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This translation of the Old Testament has been derived from a study of the common Hebrew text, and represents at the same time a collation of the late J.N. Darby's German and French Versions, he having himself revised the first few books within a short time of his decease.

The completion by Mr. Darby of the French translation, which gives his matured views of the meaning of the Hebrew, was felt by many to be a legacy to the Church of Christ through the labours of His servant that could not be allowed to remain only in the language in which it was written. Those who use this English translation may accordingly expect to find incorporated with it whatever is of special value in the above-mentioned Versions, particularly the French, where the common English Bible is defective.

Much of Mr. Darby's Preface to his German version applies equally to the present Work, as where it is said: 'In the issue of this translation, the purpose is not to offer to the man of letters a learned work, but rather to provide the simple and unlearned reader with as exact a translation as possible. To this end however all available helps have been used, different versions and commentaries having been laid under contribution. All who have laboured in this field know that in many passages even the most learned men are embarrassed; since a language so ancient, quite different in construction and in form of thought from any modern one, must of course present difficulties in translation. But in these cases, as indeed altogether, we can conscientiously say we have worked carefully and prayerfully. In such passages, especially where able Hebraists have erred, and respecting which differences of opinion always continue to assert themselves, we do not pretend to have rendered the original text without fault; but we hope we can present the whole to the simple reader in a form both exact and intelligible. That

is our object. Our work is not a revision of the Bible in common use'—although the reader of the English translation will constantly meet with familiar words and phrases—'because, as we think, the object sought would not so be attained.'

The style of our own excellent so-called Authorised Version, happily familiar, is here preserved, as far as seems consistent with the exactness sought to be attained; the purpose being ever kept in view of putting the English reader in possession of labours of Mr. Darby which were undertaken in the interest of Christians abroad. The older forms of words are kept for the higher style, suited to the immediate utterances of God and strictly poetical parts.

Our English idiom has been studied, but the difficulty of presenting all in suitable English dress has often been felt, though our resource has been the vocabulary of the Authorized Version, which, from its remarkable richness, almost exhausts the phraseology of the language applicable to sacred subjects. When the common bible afforded no help in this respect, aid has occasionally been sought from other English Bibles of repute, both ancient and modern. But a certain roughness, derived from close adherence to either the German or the French, will doubtless sometimes be apparent.

Poetical parts are distinguished from the rest by a metrical arrangement to which those are accustomed who use Paragraph Bibles. In some of the books however which have almost wholly this character, especially the Prophets, where the poetical form is often complicated, it has been thought wise to abandon the metrical arrangement, in order to render the paragraphs more easily discoverable and in this way facilitate the study of the text. So too in Proverbs, for the introductory chapters; whilst the rest of the book, like Job and the Psalms is arranged in verses, as in ordinary Bibles.

The names of God have been preserved as far as possible according to the original, either in the text or by help of the notes, and are distinguished as follows:—

Elohimis ‘God.’

Eloahis ‘†God.’

Elis ‘•God.’

In the Authorised Version of the English Bible ‘GOD’ is used as well as ‘LORD’ for *Jehovah*, and the form ‘LORD’ represents both *Jehovah* and *Jah*. This inconvenience is obviated by the use of the Hebrew words anglicised, that is ‘Jehovah,’ and ‘Jah,’ where they respectively occur, and by rendering *Adonai* regularly ‘Lord.’ In the later Psalms the form *Hallelujah*, ‘Praise ye Jah,’ has been maintained wherever the sense allowed it. It is a sort of heading to many Psalms. An exception may be noted in Psalm 147.1.

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EZRA

- 1:1** And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he made a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also in writing, saying,
- 2** Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth has Jehovah the God of the heavens given to me, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
- 3** Whosoever there is among you of all his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of Jehovah the God of Israel—he is God—which is at Jerusalem.
- 4** And whosoever remains in any place where he sojourns, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the voluntary offering for the house of God which is at Jerusalem.
- 5** And the chief fathers of Judah and Benjamin rose up, and the priests, and the Levites, even all those whose spirit God had stirred, to go up to build the house of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem.
- 6** And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.
- 7** And king Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the house of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem and had put in the house of his god.
- 8** And Cyrus king of Persia brought them forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.
- 9** And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine-and-twenty knives,
- 10** thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred. The whole did Sheshbazzar bring up, when they of the captivity were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

2:1 And these are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one to his city,

2 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Saraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.

5 The children of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.

6 The children of Pahath-Moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.

10 The children of Bani, six hundred and forty-two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four.

16 The children of Ater of *the family of* Hezekiah, ninety-eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three.

18 The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three.

- 20 The children of Gibbar, ninety-five.
- 21 The children of Bethlehem, a hundred and twenty-three.
- 22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.
- 23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.
- 24 The children of Azmaveth, forty-two.
- 25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
- 26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.
- 27 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two.
- 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three.
- 29 The children of Nebo, fifty-two.
- 30 The children of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six.
- 31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
- 32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.
- 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.
- 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
- 36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.
- 37 The children of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two.
- 38 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.
- 39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
- 40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
- 41 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred and twenty-eight.
- 42 The children of the doorkeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all a hundred and thirty-nine.
- 43 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- 44 the children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,

- 45 the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
46 the children of Hagab, the children of Shamlai, the children of Hanan,
47 the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,
48 the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,
49 the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, the children of Besai,
50 the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephusim,
51 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
52 the children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
53 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
54 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,
56 the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
57 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-Hazzebaim, the children of Ami.
58 All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants, three hundred and ninety-two.
59 And these are they that went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub-Addan, Immer; but they could not shew their fathers' house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.
60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobijah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.
61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.
62 These sought their genealogical register, but they were not found; therefore were they, as polluted, removed from the priesthood.

- 63 And the Tirshatha said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.
- 64 The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
- 65 besides their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred singing men and singing women.
- 66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules two hundred and forty-five;
- 67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five; the asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
- 68 And some of the chief fathers, when they came to the house of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place.
- 69 They gave after their ability to the treasure of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' coats.
- 70 And the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the doorkeepers, and the Nethinim dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.
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- 3:1 And when the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.
- 2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer up burnt-offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.
- 3 And they set the altar on its base; for fear was upon them because of the people of the countries; and they offered up burnt-offerings on it to Jehovah, the morning and evening burnt-offerings.
- 4 And they held the feast of tabernacles as it is written, and *offered* daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required;

- 5 and afterwards the continual burnt-offering, and those of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jehovah that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a voluntary offering to Jehovah.
- 6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer up burnt-offerings to Jehovah. But the foundation of the temple of Jehovah was not *yet* laid.
- 7 And they gave money to the masons and to the carpenters; and meat and drink and oil to the Zidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea at Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.
- 8 And in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem; and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to superintend the work of the house of Jehovah.
- 9 And Jeshua stood up, his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, as one *man*, to superintend the workmen in the house of God; *also* the sons of Henadad, their sons and their brethren, the Levites.
- 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jehovah, they set the priests in their apparel, with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise Jehovah according to the directions of David king of Israel.
- 11 And they sang alternately together in praising and giving thanks to Jehovah: For he is good, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout to the praise of Jehovah, because the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid.
- 12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief fathers, the ancient men that had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice, *when* the foundation of this house was laid in their sight; and many shouted aloud for joy.

- 13 And the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a great shout, and the noise was heard afar off.
- 4:1 And the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building the temple to Jehovah the God of Israel;
- 2 and they came to Zerubbabel and to the chief fathers, and said to them, We would build with you; for we seek your God, as ye; and we have sacrificed to him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up hither.
- 3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the chief fathers of Israel said to them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house to our God, but we alone will build to Jehovah the God of Israel, as king Cyrus, the king of Persia, has commanded us.
- 4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building;
- 5 and they hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.
- 6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
- 7 And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic, and interpreted in Aramaic.
- 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king after this sort:
- 9 Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites,

- 10 and the rest of the peoples whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over and settled in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *of the country* on this side the river, and so forth.
- 11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent to him: To Artaxerxes the king: Thy servants the men on this side the river, and so forth.
- 12 Be it known to the king that the Jews who came up from thee unto us have come to Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and they complete the walls and join up the foundations.
- 13 Be it known therefore unto the king, that, if this city be built and the walls be completed, they will not pay tribute, tax, and toll, and in the end it will bring damage to the kings.
- 14 Now, since we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not right for us to see the king's injury, therefore have we sent and informed the king;
- 15 that search may be made in the book of the annals of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the annals and know that this city is a rebellious city, which has done damage to kings and provinces, and that they have raised sedition within the same of old time, for which cause this city was destroyed.
- 16 We inform the king that if this city be built and its walls be completed, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.
- 17 The king sent an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and the other places beyond the river: Peace, and so forth.
- 18 The letter that ye sent to us has been read before me distinctly.
- 19 And I gave orders, and search has been made, and it has been found that this city of old time has made insurrection against the kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been raised therein.
- 20 And there have been mighty kings over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all beyond the river; and tribute, tax, and toll were paid to them.

- 21 Now give order to make these men to cease, and that this city be not built, until the order shall be given from me;
- 22 and take heed that ye fail not to do this: why should harm grow to the damage of the kings?
- 23 As soon as the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them cease by force and power.
- 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.
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- 5:1 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel *did they prophesy* to them.
- 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, who helped them.
- 3 At that time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus to them: Who gave you orders to build this house and to complete this wall?
- 4 And they said to them after this manner: What are the names of the men that build this building?
- 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease till the matter came to Darius; and then they returned answer by letter concerning it.
- 6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were on this side the river, sent to Darius the king.
- 7 They sent a report to him in which was written thus: To Darius the king, all peace!
- 8 Be it known to the king that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is being

built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work is being carried on with diligence, and prospers in their hand.

- 9 Then asked we those elders: thus we said to them, Who gave you orders to build this house and to complete this wall?
- 10 We asked their names also, to inform thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.
- 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of the heavens and the earth, and build the house that was built these many years ago; and a great king of Israel built and completed it.
- 12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of the heavens to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and he destroyed this house, and carried the people away unto Babylon.
- 13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, king Cyrus gave orders to build this house of God.
- 14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was at Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon, those did king Cyrus take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one Sheshbazzar by name, whom he had appointed governor.
- 15 And he said to him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is at Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in its place.
- 16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and since that time even until now has it been in building, and it is not completed.
- 17 And now, if it seem good to the king, let search be made in the king's treasure-house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that orders were given by king Cyrus to build this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

- 6:1** Then king Darius gave orders, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.
- 2** And there was found at Achmetha in the fortress that is in the province of Media a roll, and therein was a record thus written:
- 3** In the first year of king Cyrus, king Cyrus made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem: Let the house be built for a place where they offer sacrifices, and let its foundations be solidly laid; its height sixty cubits, its breadth sixty cubits,
- 4** *with* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber; and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:
- 5** and also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that is at Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and brought again to the temple that is at Jerusalem, in their place; and thou shalt put *them* in the house of God.
- 6** Therefore Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:
- 7** let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place.
- 8** Moreover, I give orders what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews, for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, of the tribute beyond the river, expenses be diligently given to these men, that they be not hindered.
- 9** And that which they have need of, both young bullocks and rams and lambs, for the burnt-offerings to the God of the heavens, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests that are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail;
- 10** that they may present sweet odours to the God of the heavens, and pray for the life of the king and of his sons.

- 11 Also I have given order that whosoever shall alter this rescript, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon, and let his house be made a dunghill for this.
- 12 And the God that has caused his name to dwell there overthrow every king and people that shall put forth their hand to alter *or* to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have given *this* order; let it be done diligently.
- 13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, because of that which king Darius had sent, did so diligently.
- 14 And the elders of the Jews built; and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and completed *it* according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
- 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of king Darius.
- 16 And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy;
- 17 and they presented at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.
- 18 And they set the priests in their classes, and the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem: as it is written in the book of Moses.
- 19 And the children of the captivity held the passover upon the fourteenth of the first month.
- 20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves as one *man*: they were all pure; and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.
- 21 And the children of Israel that were come back out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to

- them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek Jehovah the God of Israel, did eat;
- 22 and they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for Jehovah had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.
- 7:1 And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes, king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkijah,
- 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,
- 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
- 4 the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
- 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest,
- 6 —this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Jehovah his God upon him.
- 7 (And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the doorkeepers, and the Nethinim, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.)
- 8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.
- 9 For upon the first of the first month the project of going up from Babylon was determined on, and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.
- 10 For Ezra had directed his heart to seek the law of Jehovah and to do it, and to teach in Israel the statutes and the ordinances.
- 11 And this is the copy of the letter that king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words

of the commandments of Jehovah, and of his statutes to Israel:

- 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, an accomplished scribe of the law of the God of the heavens, and so forth.
- 13 I have given orders that all they of the people of Israel, and of their priests and the Levites, in my realm, who are disposed to go to Jerusalem, go with thee.
- 14 Because thou art sent by the king, and by his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thy hand;
- 15 and to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is at Jerusalem,
- 16 and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, besides the voluntary offering of the people, and of the priests, who offer willingly for the house of their God which is at Jerusalem.
- 17 Therefore thou shalt buy diligently with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their oblations and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is at Jerusalem.
- 18 And whatever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do according to the will of your God.
- 19 And the vessels that have been given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem.
- 20 And whatever more shall be needful for the house of thy God which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house.
- 21 And I, I Artaxerxes the king, do give orders to all the treasurers that are beyond the river, that whatever Ezra the priest and scribe of the law of the God of the heavens shall require of you, it be done diligently,
- 22 unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much*.

- 23 Whatever is commanded by the God of the heavens, let it be carefully done for the house of the God of the heavens; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?
- 24 Also we inform you, as regards all the priests and Levites, singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim, and ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, tax, and toll upon them.
- 25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, which is in thy hand, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye him that knows *them* not.
- 26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed diligently upon him, whether unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.
- 27 Blessed be Jehovah the God of our fathers, who has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem;
- 28 and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened, as the hand of Jehovah my God was upon me; and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.
- 8:1** And these are the chief fathers, and their genealogy, who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.
- 2 Of the children of Phinehas, Gershom; of the children of Ithamar, Daniel; of the children of David, Hattush;
- 3 of the children of Shecaniah, of the children of Parosh, Zechariah, and with him were registered by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty.
- 4 Of the children of Pahath-Moab, Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.
- 5 Of the children of Shechaniah, the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

- 6 And of the children of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.
- 7 And of the children of Elam, Isaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.
- 8 And of the children of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.
- 9 Of the children of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.
- 10 And of the children of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty males.
- 11 And of the children of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males.
- 12 And of the children of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten males.
- 13 And of the children of Adonikam, the last ones, whose names are these: Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males.
- 14 And of the children of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.
- 15 And I gathered them together at the river that runs to Ahava; and there we encamped three days; and I surveyed the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there.
- 16 And I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men, and for Joiarib and for Elnathan, men of understanding.
- 17 And I gave them a commission to Iddo the chief, at the place Casiphia, and I put words in their mouths to say to Iddo *and* his brethren the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God.
- 18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely, Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;
- 19 and Hashabiah, and with him Isaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;
- 20 and of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred

- and twenty Nethinim: all of them were expressed by name.
- 21 And I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.
- 22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way; for we had spoken to the king saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his anger is against all them that forsake him.
- 23 And we fasted, and besought our God for this; and he was entreated of us.
- 24 And I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,
- 25 and I weighed to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the heave-offering for the house of our God, which the king and his counsellors and his princes, and all Israel present, had offered.
- 26 And I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver; and silver vessels a hundred talents, *and* of gold a hundred talents;
- 27 and twenty basons of gold, of a thousand darics; and two vessels of shining copper, precious as gold.
- 28 And I said to them, Ye are holy unto Jehovah; the vessels also are holy; and the silver and the gold is a voluntary offering to Jehovah the God of your fathers.
- 29 Watch and keep *them* until ye weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the chiefs of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Jehovah.
- 30 And the priests and the Levites received by weight the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.
- 31 And we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth of the first month, to go to Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

- 32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.
- 33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the son of Urijah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them were Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites:
- 34 the whole by number and by weight; and all the weight was written down at that time.
- 35 The children of those that had been carried away, who had come out of the captivity, presented burnt-offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-offering: all for a burnt-offering to Jehovah.
- 36 And they delivered the king's edicts to the king's satraps, and to the governors on this side the river. And they furthered the people and the house of God.
- 9:1 Now when these things were completed, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites;
- 2 for they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, and have mingled the holy seed with the peoples of the lands; and the hand of the princes and rulers has been chief in this unfaithfulness.
- 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my mantle and my garment, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down overwhelmed.
- 4 Then were assembled to me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the unfaithfulness of those that had been carried away; and I sat overwhelmed until the evening oblation.

- 5 And at the evening oblation I arose up from my humiliation; and with my mantle and my garment rent, I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to Jehovah my God,
- 6 and said: O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up to the heavens.
- 7 Since the days of our fathers, we have been in great trespass to this day; and for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, and to captivity, and to spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.
- 8 And now for a little space there hath been favour from Jehovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.
- 9 For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us before the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God and to repair the ruins thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.
- 10 And now, what shall we say, our God, after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,
- 11 which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess *it*, is an unclean land through the filthiness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations with which they have filled it from one end to another through their uncleanness.
- 12 Now therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity for ever; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.
- 13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us such deliverance as this,

- 14 should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples of these abominations? wouldest thou not be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor any to escape?
- 15 Jehovah, God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we are a remnant that is escaped, as *it is* this day. Behold, we are before thee in our trespasses; for there is no standing before thee because of this.
- 10:1 And while Ezra prayed, and made confession, weeping and falling down before the house of God, there were gathered to him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children; for the people wept very much.
- 2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have acted unfaithfully toward our God, and have taken foreign wives of the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing.
- 3 And now let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of *my* lord, and of those that tremble at the commandments of our God; and let it be done according to the law.
- 4 Arise, for this matter is incumbent on thee, and we will be with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.
- 5 Then Ezra arose, and made the chiefs of the priests, of the Levites, and of all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. And they swore.
- 6 And Ezra arose from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came thither, he ate no bread and drank no water; for he mourned because of the unfaithfulness of them that had been carried away.
- 7 And they made proclamation in Judah and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

- 8 and that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be confiscated, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.
- 9 Then were all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered together at Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month; and all the people sat in the open space of the house of God, trembling because of the matter, and because of the pouring rain.
- 10 And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, Ye have acted unfaithfully, and have taken foreign wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.
- 11 And now make confession to Jehovah the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign wives.
- 12 And the whole congregation answered and said with a loud voice, Yes, it is for us to do according to thy words.
- 13 But the people are many, and it is a time of pouring rain, and it is not possible to stand without: neither is this a work for one day or two; for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.
- 14 Let now our princes, while this matter is going on, stand for all the congregation, and let all those that have taken foreign wives in our cities come at the appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce anger of our God be turned from us.
- 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.
- 16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest *and* certain of the chief fathers were separated according to their fathers' houses, and all of them *expressed* by name; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.
- 17 And they ended with all the men that had taken foreign wives by the first day of the first month.

- 18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken foreign wives, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren: Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.
- 19 And they gave their hand to send away their wives; and they offered a ram of the flock, as trespass-offering for their guilt.
- 20 And of the children of Immer: Hanani, and Zebadiah.
- 21 And of the children of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah.
- 22 And of the children of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.
- 23 And of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.
- 24 And of the singers: Eliashib. And of the doorkeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.
- 25 And of Israel; of the children of Parosh: Ramiah, and Jizziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.
- 26 And of the children of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah.
- 27 And of the children of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.
- 28 And of the children of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai.
- 29 And of the children of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.
- 30 And of the children of Pahath-Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.
- 31 And the children of Harim: Eliezer, Jishijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Simeon,
- 32 Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah.
- 33 Of the children of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei.
- 34 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
- 35 Benaiah, Bediah, Cheluhu,
- 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
- 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasai,
- 38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
- 39 and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

- 40** Machnadbai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph.
43 Of the children of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad,
Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benaiah.
44 All these had taken foreign wives; and there were
among them wives who had had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

- 1:1** The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the fortress,
- 2** that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
- 3** And they said to me, Those who remain, that are left of the captivity there in the province, are in great affliction and reproach; and the wall of Jerusalem is in ruins, and its gates are burned with fire.
- 4** And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat and wept, and mourned for days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of the heavens,
- 5** and said, I beseech thee, Jehovah, God of the heavens, the great and terrible •God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and keep his commandments.
- 6** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, to hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, confessing the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.
- 7** We have acted very perversely against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances that thou commandedst thy servant Moses.
- 8** Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye act unfaithfully, I will scatter you among the peoples;
- 9** but if ye return to me, and keep my commandments and do them, though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heavens, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

- 10 And they are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power and by thy strong hand.
- 11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants who delight to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. Now I was the king's cupbearer.
- 2:1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence.
- 2 And the king said to me, Why is thy face sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sadness of heart. And I was very sore afraid.
- 3 And I said to the king, Let the king live for ever! Why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lies waste, and its gates are consumed with fire?
- 4 And the king said to me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of the heavens.
- 5 And I said to the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.
- 6 And the king said to me—the queen also sitting by him, —For how long shall thy journey be, and when wilt thou return? And it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.
- 7 And I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may set me forward till I come into Judah;
- 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertains* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

- 9 And I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of a force and horsemen with me.
- 10 And when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobijah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there had come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.
- 11 And I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.
- 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me—but I told no man what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem—and there was no beast with me, except the beast that I rode upon.
- 13 And I went out by night by the valley-gate, even toward the jackal-fountain, and to the dung-gate; and I viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were in ruins, and its gates were consumed with fire.
- 14 And I went on to the fountain-gate, and to the king's pool; and there was no place for the beast under me to pass.
- 15 And I went up in the night through the valley, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the valley-gate and returned.
- 16 And the rulers did not know whither I went or what I did, for I had not as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.
- 17 And I said to them, Ye see the distress that we are in, that Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.
- 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me; as also of the king's words which he had said unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. And they strengthened their hands for the good *work*.
- 19 And Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobijah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it; and they mocked us and despised us, and said, What is this thing which ye do? will ye rebel against the king?
- 20 And I answered them, and said to them, The God of the heavens, he will prosper us, and we his servants will

arise and build; but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

- 3:1** And Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they built the sheep-gate. They hallowed it, and set up its doors; and they hallowed it even to the tower of Meah, to the tower of Hananeel.
- 2** And next to them built the men of Jericho. And next to them built Zaccur the son of Imri.
- 3** And the fish-gate did the sons of Senaah build: they laid its beams, and set up its doors, its locks and its bars.
- 4** And next to them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next to them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next to them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.
- 5** And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.
- 6** And the gate of the old *wall* repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodiah; they laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its locks, and its bars.
- 7** And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, to the seat of the governor on this side the river.
- 8** Next to them repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths; and next to him repaired Hananiah of the perfumers, and they left Jerusalem *in its state* as far as the broad wall.
- 9** And next to them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.
- 10** And next to them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next to him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.
- 11** Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired a second piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

- 12 And next to them repaired Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
- 13 The valley-gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up its doors, its locks and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the dung-gate.
- 14 And the dung-gate repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab, the chief of the district of Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set up its doors, its locks and its bars.
- 15 And the fountain-gate repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the chief of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up its doors, its locks and its bars, and the wall of the pool of Shelah by the king's garden, and to the stairs that go down from the city of David.
- 16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the chief of the half district of Beth-zur, even over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty *men*.
- 17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him repaired Hashabiah, the chief of the half district of Keilah, for his district.
- 18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavvai the son of Henadad, the chief of the half district of Keilah.
- 19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, a second piece over against the going up to the armoury at the angle.
- 20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another piece, from the angle to the entry of the house of Eliashib the high priest.
- 21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib as far as the end of the house of Eliashib.
- 22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain *of Jordan*.
- 23 After them repaired Benjamin and Hasshub over against their house. After them repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, by his house.

- 24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah to the angle, as far as the corner.
- 25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the angle, and the high tower that lies out from the king's house, which was by the court of the prison. After him, Pedaiah the son of Parosh.
- 26 (Now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, even over against the water-gate toward the east, and the tower which lies out.)
- 27 After him the Tekoites repaired a second piece, over against the great tower which lies out, as far as the wall of Ophel.
- 28 From above the horse-gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.
- 29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. And after him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.
- 30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, a second piece. After them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.
- 31 After him repaired Malchijah of the goldsmiths to the place of the Nethinim and of the dealers, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the ascent of the corner.
- 32 And between the ascent of the corner and the sheep-gate repaired the goldsmiths and the dealers.
- 4:1 And it came to pass that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was angry and very indignant, and mocked the Jews.
- 2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? shall they be permitted to go on? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, when they are burned?

- 3 And Tobijah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox went up, it would break down their stone wall. —
- 4 Hear, our God, for we are despised, and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in a land of captivity!
- 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked the builders.
- 6 But we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work.
- 7 And it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobijah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being repaired, that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,
- 8 and conspired all of them together to come to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.
- 9 Then we prayed to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.
- 10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens faileth, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build at the wall.
- 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them and kill them, and put an end to the work.
- 12 And it came to pass that when the Jews that dwelt by them came and told us so ten times, from all the places whence they returned to us,
- 13 I set in the lower places behind the wall in exposed places, I even set the people, according to their families, with their swords, their spears and their bows.
- 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not afraid of them: remember the Lord who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.
- 15 And it came to pass that when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had defeated their

- counsel, we returned all of us to the wall, every one to his work.
- 16 And from that time forth the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held the spears, and the shields, and the bows, and the corslets; and the captains were behind all the house of Judah.
- 17 They that built on the wall, and they that bore burdens, with those that loaded, wrought in the work with one hand, and with the other they held a weapon.
- 18 And the builders had every one his sword girded by his side, and built. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.
- 19 And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and extended, and we are scattered upon the wall, one far from another:
- 20 in what place ye hear the sound of the trumpet, thither shall ye assemble to us; our God will fight for us.
- 21 And we laboured in the work; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the dawn till the stars appeared.
- 22 Likewise at the same time I said to the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and *be for* labour in the day.
- 23 And neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our garments: every one had his weapon on his right side.
- 5:1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.
- 2 And there were that said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many, and we must procure corn that we may eat and live.
- 3 And there were that said, We have had to pledge our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses, that we might procure corn in the dearth.

- 4 And there were that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute upon our fields and vineyards;
- 5 yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and behold, we must bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*; neither is it in the power of our hand *to redeem them*, for other men have our fields and our vineyards.
- 6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.
- 7 And I consulted with myself; and I remonstrated with the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother! And I set a great assembly against them.
- 8 And I said to them, We, according to our ability, have redeemed our brethren the Jews, who were sold to the nations; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? And they were silent and found no answer.
- 9 And I said, The thing that ye do is not good. Ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, so as not to be the reproach of the nations our enemies?
- 10 I also, my brethren and my servants, we might exact usury of them, money and corn. I pray you, let us leave off this usury.
- 11 Restore, I pray you, to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive-gardens, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine and the oil, that ye have exacted of them.
- 12 And they said, We will restore *them*, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, as thou hast said. And I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.
- 13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house and from his earnings, that performeth not this promise: even thus be he shaken out and emptied! And all the congregation said, Amen! And they praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this promise.
- 14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth

year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

- 15 But the former governors that were before me had been chargeable to the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver: even their servants bore rule over the people. But I did not so, because of the fear of God.
- 16 Yea, also I applied myself to this work of the wall, and we bought no fields; and all my servants were gathered thither for the work.
- 17 And there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews and the rulers, besides those that came to us from among the nations that were about us.
- 18 And that which was prepared daily was one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days all sorts of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I demanded not the bread of the governor; for the service was heavy upon this people.
- 19 Remember for me, my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.

- 6:1 And it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobijah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left in it (though at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),
- 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
- 3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it and come down to you?
- 4 And they sent to me four times after this sort; and I answered them in the same manner.
- 5 Then sent Sanballat his servant to me in this manner the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand,
- 6 in which was written: It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says *it, that* thou and the Jews think to

- rebel, for which cause thou buildest the wall, and according to these words thou wilt become their king.
- 7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning thee at Jerusalem saying, There is a king in Judah! And now it will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.
- 8 And I sent to him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.
- 9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be slackened from the work, that it be not carried out. —Now therefore strengthen my hands!
- 10 And I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabeel, who had shut himself up. And he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they are coming to kill thee; even in the night are they coming to kill thee.
- 11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, could go into the temple, and live? I will not go in.
- 12 And I perceived, and behold, God had not sent him; for he pronounced this prophecy against me; and Tobijah and Sanballat had hired him.
- 13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have wherewith to spread an evil report, that they might reproach me.
- 14 My God, remember Tobijah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who would have put me in fear.
- 15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.
- 16 And it came to pass that when all our enemies heard *of it*, all the nations that were about us were afraid and were much cast down in their own eyes, and they perceived that this work was wrought by our God.
- 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobijah, and those of Tobijah came to them.

- 18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him; for he was a son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.
- 19 Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. *And* Tobijah sent letters to put me in fear.
- 7:1 And it came to pass when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, that the doorkeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed.
- 2 And I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the citadel, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man and feared God above many.
- 3 And I said to them that the gates of Jerusalem should not be opened until the sun was hot, and that they should shut the doors and bar them while they stood by; and that there should be appointed watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one over against his house.
- 4 Now the city was large and great; but the people in it were few, and no houses were built.
- 5 And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, for registration by genealogy. And I found a genealogical register of those that had come up at the first, and I found written in it:
- 6 These are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one to his city;
- 7 those who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:
- 8 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.

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- 9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.
- 10 The children of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.
- 11 The children of Pahath-Moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.
- 12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
- 13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five.
- 14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.
- 15 The children of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight.
- 16 The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight.
- 17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.
- 18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven.
- 19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven.
- 20 The children of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five.
- 21 The children of Ater of *the family of* Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
- 22 The children of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight.
- 23 The children of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four.
- 24 The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.
- 25 The children of Gibeon, ninety-five.
- 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, a hundred and eighty-eight.
- 27 The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.
- 28 The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty-two.
- 29 The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
- 30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.
- 31 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two.
- 32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three.
- 33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two.
- 34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
- 35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- 36 The children of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.

- 37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one.
- 38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
- 39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.
- 40 The children of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two.
- 41 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.
- 42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
- 43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua *and* of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodvah, seventy-four.
- 44 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight.
- 45 The doorkeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-eight.
- 46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- 47 the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,
- 48 the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai,
- 49 the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,
- 50 the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
- 51 the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
- 52 the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,
- 53 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
- 54 the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
- 55 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
- 56 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
- 57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

- 58 the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
- 59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-Hazzebaim, the children of Amon.
- 60 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, three hundred and ninety-two.
- 61 And these are they that went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub-Addon and Immer; but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.
- 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobijah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.
- 63 And of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called after their name.
- 64 These sought their genealogical register, but it was not found; therefore were they, as polluted, removed from the priesthood.
- 65 And the Tirshatha said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up the priest with Urim and Thummim.
- 66 The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
- 67 besides their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five singing-men and singing-women.
- 68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred and forty-five;
- 69 the camels, four hundred and thirty-five; the asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
- 70 And some of the chief fathers gave to the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand darics of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' coats.
- 71 And *some* of the chief fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred pounds of silver.

- 72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and sixty-seven priests' coats.
- 73 And the priests, and the Levites, and the doorkeepers, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities. And when the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in their cities,
- 8:1** all the people gathered together as one man to the open place that was before the water-gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Jehovah had commanded Israel.
- 2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.
- 3 And he read in it before the open place that was before the water-gate from the morning until midday, in presence of the men and the women, and those that could understand. And the ears of all the people were *attentive* to the book of the law.
- 4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a high stage of wood, which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkijah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddana, Zechariah, Meshullam.
- 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.
- 6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen! with lifting up of their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.
- 7 And Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the

people to understand the law; and the people *stood* in their place.

- 8 And they read in the law of God distinctly out of the book, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.
- 9 And Nehemiah, that is, the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that explained to the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to Jehovah your God: mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.
- 10 And he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared; for the day is holy to our Lord; and be not grieved, for the joy of Jehovah is your strength.
- 11 And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, Be still! for the day is holy; neither be grieved.
- 12 And all the people went their way, to eat and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing. For they had understood the words that were declared to them.
- 13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to gain wisdom as to the words of the law.
- 14 And they found written in the law which Jehovah had commanded through Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month,
- 15 and that they should publish and proclaim through all their cities, and at Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mount, and fetch olive-branches, and wild olive-branches, and myrtle-branches, and palm-branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.
- 16 And the people went forth and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, everyone upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the open space of the water-gate, and in the open space of the gate of Ephraim.
- 17 And all the congregation of them that had come back from the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the

booths. For since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun until that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they observed the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

9:1 And on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshipped Jehovah their God.

4 Then stood up upon the platform of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to Jehovah their God.

5 And the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, Pethahiah, said, Stand up, bless Jehovah your God from eternity to eternity. And let *men* bless the name of thy glory, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou art the Same, thou alone, Jehovah, who hast made the heaven of heavens, and all their host, the earth and all that is therein, the seas and all that is therein. And thou quickenest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the Same, Jehovah Elohim, who didst choose Abram and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;

8 and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest the covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the

Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Gergashites, —to give it to his seed; and thou hast performed thy words, for thou art righteous.

- 9 And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red Sea;
- 10 and didst shew signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants, and upon all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them, and thou didst make thee a name, as it is this day.
- 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, and they went through the midst of the sea on dry *ground*; and their pursuers thou threwest into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters.
- 12 And thou leddest them in the day by a pillar of cloud, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.
- 13 And thou camest down on mount Sinai, and didst speak with them from the heavens, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments.
- 14 And thou madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and prescribedst for them commandments and statutes and a law, through Moses thy servant.
- 15 And thou gavest them bread from the heavens for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and didst say to them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.
- 16 But they, our fathers, dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments,
- 17 and refused to obey, neither were they mindful of thy wonders which thou hadst done among them; but hardened their neck, and in their rebellion made a captain to return to their bondage. But thou art a †God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great loving-kindness, and thou forsookest them not.
- 18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy god that brought thee up out of Egypt! and they had wrought great provocation,

- 19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them on the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.
- 20 Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
- 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their clothes grew not old, and their feet swelled not.
- 22 And thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and didst divide them by countries; and they possessed the land of Sihon, as well the land of the king of Heshbon, as the land of Og king of Bashan.
- 23 And their children thou didst multiply as the stars of heaven, and thou broughtest them into the land concerning which thou didst say to their fathers that they should go in to possess it.
- 24 And the children went in and possessed the land; and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, both their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.
- 25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, wells digged, vineyards and olive-gardens, and fruit trees in abundance. And they did eat and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.
- 26 But they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets who testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.
- 27 And thou gavest them into the hand of their oppressors, and they oppressed them; and in the time of their distress, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from the heavens, and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their oppressors.

- 28 But when they had rest, they did evil again before thee; and thou didst leave them in the hand of their enemies, and they had dominion over them; and again they cried unto thee, and thou heardest *them* from the heavens, and many times didst thou deliver them, according to thy mercies.
- 29 And thou testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law; but they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thine ordinances (which if a man do, he shall live in them); and they withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.
- 30 And many years didst thou forbear with them, and testifiedst against them by thy Spirit through thy prophets; but they would not give ear: and thou gavest them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
- 31 Nevertheless for thy manifold mercies' sake, thou didst not make a full end of them nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful •God.
- 32 And now, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible •God, who keepest covenant and loving-kindness, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the days of the kings of Assyria unto this day.
- 33 But thou art just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast acted according to truth, and we have done wickedly.
- 34 And our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers, have not performed thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.
- 35 And they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land that thou didst set before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.
- 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are bondmen in it.

37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: and they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure; and we are in great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, *and* our priests are at the sealing.

10:1 And at the head of those that sealed were Nehemiah the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zedekiah.

2 —Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.

9 —And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah; Binnui, of the sons of Henadad; Kadmiel,

10 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 —The chief of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

- 28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the doorkeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, every one having knowledge *and* having understanding,
- 29 joined with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse and into an oath, to walk in the law of God, which had been given by Moses the servant of God, and to keep and do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes;
- 30 and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:
- 31 and that if the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we would not take it of them on the sabbath, or on *any* holy day; and that we would leave *the land uncultivated* the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.
- 32 And we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God,
- 33 for the bread to be set in rows, and for the continual oblation, and for the continual burnt-offering, *for that* of the sabbaths *and* of the new moons, for the set feasts and for the holy *things*, and for the sin-offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God.
- 34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the law;
- 35 and to bring the first-fruits of our land, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year to the house of Jehovah,
- 36 and the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the law; and to bring the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests that minister in the house of our God;

- 37 and that we should bring the first-fruits of our coarse meal and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, new wine and oil, to the priests, into the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithes of our ground to the Levites, that they, the Levites, should take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.
- 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, into the chambers of the treasure-house.
- 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave-offering of the corn, of the new wine and the oil, into the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the doorkeepers and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God.
- 11:1 And the princes of the people dwelt in Jerusalem; and the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine parts in the cities.
- 2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem.
- 3 And these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants.
- 4 And in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Pherez;
- 5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.
- 6 All the children of Pherez that dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

- 7 And these are the children of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Isaiah;
- 8 and after him, Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight:
- 9 and Joel the son of Zicri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.
- 10 Of the priests: Jedaiah *the son of* Joiarib, Jachin,
- 11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God.
- 12 And their brethren that did the work of the house, eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah;
- 13 and his brethren, chief fathers, two hundred and forty-two; and Amassai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer;
- 14 and their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hundred and twenty-eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel the son of Gedolim.
- 15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
- 16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, *who were* over the outward work of the house of God;
- 17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *who was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun:
- 18 all the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.
- 19 And the doorkeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, that kept watch at the gates, were a hundred and seventy-two.
- 20 And the residue of Israel, the priests, *and* the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

- 21 And the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel; and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinim.
- 22 And the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, for the work of the house of God.
- 23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, and there was a settled portion for the singers, due for each day.
- 24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.
- 25 And as to the hamlets in their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath-Arba and its dependent villages, and in Dibon and its dependent villages, and in Jekabzeel and its dependent villages,
- 26 and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and in Beth-phelet,
- 27 and in Hazar-Shual, and in Beer-sheba and its dependent villages,
- 28 and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and its dependent villages;
- 29 and in En-Rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth,
- 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their hamlets, in Lachish and its fields, in Azekah and its dependent villages: and they encamped from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.
- 31 And the children of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* in Michmash and Aija and Bethel, and their dependent villages,
- 32 in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,
- 33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,
- 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,
- 35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.
- 36 And of the Levites there were divisions of Judah *dwelling* in Benjamin.
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- 12:1 And these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
- 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

Nehemiah

- 3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,
5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkijah, Jedaiah. These were the chief
of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.
8 And the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah,
Judah, Mattaniah, *who was* over the thanksgiving, he
and his brethren;
9 and Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over
against them as watches.
10 And Jeshua begot Joiakim, and Joiakim begot
Eliashib, and Eliashib begot Joiada,
11 and Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot
Jaddua.
12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, chief fathers:
of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;
14 of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;
15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin *and* Moadiah, Piltai;
18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
21 of Hilkijah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.
22 of the Levites, the chief fathers were recorded in the
days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, and
the priests, until the reign of Darius the Persian.
23 The children of Levi, the chief fathers, were recorded
in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of
Johanan the son of Eliashib.
24 And the chief Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and
Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over
against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to
the commandment of David the man of God, ward over
against ward.
25 Mattaniah and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam,
Talmon, Akkub, were doorkeepers keeping the ward at
the storehouses of the gates.

- 26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.
- 27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to hold the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, lutes and harps.
- 28 And the children of the singers were assembled, both from the plain *of Jordan* round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites,
- 29 also from Beth-Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves hamlets round about Jerusalem.
- 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates and the wall.
- 31 And I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great choirs and processions, on the right hand upon the wall towards the dung-gate.
- 32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,
- 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,
- 34 Judah and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,
- 35 and *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;
- 36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe before them.
- 37 And at the fountain-gate, and over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water-gate eastward.
- 38 And the second choir went in the opposite direction upon the wall, and I after them, and the half of the people, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even to the broad wall;
- 39 and from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the gate of the old *wall*, and above the fish-gate, and the

tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even to the sheep-gate; and they stood still in the prison-gate.

40 And both choirs stood in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud; and Jizrahiah was their overseer.

43 And that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and also the women and the children rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 And at that time men were appointed over the chambers of the treasures for the heave-offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, out of the fields of the cities, the portions assigned by the law for the priests and the Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests, and over the Levites that waited.

45 And, with the singers and the doorkeepers, they kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David *and* of Solomon his son.

46 For of old, in the days of David and Asaph, there were the chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgivings to God.

47 And all Israel, in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the doorkeepers, every day what was needed, and they consecrated things for the Levites; and the Levites consecrated for the children of Aaron.

13:1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and there was found written in it that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

- 2 because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and with water, and had hired Balaam against them, to curse them; but our God turned the curse into blessing.
- 3 And it came to pass, when they heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.
- 4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, who had the oversight of the chambers of the house of our God, a kinsman of Tobijah,
- 5 had prepared for him a great chamber, where formerly they laid the oblations, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine and the oil, which was commanded for the Levites and the singers and the doorkeepers, and the heave-offerings of the priests.
- 6 And during all that *time* I was not at Jerusalem; for in the two-and-thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I came to the king; and after some time I obtained leave of the king.
- 7 And I came to Jerusalem, and observed the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobijah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.
- 8 And it grieved me much, and I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobijah out of the chamber.
- 9 And I commanded, and they purified the chambers; and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, the oblation and the frankincense.
- 10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given, and that the Levites and the singers that did the work had fled every one to his field.
- 11 Then I contended with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together and set them in their place.
- 12 And all Judah brought the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil into the storehouses.
- 13 And I made storekeepers over the storehouses: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and subordinate to them, Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were esteemed faithful, and their office was to distribute to their brethren.

- 14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and for the charges thereof!
- 15 In those days I saw in Judah some treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading them on asses; as also wine, grapes and figs, and all manner of burdens; and they brought them into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I protested in the day on which they sold the victuals.
- 16 Men of Tyre also dwelt therein, who brought fish and all manner of ware, and sold it on the sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.
- 17 And I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this which ye do, profaning the sabbath day?
- 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? And ye will bring more wrath against Israel by profaning the sabbath.
- 19 And it came to pass, that when it began to be dark in the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut; and I commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath. And I set *some* of my servants at the gates, so that no burden should be brought in on the sabbath day.
- 20 And the dealers and sellers of all kind of ware passed the night without Jerusalem once or twice.
- 21 And I testified against them, and said to them, Why do ye pass the night before the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth they came not on the sabbath.
- 22 And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to hallow the sabbath day. Remember this also for me, my God, and spare me according to thy great loving-kindness!
- 23 In those days also I saw Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab.
- 24 And their children spoke half in the language of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

- 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them and plucked off their hair, and adjured them by God *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.
- 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among the many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel; but even him did foreign wives cause to sin.
- 27 And should we hearken to you to do all this great evil, to act unfaithfully to our God by marrying foreign wives?
- 28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; and I chased him from me.
- 29 Remember them, my God, for they are polluters of the priesthood, and of the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites!
- 30 And I purified them from all foreigners, and appointed the charges of the priests and the Levites, every one in his service;
- 31 and for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good!

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

- 1:1** And it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (that is, the Ahasuerus that reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces),
- 2** in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the fortress,
- 3** in the third year of his reign, he made a feast to all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of the provinces being before him;
- 4** when he shewed the glorious wealth of his kingdom and the splendid magnificence of his grandeur many days, a hundred and eighty days.
- 5** And when these days were expired, the king made a feast to all the people that were present in Shushan the fortress, both to great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.
- 6** White, green, and blue *hangings* were fastened with cords of byssus and purple to silver rings and pillars of white marble; couches of gold and silver *lay* upon a pavement of red and white marble, and alabaster, and black marble.
- 7** And they gave drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being diverse one from another), and royal wine in abundance, according to the king's bounty.
- 8** And the drinking was, according to commandment, without constraint; for so the king had appointed to all the magnates of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.
- 9** Also the queen Vashti made a feast for the women of the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.
- 10** On the seventh day, when the king's heart was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of king Ahasuerus,

- 11 to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown to shew the peoples and the princes her beauty; for she was of beautiful countenance.
- 12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king which was *sent* by the chamberlains; and the king was very wroth, and his fury burned in him.
- 13 And the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for so was the king's business *conducted* before all that knew law and judgment;
- 14 and the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and who sat first in the kingdom),
- 15 What shall be done to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not performed the word of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?
- 16 Then said Memucan before the king and the princes, The queen Vashti has not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.
- 17 For the act of the queen will come abroad to all women, so as to render their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when they shall say, The king Ahasuerus commanded the queen Vashti to be brought in before him, and she came not!
- 18 And the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's act, will say it this day to all the king's princes, and there will be contempt and anger enough.
- 19 If it please the king, let a royal order go forth from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it may not pass, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate to another that is better than she;
- 20 and when the king's edict which he shall make shall be heard throughout his realm—for it is great—all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, from the greatest to the least.
- 21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan.

22 And he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people according to their language, That every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

2:1 After these things, when the fury of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants that attended upon him, Let there be maidens, virgins of beautiful countenance, sought for the king;

3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the young virgins of beautiful countenance to Shushan the fortress, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given.

4 And let the maiden that pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 There was in Shushan the fortress a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjaminite,

6 who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother—and the maiden was fair and beautiful—and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

8 And it came to pass when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the fortress, unto the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was brought into the king's house, unto the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

- 9** And the maiden pleased him, and obtained favour before him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, and her portions, and the seven maidens selected to be given her, out of the king's house; and he removed her and her maids to the best *place* of the house of the women.
- 10** Esther had not made known her people nor her birth; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not make it known.
- 11** And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.
- 12** And when every maiden's turn came to go in to king Ahasuerus after that she had been treated for twelve months, according to the manner of the women (for so were the days of their purification accomplished—six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with spices, and with things for the purifying of the women,
- 13** and thus came the maiden in unto the king), whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house.
- 14** In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, unto the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, keeper of the concubines. She came in to the king no more, unless the king delighted in her, and she were called by name.
- 15** And when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, came to go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained grace in the sight of all them that saw her.
- 16** So Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus, into his royal house, in the tenth month, that is, the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.
- 17** And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins, and he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

- 18** And the king made a great feast to all his princes and his servants, Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave presents according to the king's bounty.
- 19** And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, Mordecai sat in the king's gate.
- 20** (Esther, as Mordecai had charged her, had not yet made known her birth nor her people; for Esther did what Mordecai told her, like as when she was brought up with him.)
- 21** In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the threshold, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.
- 22** And the thing became known to Mordecai, and he related it to Esther the queen, and Esther told it to the king in Mordecai's name.
- 23** And the matter was investigated and found out; and they were both hanged on a tree. And it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.
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- 3:1** After these things king Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.
- 2** And all the king's servants that were in the king's gate bowed and did Haman reverence, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.
- 3** Then the king's servants, who were in the king's gate, said to Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?
- 4** And it came to pass as they spoke daily to him, and he hearkened not to them, that they informed Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.
- 5** And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, Haman was full of fury.

- 6 But he scorned to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had made known to him the people of Mordecai; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.
- 7 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman for each day and for each month, to the twelfth *month*, that is, the month Adar.
- 8 And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from *those of* every people, and they keep not the king's laws; and it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.
- 9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have charge of the affairs, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.
- 10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.
- 11 And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as seems good to thee.
- 12 Then were the king's scribes called, in the first month, on the thirteenth day of the *month*, and there was written according to all that Haman commanded unto the king's satraps, and to the governors over every province, and to the princes of every people; to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people according to their language: in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.
- 13 And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, upon the thirteenth of the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

- 14 That the decree might be given in every province, a copy of the writing was published to all peoples, that they should be ready against that day.
- 15 The couriers went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the fortress. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was in consternation.

- 4:1 And when Mordecai knew all that was done, Mordecai rent his garments, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry,
- 2 and came even before the king's gate; for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
- 3 And in every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing: many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
- 4 And Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him; but he received *it* not.
- 5 Then Esther called for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to wait upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.
- 6 And Hatach went forth to Mordecai, unto the public place of the city which was before the king's gate.
- 7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.
- 8 And he gave him a copy of the writing of the decree that had been given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* to Esther, and to declare *it* to her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication to him, and to make request before him, for her people.

- 9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
- 10 And Esther spoke to Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai:
- 11 All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces do know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law, to put *him* to death, except *such* to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live; and I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.
- 12 And they told Mordecai Esther's words.
- 13 And Mordecai bade to answer Esther: Imagine not in thy heart that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.
- 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there arise relief and deliverance to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall perish. And who knows whether thou art *not* come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
- 15 And Esther bade to answer Mordecai:
- 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are found in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.
- 17 And Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.
- 5:1 And it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house. And the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the entrance to the house.
- 2 And it was so, when the king saw the queen Esther standing in the court, that she obtained grace in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand; and Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

- 3 And the king said to her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom.
- 4 And Esther said, If it seem good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.
- 5 And the king said, Hasten Haman, that it may be done as Esther has said. And the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.
- 6 And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be done.
- 7 And Esther answered and said, My petition and my request is,
- 8 If I have found grace in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow according to the king's word.
- 9 And Haman went forth that day joyful and glad of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up nor moved for him, he was full of fury against Mordecai.
- 10 But Haman controlled himself, and came home; and he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.
- 11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.
- 12 And Haman said, Yea, Esther the queen let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow also I am invited to her with the king.
- 13 Yet all this is of no avail to me so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
- 14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends to him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak to the king that Mordecai may be hanged on it: then go in merrily with the king to the

banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

- 6:1** On that night sleep fled from the king. And he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.
- 2** And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bighthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, keepers of the threshold, who had sought to lay hand on king Ahasuerus.
- 3** And the king said, What honour and dignity has been done to Mordecai for this? And the king's servants that attended upon him said, Nothing has been done for him.
- 4** And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.
- 5** And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman is standing in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.
- 6** So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What is to be done with the man whom the king delights to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to me?
- 7** And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honour,
- 8** let the royal apparel be brought with which the king arrays himself, and the horse that the king rides upon, and on the head of which the royal crown is set;
- 9** and let the apparel and horse be delivered into the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, and let them array the man whom the king delights to honour, and cause him to ride on the horse through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour!
- 10** And the king said to Haman, Make haste, take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do so to

Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast said.

11 And Haman took the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour!

12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house, mourning and having his head covered.

13 And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends all that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife to him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but wilt certainly fall before him.

14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's chamberlains came, and hasted to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7:1 And the king and Haman came to drink with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again to Esther on the second day, at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be done.

3 And Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found grace in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request;

4 for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the adversary could not compensate the king's damage.

5 And king Ahasuerus spoke and said to Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he that has filled his heart to do so?

- 6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.
- 7 And the king in his wrath rose up from the banquet of wine, *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to make request for his life to Esther the queen, for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.
- 8 And the king returned out of the palace garden into the house of the banquet of wine, and Haman was fallen upon the couch on which Esther was. And the king said, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? The word went forth out of the king's mouth, and they covered Haman's face.
- 9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold, also, the gallows fifty cubits high, that Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him on it!
- 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. And the king's wrath was appeased.
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- 8:1 On that day did king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' oppressor to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her.
- 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.
- 3 And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device which he had devised against the Jews.
- 4 And the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. And Esther arose and stood before the king,
- 5 and said, If it please the king and if I have found grace before him, and the thing seem right to the king, and I be pleasing in his sight, let it be written to reverse the

letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews that are in all the king's provinces.

- 6 For how shall I endure to see the evil that shall befall my people? and how shall I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?
- 7 And king Ahasuerus said to queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he stretched forth his hand against the Jews.
- 8 Write ye then for the Jews as seems good to you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring. For a writing that is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, cannot be reversed.
- 9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time, in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors, and the princes of the provinces which are from India even to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people according to their language, and to the Jews according to their writing and according to their language.
- 10 And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed *it* with the king's ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback riding on coursers, horses of blood reared in the breeding studs:
- 11 *stating* that the king granted the Jews that were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that might assault them, *their* little ones and women, and to *take* the spoil of them for a prey,
- 12 upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, upon the thirteenth of the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.
- 13 That the decree might be given in every province, a copy of the writing was published to all the peoples,

and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The couriers mounted on coursers *and* horses of blood went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the fortress.

15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a mantle of byssus and purple; and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad.

16 The Jews had light, and joy, and gladness, and honour.

17 And in every province, and in every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.

9:1 And in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day thereof, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them (but it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had power over them that hated them),

2 the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout the provinces of king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt. And no man could withstand them; for the fear of them had fallen upon all the peoples.

3 And all the princes of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors and officers of the king, helped the Jews; for the fear of Mordecai had fallen upon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went forth throughout the provinces; for the man Mordecai became continually greater.

5 And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword and slaughter and destruction, and did what they would to those that hated them.

- 6 And in Shushan the fortress the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.
- 7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
8 and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,
9 and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,
10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the oppressor of the Jews, they slew; but they laid not their hands on the prey.
- 11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the fortress was brought before the king.
- 12 And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the fortress, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? And what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request further? and it shall be done.
- 13 And Esther said, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shushan to do to-morrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.
- 14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.
- 15 And the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but they laid not their hand on the prey.
- 16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their life, and had rest from their enemies; and they slew of them that hated them seventy-five thousand (but they laid not their hand on the prey),
- 17 on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and joy.
- 18 But the Jews that were at Shushan gathered themselves together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and joy.
- 19 Therefore the Jews of the villages that dwell in the country towns make the fourteenth of the month Adar

- a day of joy and feasting, and a good day, and on which they send portions one to another.
- 20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews near and far that were in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus,
- 21 to establish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,
- 22 as the days on which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month that was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.
- 23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them.
- 24 For Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the oppressor of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them and to destroy them;
- 25 and when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head; and they hanged him and his sons on the gallows.
- 26 Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore, according to all the words of this letter, and for what they had seen concerning this matter and what had happened to them,
- 27 the Jews ordained and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves to them, so that it should not fail, that they would observe these two days according to their writing and according to their fixed time, every year;
- 28 and that these days should be remembered and observed throughout every generation, in every family, every province, and every city, and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them cease from among their seed.
- 29 And queen Esther the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim.

- 30** And he sent letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, words of peace and truth,
- 31** to confirm these days of Purim in their fixed times, according as Mordecai the Jew and queen Esther had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, as to the matters of the fastings and their cry.
- 32** And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.
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- 10:1** And king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land and the isles of the sea.
- 2** And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?
- 3** For Mordecai the Jew was second to king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the welfare of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB

- 1:1** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and abstained from evil.
- 2** And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.
- 3** And his substance was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and very many servants; and this man was greater than all the children of the east.
- 4** And his sons went and made a feast in the house of each one on his day; and they sent and invited their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
- 5** And it was so, when the days of the feasting were gone about, that Job sent and hallowed them; and he rose up early in the morning, and offered up burnt-offerings *according to* the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.
- 6** And there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah; and Satan came also among them.
- 7** And Jehovah said to Satan, Whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- 8** And Jehovah said to Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and abstaineth from evil?
- 9** And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?
- 10** Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is spread abroad in the land.

- 11 But put forth thy hand now and touch all that he hath, *and see* if he will not curse thee to thy face!
- 12 And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy hand; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah.
- 13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn.
- 14 And there came a messenger to Job and said, The oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them;
- 15 and *they of Sheba* fell *upon them* and took them, and the servants have they smitten with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped, alone, to tell thee.
- 16 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped, alone, to tell thee.
- 17 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and fell upon the camels and took them, and the servants have they smitten with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped, alone, to tell thee.
- 18 While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn;
- 19 and behold, there came a great wind from over the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they died; and I only am escaped, alone, to tell thee.
- 20 And Job rose up, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshipped;
- 21 and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah!
- 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor ascribed anything unseemly to God.

- 2:1** And there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan also came among them to present himself before Jehovah.
- 2** And Jehovah said to Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- 3** And Jehovah said to Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and abstaineth from evil? and still he remaineth firm in his integrity, though thou movedst me against him, to swallow him up without cause.
- 4** And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life;
- 5** but put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, *and see* if he will not curse thee to thy face!
- 6** And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his life.
- 7** And Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah; and he smote Job with a grievous botch from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
- 8** And he took a potsherd to scrape himself with; and he sat among the ashes.
- 9** And his wife said to him, Dost thou still remain firm in thine integrity? curse God and die.
- 10** But he said to her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. We have also received good from God, and should we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- 11** And three friends of Job heard of all this evil that was come upon him. And they came each one from his place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to condole with him and to comfort him.
- 12** And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice and wept. And they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward the heavens.

13 And they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights; and none spoke a word to him; for they saw that *his* anguish was very great.

3:1 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.
2 And Job answered and said,
3 Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, There is a man child conceived.
4 That day—let it be darkness, let not †God care for it from above, neither let light shine upon it:
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it; let clouds dwell upon it; let darkeners of the day terrify it.
6 That night—let gloom seize upon it; let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful sound come therein;
8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to rouse Leviathan;
9 Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it wait for light, and have none, neither let it see the eyelids of the dawn:
10 Because it shut not up the doors of the womb that bore me, and hid not trouble from mine eyes.
11 Wherefore did I not die from the womb, —come forth from the belly and expire?
12 Why did the knees meet me? and wherefore the breasts, that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lain down and been quiet; I should have slept: then had I been at rest,
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, who build desolate places for themselves,
15 Or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver;
16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants that have not seen the light.
17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the wearied are at rest.
18 The prisoners together are at ease; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

- 19 The small and great are there, and the bondman freed from his master.
- 20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in trouble, and life to those bitter of soul,
- 21 Who long for death, and it *cometh* not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
- 22 Who rejoice even exultingly and are glad when they find the grave? —
- 23 To the man whose way is hidden, and whom †God hath hedged in?
- 24 For my sighing cometh before my bread, and my groanings are poured out like the waters.
- 25 For I feared a fear, and it hath come upon me, and that which I dreaded hath come to me.
- 26 I was not in safety, neither had I quietness, neither was I at rest, and trouble came.

- 4:1 And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
- 2 If a word were essayed to thee, wouldest thou be grieved? But who can refrain from speaking?
- 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands;
- 4 Thy words have upholden him that was stumbling, and thou hast braced up the bending knees:
- 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou grieveest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
- 6 Hath not thy piety been thy confidence, and the perfection of thy ways thy hope?
- 7 Remember, I pray thee, who that was innocent has perished? and where were the upright cut off?
- 8 Even as I have seen, they that plough iniquity and sow mischief, reap the same.
- 9 By the breath of †God they perish, and by the blast of his nostrils are they consumed.
- 10 The roar of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken;
- 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the whelps of the lioness are scattered.

- 12 Now to me a word was secretly brought, and mine ear received a whisper thereof.
- 13 In thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men: —
- 14 Fear came on me, and trembling, and made all my bones to shake;
- 15 And a spirit passed before my face—the hair of my flesh stood up—
- 16 It stood still; I could not discern the appearance thereof: a form was before mine eyes; I heard a slight murmur and a voice:
- 17 Shall *mortal* man be more just than †God? Shall a man be purer than his Maker?
- 18 Lo, he trusteth not his servants, and his angels he chargeth with folly:
- 19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed as the moth!
- 20 From morning to evening are they smitten: without any heeding it, they perish for ever.
- 21 Is not their tent-cord torn away in them? they die, and without wisdom.
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- 5:1 Call, I pray thee! Is there any that answereth thee? and to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
- 2 For vexation killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the simple.
- 3 I myself saw the foolish taking root, but suddenly I cursed his habitation.
- 4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, and there is no deliverer:
- 5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh even out of the thorns; and the snare gapeth for his substance.
- 6 For evil cometh not forth from the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
- 7 For man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upwards.
- 8 But as for me I will seek unto •God, and unto God commit my cause;

- 9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable, marvellous things without number;
- 10 Who giveth rain on the face of the earth, and sendeth waters on the face of the fields;
- 11 Setting up on high those that are low; and mourners are exalted to prosperity.
- 12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, and their hands carry not out the enterprise.
- 13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; and the counsel of the wily is carried headlong:
- 14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope at midday as in the night.
- 15 And he saveth the needy from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.
- 16 So the poor hath what he hopeth for, and unrighteousness stoppeth her mouth.
- 17 Behold, happy is the man whom †God correcteth; therefore despise not the chastening of the Almighty.
- 18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole.
- 19 He will deliver thee in six troubles, and in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
- 20 In famine he will redeem thee from death, and in war from the power of the sword.
- 21 Thou shalt be hidden from the scourge of the tongue; and thou shalt not be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
- 22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh, and of the beasts of the earth thou shalt not be afraid.
- 23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
- 24 And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace; and thou wilt survey thy fold, and miss nothing.
- 25 And thou shalt know that thy seed is numerous, and thine offspring as the herb of the earth.
- 26 Thou shalt come to the grave in a ripe age, as a shock of corn is brought in in its season.
- 27 Behold this, we have searched it out, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thyself.

- 6:1 And Job answered and said,
2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances!
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas; therefore my words are vehement.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, their poison drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of †God are arrayed against me.
5 Doth the wild ass bray by the grass? loweth an ox over his fodder?
6 Shall that which is insipid be eaten without salt? Is there any taste in the white of an egg?
7 What my soul refuseth to touch, that is as my loathsome food.
8 Oh that I might have my request, and that †God would grant my desire!
9 And that it would please †God to crush me, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have comfort; and in the pain which spareth not I would rejoice that I have not denied the words of the Holy One.
11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should have patience?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones? is my flesh of brass?
13 Is it not that there is no help in me, and soundness is driven away from me?
14 For him that is fainting kindness *is meet* from his friend; or he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a stream, as the channel of streams which pass away,
16 Which are turbid by reason of the ice, in which the snow hideth itself:
17 At the time they diminish, they are dried up; when heat affecteth them, they vanish from their place:
18 They wind about in the paths of their course, they go off into the waste and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba counted on them:

- 20 They are ashamed at their hope; they come thither, and are confounded.
- 21 So now ye are nothing; ye see a terrible object and are afraid.
- 22 Did I say, Bring unto me, and make me a present from your substance?
- 23 Or, rescue me from the hand of the oppressor, and redeem me from the hand of the violent?
- 24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
- 25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your upbraiding reprove?
- 26 Do ye imagine to reprove words? The speeches of one that is desperate are indeed for the wind.
- 27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and dig *a pit* for your friend.
- 28 Now therefore if ye will, look upon me; and it shall be to your face if I lie.
- 29 Return, I pray you, let there be no wrong; yea, return again, my righteousness shall be in it.
- 30 Is there wrong in my tongue? cannot my taste discern mischievous things?
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- 7:1 Hath not man a life of labour upon earth? and are not his days like the days of a hireling?
- 2 As a bondman earnestly desireth the shadow, and a hireling expecteth his wages,
- 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.
- 4 If I lie down, I say, When shall I rise up, and the darkness be gone? and I am full of tossings until the dawn.
- 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and suppurates.
- 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.
- 7 Remember thou that my life is wind; mine eye shall no more see good.

- 8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall behold me no *more*: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.
- 9 The cloud consumeth and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to Sheol shall not come up.
- 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him again.
- 11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth: I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
- 12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster, that thou settest a watch over me?
- 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;
- 14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions;
- 15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, death, rather than my bones.
- 16 I loathe it; I shall not live always: let me alone, for my days are a breath.
- 17 What is man, that thou makest much of him? and that thou settest thy heart upon him?
- 18 And that thou visitest him every morning, triest him every moment?
- 19 How long wilt thou not look away from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
- 20 Have I sinned, what do I unto thee, thou Observer of men? Why hast thou set me as an object of assault for thee, so that I am become a burden to myself?
- 21 And why dost not thou forgive my transgression and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I lie down in the dust, and thou shalt seek me early, and I shall not be.
- 8:1** And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
- 2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and the words of thy mouth be a strong wind?
- 3 Doth •God pervert judgment, and the Almighty pervert justice?

