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(54) When Solomon finished offering to the LORD all this prayer and supplication, he rose from where he had been kneeling, in front of the altar of the LORD, his hands spread out toward heaven. (55) He stood, and in a loud voice blessed the whole congregation of Israel: (56) "Praised be the LORD who has granted a haven to His people Israel, just as He promised; not a single word has failed of all the gracious promises that He made through His servant Moses. (57) May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He never abandon or forsake us. (58) May He incline our hearts to Him, that we may walk in all His ways and keep the commandments, the laws, and the rules, which He enjoined upon our fathers. (59) And may these words of mine, which I have offered in supplication before the LORD, be close to the LORD our God day and night, that He may provide for His servant and for His people Israel, according to each day's needs— (60) to the

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(נד) וַיְהִי אִי כַכְּלוֹת שְׁלֹמֹה לְהַתְּפַלֵּל אֶל־יְהוָה אֵת כָּל־הַתְּפִלָּה וְהַתְּחִנָּה הַזֹּאת קָם מִלִּפְנֵי מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה מִכָּרַע עַל־בְּרַכְיֹו וּכְפָיו פָּרָשׂוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם: (נה) וַיַּעֲמֵד וַיְבָרֵךְ אֵת כָּל־קְהַל יִשְׂרָאֵל קוֹל גָּדוֹל לֵאמֹר: (נו) בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר נָתַן מְנוּחָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּכֹּל אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר לֹא־נִפְּל דְבַר אֶחָד מִכֹּל דְּבָרוֹ הַטּוֹב אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה עַבְדּוֹ: (נז) יְהִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ עִמָּנוּ כְּאֲשֶׁר הָיָה עִם־אַבְרָהָם אֶל־יִצְחָק וְאֶל־יִשְׁשָׁכָן: (נח) לְהַטּוֹת לְבָבָנוּ אֵלָיו לְלָקַח בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו וּלְשַׁמֵּר מִצְוֹתָיו וּחֻקָּיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם: (נט) וַיְהִי דְבָרֵי אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַנְּנֵתִי לִפְנֵי יְהוָה קִרְבִּים אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אִי מִשְׁפָּט עַבְדּוֹ וּמִשְׁפָּט עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל דְּבַר־יוֹם בְּיוֹמוֹ: (ס) לְמַעַן יִדְעַת כָּל־עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה הוּא הַיְאֻלְהִים אֲשֶׁר עוֹד: (סא) וְהָיָה לְבַבְכֶם שְׁלֵם עִם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְלָקַח בְּחַקָּיו וּלְשַׁמֵּר

end that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD alone is God, there is no other. (61) And may you be wholehearted with the LORD our God, to walk in His ways and keep His commandments, even as now.” (62) The king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD. (63) Solomon offered 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep as sacrifices of well-being to the LORD. Thus the king and all the Israelites dedicated the House of the LORD. (64) That day the king consecrated the center of the court that was in front of the House of the LORD. For it was there that he presented the burnt offerings, the meal offerings, and the fat parts of the offerings of well-being, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to hold the burnt offerings, the meal offerings, and the fat parts of the offerings of well-being. (65) So Solomon and all Israel with him—a great assemblage, [coming] from Lebo-hamath to the Wadi of Egypt—observed the Feast at that time before the LORD our God, seven days and again seven days, fourteen days in all. (66) On the eighth day he let the people go. They bade the king good-bye and went to their homes, joyful and glad of heart over all the goodness that the LORD had shown to His servant David and His people Israel.

מְצוֹתָיו כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (כב) וְהִמְלִיךְ
 וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ זִבְחִים זָבַח לִפְנֵי יְהוָה:
 (כג) וַיִּזְבַּח שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת זָבַח הַשְּׁלָמִים אֲשֶׁר
 זָבַח לַיהוָה בְּקֹר עֹשָׂרִים וּשְׁנַיִם אֲלָף וְצֹאֵן
 מֵאָה וְעֹשָׂרִים אֲלָף וַיִּהְיוּ אֶת־בַּיִת יְהוָה
 הַמְּלִיךְ וְכָל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כד) בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא
 קִדְשׁ הַמְּלִיךְ אֶת־תּוֹדֹת הַחֹצֵר אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי
 בַּיִת־יְהוָה כִּי־עָשָׂה שָׁם אֶת־הָעֵלָה
 וְאֶת־הַמִּנְחָה וְאֶת חֲלָבֵי הַשְּׁלָמִים כִּי־מִזְבֵּחַ
 הַנְּחֹשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי יְהוָה קָטָן מִהַכִּיל
 אֶת־הָעֵלָה וְאֶת־הַמִּנְחָה וְאֶת חֲלָבֵי
 הַשְּׁלָמִים: (כה) וַיַּעַשׂ שְׁלֹמֹה בְּעַת־הַהֵיאָל
 אֶת־הַחֹג וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ קָהָל גָּדוֹל
 מִלְּבֹא חַמַּת | עַד־גַּחַל מִצְרַיִם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה
 אֲלֵהֵינוּ שָׁבַעַת יָמִים וְשָׁבַעַת יָמִים אַרְבָּעָה
 עָשָׂר יוֹם: (כו) בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי שָׁלַח
 אֶת־הַעֶם וַיְבָרְכוּ אֶת־הַמְּלִיךְ וַיֵּלְכוּ
 לְאֵהֲלֵיהֶם שְׂמֵחִים וְטוֹבֵי לֵב עַל כָּל־הַטּוֹבָה
 אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה לְדָוִד עַבְדּוֹ וּלְיִשְׂרָאֵל
 עִמּוֹ: