וּשְׁנָיִם: <sup>WTT</sup> Nehemiah 11:19

<sup>NIV</sup> **Nehemiah 11:19** The gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon and their associates, who kept watch at the gates-- 172 men.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Nehemiah 11:19** The gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon and their associates, who kept watch at the gates, were one hundred seventy-two.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Nehemiah 11:19** And the gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who stood watch at the gates -- 172.

יְמֵי־שְׁנוֹתֵינוּ בָהֶם שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה וְאִם בְּגִבּוֹרַת  
שְׂמוֹנִים שָׁנָה וְרַהֲבָם עָמַל וְאוֹן כִּי־גַזְזוּ חַיִּשׁ וְנִעְפָּה: <sup>WTT</sup> Psalm 90:10

<sup>NIV</sup> **Psalm 90:10** The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 90:10** The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Psalm 90:10** The span of our life is seventy years, or, given the strength, eighty years; but the best of them are trouble and sorrow. They pass by speedily, and we are in darkness.

וְהָיָה בַיּוֹם הַהוּא וְנִשְׁכַּחַת צֹר שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה  
כִּימֵי מֶלֶךְ אֶחָד מִקֵּץ שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה יִהְיֶה לְצֹר כְּשִׁירַת הַזֹּנָה: <sup>WTT</sup> Isaiah 23:15

<sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 23:15** At that time Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, the span of a king's life. But at the end of these seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute:

<sup>NRS</sup> **Isaiah 23:15** From that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, the lifetime of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song about the prostitute:

<sup>TNK</sup> **Isaiah 23:15** In that day, Tyre shall remain forgotten for seventy years, equaling the lifetime of one king. After a lapse of seventy years, it shall go with Tyre as with the harlot in the ditty:

וְהָיָה מִקֵּץ | שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה יִפְקֹד יְהוָה אֶת־צֹר  
וְשָׁבָה לְאֶתְנָנָה וְזָנְתָה אֶת־כָּל־מַמְלָכוֹת הָאָרֶץ עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה: <sup>WTT</sup> Isaiah 23:17

<sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 23:17** At the end of seventy years, the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire as a prostitute and will ply her trade with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Isaiah 23:17** At the end of seventy years, the LORD will visit Tyre, and she will return to her trade, and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Isaiah 23:17** For after a lapse of seventy years, the LORD will take note of Tyre, and she shall resume her "fee-taking" and "play the harlot" with all the kingdoms of the world, on the face of the earth.

וְהָיְתָה כָּל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְחֶרֶבָה לְשָׁמָה  
וְעַבְדוּ הַגּוֹיִם אֶת־מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה: <sup>WTT</sup> Jeremiah 25:11

<sup>NIV</sup> **Jeremiah 25:11** This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Jeremiah 25:11** This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Jeremiah 25:11** This whole land shall be a desolate ruin. And those nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

וְהָיָה כַּמְלֹאוֹת שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה אֶפְקָד <sup>WTT</sup> Jeremiah 25:12  
עַל־מֶלֶךְ־בָּבֶל וְעַל־הַגּוֹי הַהוּא נֹאֲמֵי־יְהוָה אֶת־עוֹנָם וְעַל־אֶרֶץ  
כְּשָׂדִים וְשָׂמְתִי אֹתוֹ לְשִׁמְמוֹת עוֹלָם:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Jeremiah 25:12** "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Jeremiah 25:12** Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Jeremiah 25:12** When the seventy years are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation and the land of the Chaldeans for their sins -- declares the LORD -- and I will make it a desolation for all time.

כִּי־כֹה אָמַר יְהוָה כִּי לְפִי מְלֹאת לְבַבְךָ <sup>WTT</sup> Jeremiah 29:10  
שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה אֶפְקָד אֶתְכֶם וְהִקְמֹתִי עֲלֵיכֶם אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הַטּוֹב  
לְהָשִׁיב אֶתְכֶם אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Jeremiah 29:10** This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Jeremiah 29:10** For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Jeremiah 29:10** For thus said the LORD: When Babylon's seventy years are over, I will take note of you, and I will fulfill to you My promise of favor -- to bring you back to this place.

וְהַבְּנִיין אֲשֶׁר אֶל־פְּנֵי הַגְּזֵרָה פֶּאת הַרְדֵּף־הַיָּם <sup>WTT</sup> Ezekiel 41:12  
רָחַב שְׁבַעִים אַמָּה וְקִיר הַבְּנִיין חֲמִשָּׁ־אַמּוֹת רָחַב סָבִיב סָבִיב  
וְאַרְכּוֹ תִשְׁעִים אַמָּה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ezekiel 41:12** The building facing the temple courtyard on the west side was seventy cubits wide. The wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length was ninety cubits.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Ezekiel 41:12** The building that was facing the temple yard on the west side was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its depth ninety cubits.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Ezekiel 41:12** And the structure that fronted on the vacant space at the Temple's western end was 70 cubits deep; the walls of the structure were 5 cubits thick on every side; and it was 90 cubits wide.