- 4 If thy children have sinned against him, he hath also given them over into the hand of their transgression.
- 5 If thou seek earnestly unto •God, and make thy supplication to the Almighty,
- 6 If thou be pure and upright, surely now he will awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous;
- 7 And though thy beginning was small, yet thine end shall be very great.
- 8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former generation, and attend to the researches of their fathers;
- 9 For we are *but* of yesterday, and know nothing, for our days upon earth are a shadow.
- 10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?
- 11 Doth the papyrus shoot up without mire? doth the reed-grass grow without water?
- 12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* grass.
- 13 So are the paths of all that forget •God; and the profane man's hope shall perish,
- 14 Whose confidence shall be cut off, and his reliance is a spider's web.
- 15 He shall lean upon his house, and it shall not stand; he shall lay hold on it, but it shall not endure.
- 16 He is full of sap before the sun, and his sprout shooteth forth over his garden;
- 17 His roots are entwined about the stoneheap; he seeth the place of stones.
- 18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him: I have not seen thee!
- 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the dust shall others grow.
- 20 Behold, •God will not cast off a perfect man, neither will he take evil-doers by the hand.
- 21 Whilst he would fill thy mouth with laughing and thy lips with shouting,
- 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked be no more.

- 9:1 And Job answered and said,
2 Of a truth I know it is so; but how can man be just with
•God?
3 If he shall choose to strive with him, he cannot answer
him one thing of a thousand.
4 He is wise in heart and mighty in strength: who hath
hardened himself against him, and had peace?
5 Who removeth mountains, and they know it not, when
he overturneth them in his anger;
6 Who shaketh the earth out of its place, and the pillars
thereof tremble;
7 Who commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, and he
sealeth up the stars;
8 Who alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth
upon the high waves of the sea;
9 Who maketh the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the
chambers of the south;
10 Who doeth great things past finding out, and wonders
without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not; and he passeth
along, and I perceive him not.
12 Behold, he taketh away: who will hinder him? Who
will say unto him, What doest thou?
13 †God withdraweth not his anger; the proud helpers
stoop under him:
14 How much less shall I answer him, choose out my
words *to strive* with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not
answer; I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me, I would not
believe that he hearkened to my voice, —
17 He, who crusheth me with a tempest, and multiplieth
my wounds without cause.
18 He suffereth me not to take my breath, for he filleth
me with bitternesses.
19 Be it a question of strength, lo, *he is* strong; and be it
of judgment, who will set me a time?
20 If I justified myself, mine own mouth would condemn
me; were I perfect, he would prove me perverse.

- 21 Were I perfect, *yet* would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.
- 22 It is all one; therefore I said, he destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
- 23 If the scourge kill suddenly, he mocketh at the trial of the innocent.
- 24 The earth is given over into the hand of the wicked *man*; he covereth the faces of its judges. If not, who then is it?
- 25 And my days are swifter than a runner: they flee away, they see no good.
- 26 They pass by like skiffs of reed; as an eagle that swoops upon the prey.
- 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my *sad* countenance, and brighten up,
- 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows; I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
- 29 Be it that I am wicked, why then do I labour in vain?
- 30 If I washed myself with snow-water, and cleansed my hands in purity,
- 31 Then wouldest thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes would abhor me.
- 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him; that we should come together in judgment.
- 33 There is not an umpire between us, who should lay his hand upon us both.
- 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his terror make me afraid,
- 35 *Then* I will speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.
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- 10:1 My soul is weary of my life: I will give free course to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
- 2 I will say unto †God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou strivest with me.
- 3 Doth it please thee to oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thy hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
- 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

- 5 Are thy days as the days of a mortal? are thy years as
a man's days,
- 6 That thou searchest after mine iniquity, and inquirest
into my sin;
- 7 Since thou knowest that I am not wicked, and that
there is none that delivereth out of thy hand?
- 8 Thy hands have bound me together and made me as
one, round about; yet dost thou swallow me up!
- 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as
clay, and wilt bring me into dust again.
- 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me
like cheese?
- 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me
together with bones and sinews;
- 12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy care hath
preserved my spirit;
- 13 And these things didst thou hide in thy heart; I know
that this was with thee.
- 14 If I sinned, thou wouldest mark me, and thou wouldest
not acquit me of mine iniquity.
- 15 If I were wicked, woe unto me! and righteous, I will
not lift up my head, being *so* full of shame, and
beholding mine affliction; —
- 16 And it increaseth: thou huntest me as a fierce lion; and
ever again thou shewest thy marvellous power upon
me.
- 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses before me and increasest
thy displeasure against me; successions *of evil* and a
time of toil are with me.
- 18 And wherefore didst thou bring me forth out of the
womb? I had expired, and no eye had seen me.
- 19 I should be as though I had not been; I should have
been carried from the womb to the grave.
- 20 Are not my days few? cease then and let me alone, that
I may revive a little,
- 21 Before I go, and never to return, —to the land of
darkness and the shadow of death;
- 22 A land of gloom, as darkness itself; of the shadow of
death, without any order, where the light is as thick
darkness.

- 11:1 And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man of much talk be justified?
3 Should thy fictions make men hold their peace? and shouldest thou mock, and no one make *thee* ashamed?
4 For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.
5 But oh that †God would speak, and open his lips against thee;
6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, how that they are the double of what is realised; and know that †God passeth by *much* of thine iniquity!
7 Canst thou by searching find out †God? canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?
8 *It is as the heights of heaven; what wilt thou do? deeper than Sheol; what canst thou know?*
9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.
10 If he pass by, and shut up, and call to judgment, who can hinder him?
11 For he knoweth vain men, and seeth wickedness when *man* doth not consider it;
12 Yet a senseless man will make bold, though man be born *like* the foal of a wild ass.
13 If thou prepare thy heart and stretch out thy hands toward him,
14 If thou put far away the iniquity which is in thy hand, and let not wrong dwell in thy tents;
15 Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot, and thou shalt be stedfast and shalt not fear:
16 For thou shalt forget misery; as waters that are passed away shalt thou remember it;
17 And life shall arise brighter than noonday; though thou be enshrouded in darkness, thou shalt be as the morning,
18 And thou shalt have confidence, because there shall be hope; and having searched about *thee*, thou shalt take rest in safety.

- 19 Yea, thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; and many shall seek thy favour.
- 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and *all* refuge shall vanish from them, and their hope *shall be* the breathing out of life.

- 12:1 And Job answered and said,
- 2 Truly ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you!
- 3 I also have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; and who knoweth not such things as these?
- 4 I am to be one that is a derision to his friend, I who call upon †God, and whom he will answer: a derision is the just upright *man*.
- 5 He that is ready to stumble with the foot is a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.
- 6 The tents of desolators are in peace, and they that provoke •God are secure; into whose hand †God bringeth.
- 7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowl of the heavens, and they shall tell thee;
- 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
- 9 Who knoweth not in all these, that the hand of Jehovah hath wrought this?
- 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the spirit of all flesh of man.
- 11 Doth not the ear try words, as the palate tasteth food?
- 12 With the aged is wisdom, and in length of days understanding.
- 13 With him is wisdom and might; he hath counsel and understanding.
- 14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it is not built again; he shutteth up a man, and there is no opening.
- 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; and he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
- 16 With him is strength and effectual knowledge; the deceived and the deceiver are his.

- 17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and judges maketh he fools;
- 18 He weakeneth the government of kings, and bindeth their loins with a fetter;
- 19 He leadeth priests away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty;
- 20 He depriveth of speech the trusty, and taketh away the judgment of the elders;
- 21 He poureth contempt upon nobles, and slackeneth the girdle of the mighty;
- 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out into light the shadow of death;
- 23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them; he spreadeth out the nations, and bringeth them in;
- 24 He taketh away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.
- 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunkard.

- 13:1 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.
- 2 What ye know, I know also: I am not inferior to you.
- 3 But I will speak to the Almighty, and will find pleasure in reasoning with •God;
- 4 For ye indeed are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.
- 5 Oh that ye would be altogether silent! and it would be your wisdom.
- 6 Hear now my defence, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
- 7 Will ye speak unrighteously for •God? and for him speak deceit?
- 8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for •God?
- 9 Will it be well if he should search you out? or as one mocketh at a man, will ye mock at him?
- 10 He will certainly reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

- 11 Shall not his excellency terrify you? and his dread fall upon you?
- 12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, your bulwarks are bulwarks of mire.
- 13 Hold your peace from me, and I will speak, and let come on me what *will!*
- 14 Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand?
- 15 Behold, if he slay me, yet would I trust in him; but I will defend mine own ways before him.
- 16 This also shall be my salvation, that a profane man shall not come before his face.
- 17 Hear attentively my speech and my declaration with your ears.
- 18 Behold now, I have ordered the cause; I know that I shall be justified.
- 19 Who is he that contendeth with me? For if I were silent now, I should expire.
- 20 Only do not two things unto me; then will I not hide myself from thee.
- 21 Withdraw thy hand far from me; and let not thy terror make me afraid:
- 22 Then call, and I will answer; or I will speak, and answer thou me.
- 23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
- 24 Wherefore dost thou hide thy face, and countest me for thine enemy?
- 25 Wilt thou terrify a driven leaf? and wilt thou pursue dry stubble?
- 26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth;
- 27 And thou puttest my feet in the stocks, and markest all my paths; thou settest a bound about the soles of my feet; —
- 28 One who, as a rotten thing consumeth, as a garment that the moth eateth.

- 14:1 Man, born of woman, is of few days, and full of trouble.
- 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; and he fleeth as a shadow, and continueth not.
- 3 Yet dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?
- 4 Who can bring a clean *man* out of the unclean? Not one!
- 5 If his days are determined, if the number of his months is with thee, *and* thou hast appointed his bounds which he must not pass,
- 6 Look away from him; and let him rest, till he accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
- 7 For there is hope for a tree: if it be cut down, it will sprout again, and its tender branch will not cease;
- 8 Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stock die in the ground,
- 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and put forth boughs like a young plant.
- 10 But a man dieth, and is prostrate; yea, man expireth, and where is he?
- 11 The waters recede from the lake, and the river wasteth and drieth up:
- 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not again; till the heavens be no more, they do not awake, nor are raised out of their sleep.
- 13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Sheol, that thou wouldest keep me secret until thine anger be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me, —
- 14 (If a man die, shall he live *again*?) all the days of my time of toil would I wait, till my change should come:
- 15 Thou wouldest call, and I would answer thee; thou wouldest have a desire after the work of thy hands.
- 16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?
- 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou heapest up mine iniquity.
- 18 And indeed a mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of its place;

- 19 The waters wear the stones, the floods thereof wash away the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.
- 20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth away; thou changest his countenance, and dismissest him.
- 21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, and he perceiveth it not.
- 22 But his flesh hath pain for himself alone, and his soul mourneth for himself.
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- 15:1 And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
- 2 Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind,
- 3 Reasoning with unprofitable talk, and with speeches which do no good?
- 4 Yea, thou makest piety of none effect, and restrainest meditation before •God.
- 5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou hast chosen the tongue of the crafty.
- 6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; and thy lips testify against thee.
- 7 Art thou the first man that was born? and wast thou brought forth before the hills?
- 8 Hast thou listened in the secret council of †God? And hast thou absorbed wisdom for thyself?
- 9 What knowest thou that we know not? *what* understandest thou which is not in us?
- 10 Both the greyheaded and the aged are with us, older than thy father.
- 11 Are the consolations of •God too small for thee? and the word gently spoken to thee?
- 12 Why doth thy heart carry thee away? and why do thine eyes wink?
- 13 That thou turnest thy spirit against •God, and lettest words go out of thy mouth?
- 14 What is man, that he should be pure? and he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

- 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in his sight:
- 16 How much less the abominable and corrupt, —man, that drinketh unrighteousness like water!
- 17 I will shew thee, listen to me; and what I have seen I will declare;
- 18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hidden;
- 19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.
- 20 All his days the wicked man is tormented, and numbered years are allotted to the violent.
- 21 The sound of terrors is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer cometh upon him.
- 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is singled out for the sword.
- 23 He wandereth abroad for bread, —where may it be? He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.
- 24 Distress and anguish make him afraid; they prevail against him, as a king ready for the battle.
- 25 For he hath stretched out his hand against •God, and strengthened himself against the Almighty:
- 26 He runneth against him, with *outstretched* neck, with the thick bosses of his bucklers;
- 27 For he hath covered his face with his fatness, and gathered fat upon *his* flanks.
- 28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, in houses that no man inhabiteth, which are destined to become heaps.
- 29 He shall not become rich, neither shall his substance continue, and their possessions shall not extend upon the earth.
- 30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches; and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.
- 31 Let him not trust in vanity: he is deceived, for vanity shall be his recompense;
- 32 It shall be complete before his day, and his branch shall not be green.
- 33 He shall shake off his unripe grapes as a vine, and shall cast his flower as an olive.

34 For the family of the ungodly shall be barren, and fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

16:1 And Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: grievous comforters are ye all.

3 Shall words of wind have an end? or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could join together words against you, and shake my head at you;

5 *But* I would encourage you with my mouth, and the solace of my lips should assuage *your pain*.

6 If I speak, my pain is not assuaged; and if I forbear, what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary; ...thou hast made desolate all my family;

8 Thou hast shrivelled me up! it is become a witness; and my leanness riseth up against me, it beareth witness to my face.

9 His anger teareth and pursueth me; he gnasheth with his teeth against me; *as* mine adversary he sharpeneth his eyes at me.

10 They gape upon me with their mouth; they smite my cheeks reproachfully; they range themselves together against me.

11 •God hath delivered me over to the iniquitous man, and hurled me into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at rest, but he hath shattered me; he hath taken me by the neck and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

13 His arrows encompass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach; he runneth upon me like a mighty man.

- 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and rolled my horn in the dust.
- 16 My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
- 17 Although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.
- 18 O earth, cover not my blood, and let there be no place for my cry!
- 19 Even now, behold, my Witness is in the heavens, and he that voucheth for me is in the heights.
- 20 My friends are my mockers; mine eye poureth out tears unto †God.
- 21 Oh that there were arbitration for a man with †God, as a son of man for his friend!
- 22 For years *few* in number shall pass, —and I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

- 17:1 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are mine.
- 2 Are there not mockers around me? and doth *not* mine eye abide in their provocation?
- 3 Lay down now *a pledge*, be thou surety for me with thyself: who is he that striketh hands with me?
- 4 For thou hast hidden their heart from understanding; therefore thou wilt not exalt *them*.
- 5 He that betrayeth friends for a prey—even the eyes of his children shall fail.
- 6 And he hath made me a proverb of the peoples; and I am become one to be spit on in the face.
- 7 And mine eye is dim by reason of grief, and all my members are as a shadow.
- 8 Upright men *shall be* astonished at this, and the innocent shall be stirred up against the ungodly;
- 9 But the righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall increase in strength.
- 10 But as for you all, pray come on again; and I shall not find one wise man among you.
- 11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, the cherished thoughts of my heart.

- 12 They change the night into day; the light *they imagine* near in presence of the darkness.
- 13 If I wait, Sheol is my house; I spread my bed in the darkness:
- 14 I cry to the grave, Thou art my father! to the worm, My mother, and my sister!
- 15 And where is then my hope? yea, my hope, who shall see it?
- 16 It shall go down to the bars of Sheol, when *our* rest shall be together in the dust.
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- 18:1 And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
- 2 How long will ye hunt for words? Be intelligent, and then we will speak.
- 3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed stupid in your sight?
- 4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger, shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of its place?
- 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the flame of his fire shall not shine.
- 6 The light shall become dark in his tent, and his lamp over him shall be put out.
- 7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.
- 8 For he is sent into the net by his own feet, and he walketh on the meshes;
- 9 The gin taketh *him* by the heel, the snare layeth hold on him;
- 10 A cord is hidden for him in the ground, and his trap in the way.
- 11 Terrors make him afraid on every side, and chase him at his footsteps.
- 12 His strength is hunger-bitten, and calamity is ready at his side.
- 13 The firstborn of death devoureth the members of his body; it will devour his members.
- 14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tent, and it shall lead him away to the king of terrors:

- 15 They who are none of his shall dwell in his tent;
brimstone shall be showered upon his habitation:
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his
branch be cut off;
17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he
shall have no name on the pasture-grounds.
18 He is driven from light into darkness, and chased out
of the world.
19 He hath neither son nor grandson among his people,
nor any remaining in the places of his sojourn.
20 They that come after shall be astonished at his day, as
they that went before *them* were affrighted.
21 Surely, such are the dwellings of the unrighteous man,
and such the place of him that knoweth not •God.

- 19:1 And Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul, and crush me with
words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me; ye are not
ashamed to stupefy me.
4 And be it *that* I have erred, mine error remaineth with
myself.
5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and
prove against me my reproach,
6 Know now that †God hath overthrown me, and hath
surrounded me with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, and I am not heard; I cry
aloud, but there is no judgment.
8 He hath hedged up my way that I cannot pass, and he
hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown
from my head.
10 He breaketh me down on every side, and I am gone;
and my hope hath he torn up as a tree.
11 And he hath kindled his anger against me, and hath
counted me unto him as one of his enemies.
12 His troops have come together and cast up their way
against me, and have encamped round about my tent.

- 13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are quite estranged from me.
- 14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my known friends have forgotten me.
- 15 The sojourners in my house and my maids count me as a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.
- 16 I called my servant, and he answered not; I entreated him with my mouth.
- 17 My breath is strange to my wife, and my entreaties to the children of my *mother's* womb.
- 18 Even young children despise me; I rise up, and they speak against me.
- 19 All my intimate friends abhor me, and they whom I loved are turned against me.
- 20 My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
- 21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, ye my friends; for the hand of †God hath touched me.
- 22 Why do ye persecute me as •God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?
- 23 Oh would that my words were written! oh that they were inscribed in a book!
- 24 That with an iron style and lead they were graven in the rock for ever!
- 25 And *as for* me, I know that my Redeemer liveth, and the Last, he shall stand upon the earth;
- 26 And *if* after my skin this shall be destroyed, yet from out of my flesh shall I see †God;
- 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another: —my reins are consumed within me.
- 28 If ye say, How shall we persecute him? when the root of the matter is found in me,
- 29 Be ye yourselves afraid of the sword! for the sword is fury against misdeeds, that ye may know there is a judgment.

20:1 And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

- 2 Therefore do my thoughts give me an answer, and for this is my haste within me.
- 3 I hear a reproof putting me to shame; and *my* spirit answereth me by mine understanding.
- 4 Knowest thou *not* this, that of old, since man was placed upon earth,
- 5 The exultation of the wicked is short, and the joy of the ungodly man but for a moment?
- 6 Though his height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds,
- 7 Like his own dung doth he perish for ever; they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?
- 8 He flieth away as a dream, and is not found; and is chased away as a vision of the night.
- 9 The eye which saw him shall *see him* not again; and his place beholdeth him no more.
- 10 His children shall seek the favour of the poor, and his hands restore his wealth.
- 11 His bones were full of his youthful strength; but it shall lie down with him in the dust.
- 12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth *and* he hide it under his tongue,
- 13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not, but keep it within his mouth,
- 14 His food is turned in his bowels; it is the gall of asps within him.
- 15 He hath swallowed down riches, but he shall vomit them up again: •God shall cast them out of his belly.
- 16 He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall kill him.
- 17 He shall not see streams, rivers, brooks of honey and butter.
- 18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and not swallow down; its restitution shall be according to the value, and he shall not rejoice *therein*.
- 19 For he hath oppressed, hath forsaken the poor; he hath violently taken away a house that he did not build.
- 20 Because he knew no rest in his craving, he shall save nought of what he most desired.
- 21 Nothing escaped his greediness; therefore his prosperity shall not endure.

- 22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits; every hand of the wretched shall come upon him.
- 23 It shall be that, to fill his belly, he will cast his fierce anger upon him, and will rain it upon him into his flesh.
- 24 If he have fled from the iron weapon, the bow of brass shall strike him through.
- 25 He draweth it forth; it cometh out of his body, and the glittering point out of his gall: terrors are upon him.
- 26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures: a fire not blown shall devour him; it shall feed upon what is left in his tent.
- 27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity, and the earth shall rise up against him.
- 28 The increase of his house shall depart, flowing away in the day of his anger.
- 29 This is the portion of the wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed to him by •God.
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- 21:1 And Job answered and said,
- 2 Hear attentively my speech, and let this replace your consolations.
- 3 Suffer me and I will speak; and after I have spoken, mock on!
- 4 As for me, is my complaint to a man? or wherefore should not my spirit be impatient?
- 5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay the hand upon the mouth.
- 6 Even when I think *thereon*, I am affrighted, and trembling taketh hold of my flesh.
- 7 Wherefore do the wicked live, grow old, yea, become mighty in power?
- 8 Their seed is established with them in their sight, and their offspring before their eyes.
- 9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of †God upon them.
- 10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
- 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

- 12 They shout to the tambour and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
- 13 They spend their days in prosperity, and in a moment go down to Sheol.
- 14 And they say unto •God, Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways!
- 15 What is the Almighty that we should serve him? and what are we profited if we pray unto him?
- 16 Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand. The counsel of the wicked be far from me!
- 17 How often is the lamp of the wicked put out, and cometh their calamity upon them? Doth he distribute sorrows *to them* in his anger?
- 18 Do they become as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away?
- 19 †God layeth up *the punishment of* his iniquity for his children; he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*:
- 20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the fury of the Almighty.
- 21 For what pleasure should he have in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off?
- 22 Can any teach •God knowledge? And he it is that judgeth those that are high.
- 23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet;
- 24 His sides are full of fat, and the marrow of his bones is moistened;
- 25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul, and hath not tasted good:
- 26 Together they lie down in the dust, and the worms cover them.
- 27 Lo, I know your thoughts, and the devices ye wrongfully imagine against me.
- 28 For ye say, Where is the house of the noble? and where the tent of the dwellings of the wicked?
- 29 Have ye not asked the wayfarers? and do ye not regard their tokens:
- 30 That the wicked is reserved for the day of calamity? They are led forth to the day of wrath.
- 31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done?

- 32 Yet is he carried to the graves, and watch is kept over the tomb.
- 33 The clods of the valley are sweet unto him; and every man followeth suit after him, as there were innumerable before him.
- 34 How then comfort ye me in vain? Your answers remain perfidious.
- 22:1 And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
- 2 Can a man be profitable to •God? surely it is unto himself that the wise man is profitable.
- 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty if thou art righteous? And is it gain *to him* that thou makest thy ways perfect?
- 4 Will he reason with thee for fear of thee? Will he enter with thee into judgment?
- 5 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities without end?
- 6 For thou hast taken a pledge of thy brother for nought, and stripped off the clothing of the naked.
- 7 Thou hast not given water to the fainting to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.
- 8 But the powerful man, he had the land; and the man of high rank dwelt in it.
- 9 Widows hast thou sent empty away, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
- 10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;
- 11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see, and floods of waters cover thee.
- 12 Is not †God in the height of the heavens? And behold the summit of the stars: how exalted are they!
- 13 And thou sayest, What doth •God know? will he judge through the dark cloud?
- 14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh on the vault of the heavens.
- 15 Dost thou mark the ancient path which wicked men have trodden?
- 16 Who were carried off before the time, whose foundation was overflowed with a flood;

- 17 Who said unto •God, Depart from us! and what could the Almighty do to them?
- 18 Yet he filled their houses with good. But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 19 The righteous see it, and are glad; and the innocent laugh them to scorn:
- 20 Is not he who rose against us destroyed, and doth not the fire consume his residue?
- 21 Reconcile thyself now with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.
- 22 Receive, I pray thee, instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in thy heart.
- 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up. If thou remove unrighteousness far from thy tents,
- 24 And put the precious ore with the dust, and *the gold of Ophir* among the stones of the torrents,
- 25 Then the Almighty will be thy precious ore, and silver heaped up unto thee;
- 26 Yea, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto †God:
- 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he will hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows;
- 28 And thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and light shall shine upon thy ways.
- 29 When they are made low, then thou shalt say, Rise up! and he shall save him that is of downcast eyes.
- 30 *Even* him that is not innocent shall he deliver; yea, he shall be delivered by the pureness of thy hands.

- 23:1 And Job answered and said,
- 2 Even to-day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
- 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him, that I might come to his seat!
- 4 I would order the cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments;
- 5 I would know the words he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

- 6 Would he plead against me with *his* great power? Nay;
but he would give heed unto me.
- 7 There would an upright man reason with him; and I
should be delivered for ever from my judge.
- 8 Lo, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward,
but I do not perceive him;
- 9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I behold *him*
not; he hideth himself on the right hand, and I see *him*
not.
- 10 But he knoweth the way that I take; he trieth me, I shall
come forth as gold.
- 11 My foot hath held to his steps; his way have I kept, and
not turned aside.
- 12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of
his lips; I have laid up the words of his mouth more
than the purpose of my own heart.
- 13 But he is in one *mind*, and who can turn him? And
what his soul desireth, that will he do.
- 14 For he will perform *what* is appointed for me; and
many such things are with him.
- 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence; I consider,
and I am afraid of him.
- 16 For •God hath made my heart soft, and the Almighty
troubleth me;
- 17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither
hath he hidden the gloom from me.
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- 24:1 Why are not times treasured up with the Almighty?
why do not they that know him see his days?
- 2 They remove the landmarks; they violently take away
the flocks and pasture them;
- 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the
widow's ox for a pledge;
- 4 They turn the needy out of the way: the afflicted of the
land all hide themselves.
- 5 Lo, *as* wild asses in the desert, they go forth to their
work, seeking early for the prey: the wilderness
yieldeth them food for *their* children.

- 6 They reap in the field the fodder thereof, and they gather the vintage of the wicked;
- 7 They pass the night naked without clothing, and have no covering in the cold;
- 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and for want of a shelter embrace the rock...
- 9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor:
- 10 These go naked without clothing, and, hungry, they bear the sheaf;
- 11 They press out oil within their walls, they tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
- 12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out; and †God imputeth not the impiety.
- 13 There are those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
- 14 The murderer riseth with the light, killeth the afflicted and needy, and in the night is as a thief.
- 15 And the eye of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and he putteth a covering on *his* face.
- 16 In the dark they dig through houses; by day they shut themselves in; they know not the light:
- 17 For the morning is to them all *as* the shadow of death; for they are familiar with the terrors of the shadow of death.
- 18 He is swift on the face of the waters; their portion is cursed on the earth: he turneth not unto the way of the vineyards.
- 19 Drought and heat consume snow waters; so doth Sheol those that have sinned.
- 20 The womb forgetteth him; the worm feedeth sweetly on him: he shall be no more remembered; and unrighteousness is broken as a tree, —
- 21 He that despoileth the barren that beareth not, and doeth not good to the widow:
- 22 He draweth also the mighty with his power; he riseth up, and no *man* is sure of life.
- 23 *God* setteth him in safety, and he resteth thereon; but his eyes are upon their ways.

- 24 They are exalted for a little, and are no more; they are laid low; like all *other* are they gathered, and are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
- 25 If it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

- 25:1 And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
2 Dominion and fear are with him; he maketh peace in his high places.
3 Is there any number of his troops? and upon whom doth not his light arise?
4 And how should man be just with •God? Or how should he be clean that is born of a woman?
5 Lo, even the moon is not bright; and the stars are not pure in his sight:
6 How much less man, a worm, and the son of man, a worm!

- 26:1 And Job answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped the powerless; how saved the arm that is without strength!
3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom, and abundantly declared the thing as it is!
4 For whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?
5 The shades tremble beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof;
6 Sheol is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over empty space, he hangeth the earth upon nothing;
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not rent under them.
9 He covereth the face of his throne, he spreadeth his cloud upon it.
10 He hath traced a fixed circle over the waters, unto the confines of light and darkness.

- 11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and are astonished at his rebuke.
- 12 He stirreth up the sea by his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through Rahab.
- 13 By his Spirit the heavens are adorned; his hand hath formed the fleeing serpent.
- 14 Lo, these are the borders of his ways; but what a whisper of a word do we hear of him! And the thunder of his power, who can understand?
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- 27:1 And Job continued his parable and said,
- 2 As •God liveth, who hath taken away my right, and the Almighty, who hath embittered my soul,
- 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of †God is in my nostrils,
- 4 My lips shall not speak unrighteousness, nor my tongue utter deceit!
- 5 Be it far from me that I should justify you; till I die I will not remove my blamelessness from me.
- 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart reproacheth *me* not one of my days.
- 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
- 8 For what is the hope of the ungodly, when *God* cutteth him off, when †God taketh away his soul?
- 9 Will •God hear his cry when distress cometh upon him?
- 10 Doth he delight himself in the Almighty? will he at all times call upon †God?
- 11 I will teach you concerning the hand of •God; what is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
- 12 Behold, ye yourselves have all seen *it*; and why are ye thus altogether vain?
- 13 This is the portion of the wicked man with •God, and the heritage of the violent, which they receive from the Almighty: —
- 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword, and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread;

- 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried by death, and his widows shall not weep.
- 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare clothing as the clay;
- 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on; and the innocent shall divide the silver.
- 18 He buildeth his house as the moth, and as a booth that a keeper maketh.
- 19 He lieth down rich, but will do so no more; he openeth his eyes, and he is not.
- 20 Terrors overtake him like waters; a whirlwind stealeth him away in the night.
- 21 The east wind carrieth him away and he is gone; and as a storm it hurleth him out of his place.
- 22 And *God* shall cast upon him and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.
- 23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.
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- 28:1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold which they refine;
- 2 Iron is taken out of the dust, and copper is molten out of the stone.
- 3 *Man* putteth an end to the darkness, and exploreth to the utmost limit, the stones of darkness and of the shadow of death.
- 4 He openeth a shaft far from the inhabitants *of the earth*: forgotten of the foot, they hang suspended; away below men they hover.
- 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread, and underneath it is turned up as by fire;
- 6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires, and it hath dust of gold.
- 7 It is a path no bird of prey knoweth, and the vulture's eye hath not seen it;
- 8 The proud beasts have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed over it.
- 9 *Man* putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock, he overturneth the mountains by the root.

- 10 He cutteth out channels in the rocks, and his eye seeth every precious thing.
- 11 He bindeth the streams that they drip not, and what is hidden he bringeth forth to light.
- 12 But wisdom, where shall it be found? and where is the place of understanding?
- 13 Man knoweth not the value thereof; and it is not found in the land of the living.
- 14 The deep saith, It is not in me; and the sea saith, It is not with me.
- 15 Choice gold cannot be given for it, nor silver be weighed for its price.
- 16 It is not set in the balance with gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, and the sapphire.
- 17 Gold and glass cannot be compared to it, nor vessels of fine gold be its exchange.
- 18 Corals and crystal are no more remembered; yea, the acquisition of wisdom is above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be compared to it, neither shall it be set in the balance with pure gold.
- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
- 21 For it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the fowl of the heavens.
- 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard its report with our ears.
- 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth its place:
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, he seeth under the whole heaven.
- 25 In making a weight for the wind, and meting out the waters by measure,
- 26 In appointing a statute for the rain, and a way for the thunder's flash:
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he established it, yea, and searched it out;
- 28 And unto man he said, Lo, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

- 29:1** And Job continued his parable and said,
2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when
‡God preserved me;
3 When his lamp shone over my head, *and* by his light I
walked through darkness;
4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret
counsel of ‡God was over my tent,
5 When the Almighty was yet with me, my young men
round about me;
6 When my steps were bathed in milk, and the rock
poured out beside me rivers of oil! ...
7 When I went out to the gate by the city, when I
prepared my seat on the Broadway,
8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves; and the
aged arose *and* stood up;
9 Princes refrained from talking, and laid the hand on
their mouth;
10 The voice of the nobles was hushed, and their tongue
cleaved to their palate.
11 When the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me, and when
the eye saw *me*, it gave witness to me;
12 For I delivered the afflicted that cried, and the
fatherless who had no helper.
13 The blessing of him that was perishing came upon me,
and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice
was as a mantle and a turban.
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame;
16 I was a father to the needy, and the cause which I knew
not I searched out;
17 And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous, and plucked
the spoil out of his teeth.
18 And I said, I shall die in my nest, and multiply my days
as the sand;
19 My root shall be spread out to the waters, and the dew
will lie all night on my branch;
20 My glory shall be fresh in me, and my bow be renewed
in my hand.
21 Unto me they listened, and waited, and kept silence for
my counsel:

- 22 After my words they spoke not again, and my speech
dropped upon them;
- 23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they
opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
- 24 *If* I laughed on them, they believed *it* not; and they
troubled not the serenity of my countenance.
- 25 I chose their way, and sat as chief, and dwelt as a king
in the army, as one that comforteth mourners.
- 30:1** But now they that are younger than I have me in
derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to set
with the dogs of my flock.
- 2 Yea, whereto *should* the strength of their hands *profit*
me, *men* in whom vigour hath perished?
- 3 Withered up through want and hunger, they flee into
waste places long since desolate and desert:
- 4 They gather the salt-wort among the bushes, and the
roots of the broom for their food.
- 5 They are driven forth from among *men* —they cry
after them as after a thief—
- 6 To dwell in gloomy gorges, in caves of the earth and
the rocks:
- 7 They bray among the bushes; under the brambles they
are gathered together:
- 8 Sons of fools, and sons of nameless sires, they are
driven out of the land.
- 9 And now I am their song, yea, I am their byword.
- 10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, yea, they
spare not to spit in my face.
- 11 For he hath loosed my cord and afflicted me; so they
cast off the bridle before me.
- 12 At *my* right hand rise the young brood; they push away
my feet, and raise up against me their pernicious ways;
- 13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity,
without any to help them;
- 14 They come in as through a wide breach: amid the
confusion they roll themselves onward.