בְּשָׁנָת אַחַת לְמַלְכוֹ אָנִי דָּנִיֵּאל בִּינֹתִי בַּסְּפָרִים <sup>WTT</sup> Daniel 9:2  
מִסְפַּר הַשָּׁנִים אֲשֶׁר הָיָה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־יִרְמְיָה הַנָּבִיא  
לְמֹלְאוֹת לְחָרְבוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַם שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Daniel 9:2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Daniel 9:2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah, must be fulfilled for the devastation of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Daniel 9:2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, consulted the books concerning the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD that had come to Jeremiah the prophet, were to be the term of Jerusalem's desolation -- seventy years.

שְׁבַעִים שְׁבַעִים נִחְתָּךְ עַל-עַמְּךָ וְעַל-עִיר קִדְשְׁךָ  
לְכַלֵּא הַפֶּשַׁע (וּלְחַתֵּם) [וּלְחַתֵּם] (חַטָּאוֹת) [חַטָּאוֹת] וּלְכַפֵּר עֹון  
וּלְהַבִּיא צֶדֶק עַל־מַיִם וּלְחַתֵּם חֲזוֹן וּנְבִיא וּלְמַשַּׁח קֹדֶשׁ  
קִדְשִׁים:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Daniel 9:24** "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Daniel 9:24** "Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city: to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Daniel 9:24** "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city until the measure of transgression is filled and that of sin complete, until iniquity is expiated, and eternal righteousness ushered in; and prophetic vision ratified, and the Holy of Holies anointed.

וְתָדַע וְתִשְׁכַּל מִן-מִצְאָ רֶכֶר לְהַשִּׁיב וּלְבַנוֹת  
יְרוּשָׁלַם עַד-מָשִׁיחַ נָגִיד שְׁבַעִים שְׁבַעִים וּשְׁבַעִים שָׁשִׁים וּשְׁנָיִם  
תָּשׁוּב וּנְבִנְתָה רְחוֹב וְחָרוּץ וּבְצוּק הָעֵתִים:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Daniel 9:25** "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand: from the time that the word went out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the time of an anointed prince, there shall be seven weeks; and for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with streets and moat, but in a troubled time.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Daniel 9:25** You must know and understand: From the issuance of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the *time of the* anointed leader is seven weeks; and for sixty-two weeks it will be rebuilt, square and moat, but in a time of distress.

בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם אָנִי דָּנִיֵּאל הָיִיתִי מִתְאַבֵּל שְׁלֹשָׁה  
שָׁבָעִים יָמִים:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Daniel 10:2** At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Daniel 10:2** At that time I, Daniel, had been mourning for three weeks.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Daniel 10:2** At that time, I, Daniel, kept three full weeks of mourning.

לֶחֶם חֲמֻדוֹת לֹא אֲכַלְתִּי וּבֶשֶׁר וַיֵּין לֹא-בָא  
אֵלַי וְסוּךְ לֹא-סָכַתִּי עַד-מְלֵאת שְׁלֹשֶׁת שָׁבָעִים יָמִים: פ

<sup>NIV</sup> **Daniel 10:3** I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Daniel 10:3** I had eaten no rich food, no meat or wine had entered my mouth, and I had not anointed myself at all, for the full three weeks.

<sup>TNK</sup> **Daniel 10:3** I ate no tasty food, nor did any meat or wine enter my mouth. I did not anoint myself until the three weeks were over.

וַיַּעַן מַלְאֲךְ-יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת  
עַד-מָתִי אֶתְּהָ לֹא-תִרְחַם אֶת-יְרוּשָׁלַם וְאֶת עָרֵי יְהוּדָה אֲשֶׁר  
זַעַמְתָּה זֶה שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Zechariah 1:12** Then the angel of the LORD said, "LORD Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?"

<sup>NRS</sup> **Zechariah 1:12** Then the angel of the LORD said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which you have been angry these seventy years?"

<sup>TNK</sup> **Zechariah 1:12** Thereupon the angel of the LORD exclaimed, "O LORD of Hosts! How long will You withhold pardon from Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, which You placed under a curse seventy years ago?"

אָמַר אֱלֹהֵי כָּל-עַם הָאָרֶץ וְאֵל-הַכֹּהֲנִים לֵאמֹר  
כִּי-צַמְתֶּם וְסָפַדְתֶּם בְּחֻמֵּי וּבְשָׁבִיעַי וְזֶה שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה הָצַוִּים  
צַמְתִּי אֲנִי:

<sup>NIV</sup> **Zechariah 7:5** "Ask all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted?'"

<sup>NRS</sup> **Zechariah 7:5** Say to all the people of the land and the priests: When you fasted and lamented in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted?"

<sup>TNK</sup> **Zechariah 7:5** Say to all the people of the land and to the priests: When you fasted and lamented in the fifth and seventh months all these seventy years, did you fast for my benefit?"

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