- 15 Terrors are turned against me; they pursue mine honour as the wind; and my welfare is passed away like a cloud.
- 16 And now my soul is poured out in me; days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
- 17 The night pierceth through my bones *and detacheth them* from me, and my gnawing pains take no rest:
- 18 By their great force they have become my raiment; they bind me about as the collar of my coat.
- 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.
- 20 I cry unto thee, and thou answerest me not; I stand up, and thou lookest at me.
- 21 Thou art changed to a cruel one to me; with the strength of thy hand thou pursuest me.
- 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to be borne away, and dissolvest my substance.
- 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and into the house of assemblage for all living.
- 24 Indeed, no prayer *availeth* when he stretcheth out *his* hand: though they cry when he destroyeth.
- 25 Did not I weep for him whose days were hard? was not my soul grieved for the needy?
- 26 For I expected good, and there came evil; and I waited for light, but there came darkness.
- 27 My bowels well up, and rest not; days of affliction have confronted me.
- 28 I go about blackened, but not by the sun; I stand up, I cry in the congregation.
- 29 I am become a brother to jackals, and a companion of ostriches.
- 30 My skin is become black *and falleth* off me, and my bones are parched with heat.
- 31 My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my pipe into the voice of weepers.
- 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; and how should I fix my regard upon a maid?

- 2 For what would have been *my* portion of †God from above, and what the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
- 3 Is not calamity for the unrighteous? and misfortune for the workers of iniquity?
- 4 Doth not he see my ways, and number all my steps?
- 5 If I have walked with falsehood, and my foot hath hasted to deceit,
- 6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance, and †God will take knowledge of my blamelessness;)
- 7 If my step have turned out of the way, and my heart followed mine eyes, and if any blot cleaveth to my hands;
- 8 Let me sow, and another eat; and let mine offspring be rooted out.
- 9 If my heart have been enticed unto a woman, so that I laid wait at my neighbour's door,
- 10 Let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her.
- 11 For this is an infamy; yea, it is an iniquity *to be judged by the judges*:
- 12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.
- 13 If I have despised the cause of my bondman or of my bondmaid, when they contended with me,
- 14 What then should I do when •God riseth up? and if he visited, what should I answer him?
- 15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not One fashion us in the womb?
- 16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
- 17 Or have eaten my morsel alone, so that the fatherless ate not thereof,
- 18 (For from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, and I have guided the *widow* from my mother's womb;)
- 19 If I have seen any perishing for want of clothing, or any needy without covering;
- 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my lambs;

- 21 If I have lifted up my hand against an orphan, because
I saw my help in the gate:
- 22 *Then* let my shoulder fall from the shoulder-blade, and
mine arm be broken from the bone!
- 23 For calamity from •God was a terror to me, and by
reason of his excellency I was powerless.
- 24 If I have made gold my hope, or said to the fine gold,
My confidence!
- 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because
my hand had gotten much;
- 26 If I beheld the sun when it shone, or the moon walking
in brightness,
- 27 And my heart have been secretly enticed, so that my
mouth kissed my hand:
- 28 This also would be an iniquity for the judge, for I
should have denied the •God who is above.
- 29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me,
and exulted when evil befell him;
- 30 (Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by asking his
life with a curse;)
- 31 If the men of my tent said not, Who shall find one that
hath not been satisfied with his meat? —
- 32 The stranger did not lodge without; I opened my doors
to the pathway.
- 33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding
mine iniquity in my bosom,
- 34 Because I feared the great multitude, and the contempt
of families terrified me, so that I kept silence, and went
not out of the door, ...
- 35 Oh that I had one to hear me! Behold my signature: let
the Almighty answer me! And let mine opponent write
an accusation!
- 36 Would I not take it upon my shoulder? I would bind it
on to me *as* a crown;
- 37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a
prince would I come near to him.
- 38 If my land cry out against me, and its furrows weep
together;
- 39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, and
have tormented to death the souls of its owners:

40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and tares instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

- 32:1 And these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- 2 Then was kindled the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram: against Job was his anger kindled, because he justified himself rather than God;
- 3 and against his three friends was his anger kindled, because they found no answer, and *yet* condemned Job.
- 4 But Elihu had waited till Job had finished speaking, because they were older than he.
- 5 And Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and his anger was kindled.
- 6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are aged; wherefore I was timid, and feared to shew you what I know.
- 7 I said, Let days speak, and multitude of years teach wisdom.
- 8 But there is a spirit which is in man; and the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
- 9 It is not the great that are wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.
- 10 Therefore I say, Hearken to me; I also will shew what I know.
- 11 Lo, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasonings, until ye searched out what to say.
- 12 Yea, I gave you mine attention, and behold, there was none of you that confuted Job, that answered his words;
- 13 That ye may not say, We have found out wisdom; •God will make him yield, not man.
- 14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me; and I will not answer him with your speeches. ...
- 15 They were amazed, they answered no more; words failed them.
- 16 And I waited, for they spoke not, but stood still, and answered no more; —

- 17 I will answer, I also in my turn, I also will shew what I know:
- 18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.
- 19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; like new flasks, it is ready to burst.
- 20 I will speak, that I may find relief; I will open my lips and answer.
- 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person; neither will I give flattery to man.
- 22 For I know not how to flatter; my Maker would soon take me away.
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- 33:1 Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear mine utterances, and hearken to all my words.
- 2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth, my tongue speaketh in my palate,
- 3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart, and my lips shall utter knowledge purely.
- 4 The Spirit of •God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
- 5 If thou canst, answer me; array *thy words* before me: take thy stand.
- 6 Behold, before •God I am as thou; I also am formed out of the clay.
- 7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, nor my burden be heavy upon thee.
- 8 Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy words*: —
- 9 I am clean without transgression; I am pure, and there is no iniquity in me;
- 10 Lo, he findeth occasions of hostility against me, he counteth me for his enemy;
- 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.
- 12 Behold, I will answer thee in this, thou art not right; for †God is greater than man.
- 13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

- 14 For •God speaketh once, and twice, —*and man*
perceiveth it not—
- 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep
falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
- 16 Then he openeth men's ears, and sealetH their
instruction,
- 17 That he may withdraw man *from his* work, and hide
pride from man.
- 18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from
passing away by the sword.
- 19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and with
constant strife in his bones;
- 20 And his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty food;
- 21 His flesh is consumed away from view, and his bones
that were not seen stick out;
- 22 And his soul draweth near to the pit, and his life to the
destroyers.
- 23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one
among a thousand, to shew unto man his duty;
- 24 Then he will be gracious unto him, and say, Deliver
him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.
- 25 His flesh shall be fresher than in childhood; he shall
return to the days of his youth.
- 26 He shall pray unto †God, and he will receive him with
favour; and he shall see his face with shoutings, and he
will render unto man his righteousness.
- 27 He will sing before men, and say, I have sinned, and
perverted what was right, and it hath not been requited
to me;
- 28 He hath delivered my soul from going into the pit, and
my life shall see the light.
- 29 Lo, all these *things* worketh •God twice, thrice, with
man,
- 30 To bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be
enlightened with the light of the living.
- 31 Mark well, Job, hearken unto me; be silent, and I will
speak.
- 32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me; speak, for I
desire to justify thee.
- 33 If not, hearken thou unto me; be silent, and I will teach
thee wisdom.

- 34:1** Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, ye wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words, as the palate tasteth food.
4 Let us choose for ourselves what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good!
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous, and •God hath taken away my judgment:
6 Should I lie against my right? My wound is incurable without transgression.
7 What man is like Job? he drinketh up scorning like water,
8 And goeth in company with workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
9 For he hath said, It profiteth not a man if he delight himself in God.
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: Far be wickedness from •God, and wrong from the Almighty!
11 For a man's work will he render to him, and cause every one to find according to *his* way.
12 Yea, surely, •God acteth not wickedly, and the Almighty perverteth not judgment.
13 Who hath entrusted to him the earth? and who hath disposed the whole world?
14 If he only thought of himself, *and* gathered unto him his spirit and his breath,
15 All flesh would expire together, and man would return to the dust.
16 If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: give ear to the voice of my words!
17 Should he that hateth right indeed govern? and wilt thou condemn the All-just?
18 Shall one say to a king, Belial? to nobles, Wicked?
19 *How then to him* that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich man more than the poor? for they are all the work of his hands.

- 20 In a moment they die, even at midnight the people are convulsed and pass away; and the strong are taken away without hand.
- 21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his steps.
- 22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
- 23 For he doth not long consider a man, to bring him before •God in judgment.
- 24 He breaketh in pieces mighty men without inquiry, and setteth others in their stead;
- 25 Since he knoweth their actions; and he overthroweth *them* in the night, and they are crushed.
- 26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others,
- 27 Because they have turned back from him, and would consider none of his ways;
- 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
- 29 When he giveth quietness, who then will disturb? and when he hideth *his* face, who shall behold him? and this towards a nation, or towards a man alike;
- 30 That the ungodly man reign not, that the people be not ensnared.
- 31 For hath he said unto •God, I bear *chastisement*, I will not offend;
- 32 What I see not, teach thou me; if I have done wrong, I will do so no more?
- 33 Shall he recompense according to thy mind? for thou hast refused *his judgment*; for thou so choosest, and not I; speak then what thou knowest.
- 34 Men of understanding will say to me, and a wise man who heareth me:
- 35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were not with intelligence.
- 36 Would that Job may be tried unto the end, because of *his* answers after the manner of evil men!
- 37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against •God.

- 35:1** Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than •God's?
3 For thou hast asked of what profit it is unto thee: what do I gain more than if I had sinned?
4 I will reply to thee in words, and to thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens and see; and survey the skies: they are higher than thou.
6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? If thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou to him? or what doth he receive of thy hand?
8 Thy wickedness *may affect* a man as thou *art*, and thy righteousness a son of man.
9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry; they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty:
10 But none saith, Where is †God my Maker, who giveth songs in the night,
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowl of the heavens?
12 There they cry, and he answereth not, because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely •God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.
14 Although thou sayest thou dost not see him, judgment is before him, therefore wait for him.
15 But now, because he hath not visited in his anger, doth not *Job* know *his* great arrogancy?
16 For Job hath opened his mouth in vanity, and made words abundant without knowledge.
- 36:1** And Elihu proceeded and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet words for †God.

- 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Creator.
- 4 For truly my words shall be no falsehood: one perfect in knowledge is with thee.
- 5 Lo, •God is mighty, but despiseth not *any*; mighty in strength of understanding:
- 6 He saveth not the wicked alive; but he doeth justice to the afflicted.
- 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous, but with kings on the throne doth he even set them for ever; and they are exalted.
- 8 And if, bound in fetters, they be held in cords of affliction,
- 9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions, because they have increased.
- 10 And he openeth their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.
- 11 If they hearken and serve *him*, they shall accomplish their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.
- 12 But if they hearken not, they shall pass away by the sword, and expire without knowledge.
- 13 But the godless in heart heap up anger; they cry not when he bindeth them:
- 14 Their soul dieth in youth, and their life is among the unclean.
- 15 But he delivereth the afflicted in his affliction, and openeth their ear in *their* oppression.
- 16 Even so would he have allured thee out of the jaws of distress into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and the supply of thy table *would be* full of fatness.
- 17 But thou art full of the judgments of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on thee*.
- 18 Because there is wrath, *beware* lest it take thee away through chastisement: then a great ransom could not avail thee.
- 19 Will he esteem thy riches? Not gold, nor all the resources of strength!
- 20 Desire not the night, when peoples are cut off from their place.
- 21 Take heed, turn not to iniquity; for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

- 22 Lo, •God is exalted in his power: who teacheth as he?
23 Who hath appointed him his way? or who hath said,
Thou hast wrought unrighteousness?
24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men
celebrate.
25 All men look at it; man beholdeth *it* afar off.
26 Lo, •God is great, and we comprehend *him* not, neither
can the number of his years be searched out.
27 For he draweth up the drops of water: they distil in rain
from the vapour which he formeth,
28 Which the skies pour down *and* drop upon man
abundantly.
29 But can any understand the spreadings of the clouds,
or the crashing of his pavilion?
30 Lo, he spreadeth his light around him, and covereth the
bottom of the sea.
31 For with them he judgeth the peoples; he giveth food
in abundance.
32 *His* hands he covereth with lightning, and
commandeth it where it is to strike.
33 His thundering declareth concerning him; the cattle
even, concerning its coming.
- 37:1 Aye, my heart trembleth at this also, and leapeth up
out of its place:
2 Hear attentively the roar of his voice, and the murmur
going forth from his mouth.
3 He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven, and his
lightning unto the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice
of his excellency, and holdeth not back the flashes
when his voice is heard.
5 •God thundereth marvellously with his voice, doing
great things which we do not comprehend.
6 For he saith to the snow, Fall on the earth! and to the
pouring rain, even the pouring rains of his might.
7 He sealet up the hand of every man; that all men may
know his work.

- 8 And the wild beast goeth into its lair, and they remain in their dens.
- 9 From the chamber *of the south* cometh the whirlwind; and cold from the winds of the north.
- 10 By the breath of •God ice is given; and the breadth of the waters is straitened.
- 11 Also with plentiful moisture he loadeth the thick clouds, his light dispels the cloud;
- 12 And they are turned every way by his guidance, that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the circuit of the earth,
- 13 Whether he cause it to come as a rod, or for his land, or in mercy.
- 14 Hearken unto this, Job; stand still and discern the wondrous works of •God.
- 15 Dost thou know how †God hath disposed them, and how he causeth the lightning of his cloud to flash?
- 16 Dost thou know about the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him that is perfect in knowledge?
- 17 How thy garments become warm when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?
- 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, firm, like a molten mirror?
- 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him! We cannot order *our words* by reason of darkness.
- 20 Shall it be told him if I would speak? if a man *so* say, surely he shall be swallowed up.
- 21 And now *men* see not the light as it gleameth, it is *hidden* in the skies. But the wind passeth by and cleareth them.
- 22 From the north cometh gold; with †God is terrible majesty.
- 23 The Almighty, we cannot find him out: excellent in power, and in judgment, and in abundance of justice, he doth not afflict.
- 24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

- 38:1** And Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; and I will demand of thee, and inform thou me.
4 Where wast thou when I founded the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who set the measures thereof—if thou knowest? or who stretched a line upon it?
6 Whereupon were the foundations thereof sunken? or who laid its corner-stone,
7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 And who shut up the sea with doors, when it burst forth, issuing out of the womb?
9 When I made the cloud its garment, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it;
10 When I cut out for it my boundary, and set bars and doors,
11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come and no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
12 Hast thou since thy days commanded the morning? hast thou caused the dawn to know its place,
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked might be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed like the signet-clay; and *all things* stand forth as in a garment:
15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the uplifted arm is broken.
16 Hast thou entered as far as the springs of the sea? and hast thou walked in the recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee? and hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?
18 Hath thine understanding compassed the breadths of the earth? Declare if thou knowest it all.
19 Where is the way to where light dwelleth? and the darkness, where is its place,
20 That thou shouldest take it to its bound, and that thou shouldest know the paths to its house?

- 21 Thou knowest, for thou wast then born, and the number of thy days is great!
- 22 Hast thou entered into the storehouses of the snow, and hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
- 23 Which I have reserved for the time of distress, for the day of battle and war?
- 24 By what way is the light parted, *and* the east wind scattered upon the earth?
- 25 Who hath divided a channel for the rain-flood, and a way for the thunder's flash;
- 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no one is; on the wilderness wherein there is not a man;
- 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste *ground*, and to cause the sprout of the grass to spring forth?
- 28 Hath the rain a father? or who begetteth the drops of dew?
- 29 Out of whose womb cometh the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who bringeth it forth?
- 30 When the waters lie hidden as in stone, and the face of the deep holdeth fast together.
- 31 Canst thou fasten the bands of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion?
- 32 Dost thou bring forth the constellations each in its season? or dost thou guide the Bear with her sons?
- 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens? dost thou determine their rule over the earth?
- 34 Dost thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that floods of waters may cover thee?
- 35 Dost thou send forth lightnings that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?
- 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the mind?
- 37 Who numbereth the clouds with wisdom? or who poureth out the bottles of the heavens,
- 38 When the dust runneth as into a molten mass, and the clods cleave fast together?
- 39 Dost thou hunt the prey for the lioness, and dost thou satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
- 40 When they crouch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the thicket to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food, when his young ones cry unto •God, *and* they wander for lack of meat?

39:1 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? dost thou mark the calving of the hinds?

2 Dost thou number the months that they fulfil? and knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they give birth to their young ones, they cast out their pains;

4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open field, they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? and who hath loosed the bands of the onager,

6 Whose house I made the wilderness, and the salt plain his dwellings?

7 He laugheth at the tumult of the city, and heareth not the shouts of the driver;

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the buffalo be willing to serve thee, or will he lodge by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the buffalo with his cord in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou put confidence in him, because his strength is great? and wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou trust him to bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy threshing-floor?

13 The wing of the ostrich beats joyously—But is it the stork's pinion and plumage?

14 For she leaveth her eggs to the earth, and warmeth them in the dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the beast of the field may trample them.

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her labour is in vain, without her concern.

17 For †God hath deprived her of wisdom, and hath not furnished her with understanding.

- 18 What time she lasheth herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.
- 19 Hast thou given strength to the horse? hast thou clothed his neck with the quivering mane?
- 20 Dost thou make him to leap as a locust? His majestic snorting is terrible.
- 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength; he goeth forth to meet the armed host.
- 22 He laugheth at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from before the sword.
- 23 The quiver rattleth upon him, the glittering spear and the javelin.
- 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage, and cannot contain himself at the sound of the trumpet:
- 25 At the noise of the trumpets he saith, Aha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
- 26 Doth the hawk fly by thine intelligence, *and* stretch his wings toward the south?
- 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make his nest on high?
- 28 He inhabiteth the rock and maketh his dwelling on the point of the cliff, and the fastness:
- 29 From thence he spieth out the prey, his eyes look into the distance;
- 30 And his young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there is he.
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- 40:1 And Jehovah answered Job and said,
- 2 Shall he that will contend with the Almighty instruct *him*? he that reproveth †God, let him answer it.
- 3 And Job answered Jehovah and said,
- 4 Behold, I am nought: what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.
- 5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer; yea twice, but I will proceed no further.
- 6 And Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

- 7 Gird up now thy loins like a man: I will demand of thee, and inform thou me.
- 8 Wilt thou also annul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me that thou mayest be righteous?
- 9 Hast thou an arm like •God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
- 10 Deck thyself now with glory and excellency, and clothe thyself with majesty and splendour.
- 11 Cast abroad the ragings of thine anger, and look on every one that is proud, and abase him:
- 12 Look on every one that is proud, bring him low, and tread down the wicked in their place:
- 13 Hide them in the dust together; bind their faces in secret.
- 14 Then will I also praise thee, because thy right hand saveth thee.
- 15 See now the behemoth, which I made with thee: he eateth grass as an ox.
- 16 Behold now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the muscles of his belly.
- 17 He bendeth his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are woven together.
- 18 His bones are tubes of bronze, his members are like bars of iron.
- 19 He is the chief of •God's ways: he that made him gave him his sword.
- 20 For the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.
- 21 He lieth under lotus-bushes, in the covert of the reed and fen:
- 22 Lotus-bushes cover him with their shade; the willows of the brook surround him.
- 23 Lo, the river overfloweth—he startleth not: he is confident though a Jordan break forth against his mouth.
- 24 Shall he be taken in front? will they pierce through *his* nose in the trap?

- 41:1** Wilt thou draw out the leviathan with the hook, and press down his tongue with a cord?
- 2** Wilt thou put a rush-rope into his nose, and pierce his jaw with a spike?
- 3** Will he make many supplications unto thee? or will he speak softly unto thee?
- 4** Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him as a bondman for ever?
- 5** Wilt thou play with him as with a bird, and wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
- 6** Shall partners make traffic of him, will they divide him among merchants?
- 7** Wilt thou fill his skin with darts, and his head with fish-spears?
- 8** Lay thy hand upon him; remember the battle, —do no more!
- 9** Lo, hope as to him is belied: is not one cast down even at the sight of him?
- 10** None is so bold as to stir him up; and who is he that will stand before me?
- 11** Who hath first given to me, that I should repay *him*? *Whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.
- 12** I will not be silent as to his parts, the story of his power, and the beauty of his structure.
- 13** Who can uncover the surface of his garment? who can come within his double jaws?
- 14** Who can open the doors of his face? Round about his teeth is terror.
- 15** The rows of his shields are a pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.
- 16** One is so near to another that no air can come between them;
- 17** They are joined each to its fellow; they stick together, and cannot be sundered.
- 18** His sneezings flash light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
- 19** Out of his mouth go forth flames; sparks of fire leap out:
- 20** Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a boiling pot and cauldron.

- 21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.
- 22 In his neck lodgeth strength, and terror danceth before him.
- 23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are fused upon him, they cannot be moved.
- 24 His heart is firm as a stone, yea, firm as the nether *millstone*.
- 25 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid: they are beside themselves with consternation.
- 26 If any reach him with a sword, it cannot hold; neither spear, nor dart, nor harpoon.
- 27 He esteemeth iron as straw, bronze as rotten wood.
- 28 The arrow will not make him flee; slingstones are turned with him into stubble.
- 29 Clubs are counted as stubble; he laugheth at the shaking of a javelin.
- 30 His under parts are sharp potsherds: he spreadeth a threshing-sledge upon the mire.
- 31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot; he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment;
- 32 He maketh the path to shine after him: one would think the deep to be hoary.
- 33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.
- 34 He beholdeth all high things; he is king over all the proud beasts.
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- 42:1 And Job answered Jehovah and said,
- 2 I know that thou canst do everything, and that thou canst be hindered in no thought of thine.
- 3 Who is he that obscureth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered what I did not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
- 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and inform me.
- 5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee:

- 6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.
- 7 And it came to pass after Jehovah had spoken these words to Job, that Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, Mine anger is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken rightly of me, like my servant Job.
- 8 And now, take for yourselves seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your folly*, for ye have not spoken of me rightly, like my servant Job.
- 9 Then Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, went and did according as Jehovah had said unto them; and Jehovah accepted Job.
- 10 And Jehovah turned the captivity of Job, when he had prayed for his friends; and Jehovah gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- 11 And all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house, and they condoled with him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that Jehovah had brought upon him; and every one gave him a piece of money, and every one a golden ring.
- 12 And Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.
- 13 And he had seven sons and three daughters.
- 14 And he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.
- 15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.
- 16 And Job lived after this a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations.
- 17 And Job died, old and full of days.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

- 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, and standeth not in the way of sinners, and sitteth not in the seat of scorners;
- 2 But his delight is in Jehovah's law, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he *is* as a tree planted by brooks of water, which giveth its fruit in its season, and whose leaf fadeth not; and all that he doeth prospereth.
- 4 The wicked are not so; but are as the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.
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- 2:1 Why are the nations in tumultuous agitation, and *why* do the peoples meditate a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the princes plot together, against Jehovah and against his anointed:
- 3 Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us!
- 4 He that dwelleth in the heavens shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his anger, and in his fierce displeasure will he terrify them:
- 6 And I have anointed my king upon Zion, the hill of my holiness.
- 7 I will declare the decree: Jehovah hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; I this day have begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give thee nations for an inheritance, and for thy possession the ends of the earth:
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a sceptre of iron, as a potter's vessel thou shalt dash them in pieces.

- 10 And now, O kings, be ye wise, be admonished, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve Jehovah with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, though his anger burn but a little. Blessed are all who have their trust in him.

3:title A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, how many are they that trouble me, many they that rise up against me!
- 2 ² Many say of my soul, There is no salvation for him in God. Selah.
- 3 ³ But thou, Jehovah, art a shield about me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.
- 4 With my voice will I call to Jehovah, and he will answer me from the hill of his holiness. Selah.
- 5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for Jehovah sustaineth me.
- 6 I will not fear for myriads of the people that have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Arise, Jehovah; save me, my God! For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheekbone, thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation is of Jehovah; thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

4:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ When I call, answer me, O God of my righteousness: in pressure thou hast enlarged me; be gracious unto me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 ² Ye sons of men, till when is my glory *to be put* to shame? *How long* will ye love vanity, will ye seek after a lie? Selah.
- 3 ³ But know that Jehovah hath set apart the pious *man* for himself: Jehovah will hear when I call unto him.

- 4 ⁴ Be moved with anger, and sin not; meditate in your own hearts upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- 5 ⁵ Offer sacrifices of righteousness, and confide in Jehovah.
- 6 Many say, Who shall cause us to see good? Lift up upon us the light of thy countenance, O Jehovah.
- 7 Thou hast put joy in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their new wine was in abundance.
- 8 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep; for thou, Jehovah, alone makest me to dwell in safety.

5:title To the chief Musician. Upon Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Give ear to my words, O Jehovah; consider my meditation.
- 2 ² Harken unto the voice of my crying, my king and my God; for to thee will I pray.
- 3 ³ Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice; in the morning will I address myself to thee, and will look up.
- 4 ⁴ For thou art not a •God that hath pleasure in wickedness; evil shall not sojourn with thee.
- 5 ⁵ Insolent fools shall not stand before thine eyes; thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
- 6 ⁶ Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies: Jehovah abhorreth a man of blood and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, in the greatness of thy loving-kindness will I enter thy house; I will bow down toward the temple of thy holiness in thy fear.
- 8 Lead me, Jehovah, in thy righteousness, because of my foes; make thy way plain before me.
- 9 For there is no certainty in their mouth; their inward part is perversion, their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Bring guilt upon them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels: drive them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against thee.
- 11 And all that trust in thee shall rejoice: for ever shall they shout joyously, and thou wilt protect them; and they that love thy name shall exult in thee.

- 12 For thou, Jehovah, wilt bless the righteous *man*; with favour wilt thou surround him as *with* a shield.

6:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments, upon Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger, and chasten me not in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 ² Be gracious unto me, Jehovah, for I am withered; Jehovah, heal me, for my bones tremble.
- 3 ³ And my soul trembleth exceedingly: and thou, Jehovah, till how long?
- 4 ⁴ Return, Jehovah, free my soul; save me for thy loving-kindness' sake.
- 5 ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in Sheol who shall give thanks unto thee?
- 6 ⁶ I am wearied with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I dissolve my couch with my tears.
- 7 ⁷ Mine eye wasteth away through grief; it hath grown old because of all mine oppressors.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 Jehovah hath heard my supplication; Jehovah receiveth my prayer.
- 10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and tremble exceedingly; they will turn, they will be ashamed suddenly.

7:title Shiggaion of David, which he sang to Jehovah, concerning the words of Cush the Benjaminite.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah my God, in thee have I trusted: save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me;
- 2 ² Lest he tear my soul like a lion, crushing it while there is no deliverer.
- 3 ³ Jehovah my God, if I have done this, if there be iniquity in my hands;

- 4 ⁴ If I have rewarded evil to him that was at peace with me;
(indeed I have freed him that without cause oppressed me;)
- 5 ⁵ Let the enemy pursue after my soul, and take *it*, and let
him tread down my life to the earth, and lay my glory in the
dust. Selah.
- 6 ⁶ Arise, Jehovah, in thine anger; lift thyself up against the
raging of mine oppressors, and awake for me: thou hast
commanded judgment.
- 7 ⁷ And the assembly of the peoples shall encompass thee;
and for their sakes return thou on high.
- 8 ⁸ Jehovah shall minister judgment to the peoples. Judge me,
Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and according to
mine integrity which is in me.
- 9 ⁹ Oh let the wrong of the wicked come to an end, and
establish thou the righteous *man*; even thou that triest the
hearts and reins, the righteous God.
- 10 My shield is with God, who saveth the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge, and a •God who is indignant all
the day.
- 12 If one turn not, he will sharpen his sword; he hath bent his
bow and made it ready,
- 13 And he hath prepared for him instruments of death; his
arrows hath he made burning.
- 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, yea, he hath conceived
mischief, and brought forth falsehood:
- 15 He digged a pit, and hollowed it out, and is fallen into the
hole that he made.
- 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his
violence shall come down upon his own pate.
- 17 I will praise Jehovah according to his righteousness, and
will sing forth the name of Jehovah the Most High.

8:title To the chief Musician. Upon the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy majesty above the heavens.
- 2 ² Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established praise because of thine adversaries, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I see thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars, which thou hast established;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and splendour.
- 6 Thou hast made him to rule over the works of thy hands; thou hast put everything under his feet:
- 7 Sheep and oxen, all of them, and also the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowl of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea, *whatever* passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9 Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

9:title To the chief Musician. Upon Muthlabben. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ I will praise Jehovah with my whole heart; I will recount all thy marvellous works.
- 2 ² I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing forth thy name, O Most High.
- 3 ³ When mine enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished at thy presence:
- 4 ⁴ For thou hast maintained my right and my cause. Thou sittest on the throne, judging righteously.
- 5 ⁵ Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked; thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 ⁶ O enemy! destructions are ended for ever. —Thou hast also destroyed cities, even the remembrance of them hath perished.

- 7 ⁷ But Jehovah sitteth for ever; he hath ordained his throne for judgment.
- 8 ⁸ And it is he that will judge the world with righteousness; he shall execute judgment upon the peoples with equity.
- 9 ⁹ And Jehovah will be a refuge to the oppressed one, a refuge in times of distress.
- 10 ¹⁰ And they that know thy name will confide in thee; for thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
- 11 Sing psalms to Jehovah who dwelleth in Zion; tell among the peoples his doings.
- 12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them; the cry of the afflicted ones hath he not forgotten.
- 13 Be gracious unto me, O Jehovah; consider mine affliction from them that hate me, lifting me up from the gates of death:
- 14 That I may declare all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will be joyful in thy salvation.
- 15 The nations are sunk down in the pit *that* they made; in the net that they hid is their own foot taken.
- 16 Jehovah is known *by* the judgment he hath executed: the wicked is ensnared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.
- 17 The wicked shall be turned into Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy one shall not be forgotten alway; the hope of the meek shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, Jehovah; let not man prevail: let the nations be judged in thy sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, Jehovah: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.
- 10:1** Why, Jehovah, standest thou afar off? *Why* hidest thou thyself in times of distress?
- 2 The wicked, in his pride, doth hotly pursue the afflicted. They shall be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
- 3 For the wicked boasteth of his soul's desire, and he blesseth the covetous; he contemneth Jehovah.

- 4 The wicked *saith*, in the haughtiness of his countenance,
He doth not search out: all his thoughts are, There is no
God!
- 5 His ways always succeed; thy judgments are far above out
of his sight; *as for* all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.
- 6 He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved; from generation
to generation I shall be in no adversity.
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit, and oppression;
under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages; in the secret
places doth he slay the innocent: his eyes watch for the
wretched.
- 9 He lieth in wait secretly, like a lion in his thicket; he lieth
in wait to catch the afflicted: he doth catch the afflicted,
drawing him into his net.
- 10 He croucheth, he boweth down, that the wretched may fall
by his strong ones.
- 11 He saith in his heart, •God hath forgotten, he hideth his
face, he will never see *it*.
- 12 Arise, Jehovah; O •God, lift up thy hand: forget not the
afflicted.
- 13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? He hath said in
his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.
- 14 Thou hast seen *it*, for thou thyself beholdest trouble and
vexation, to requite by thy hand. The wretched committeth
himself unto thee; thou hast been the helper of the
fatherless.
- 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked, and as for the evil man,
seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.
- 16 Jehovah is King for ever and ever: the nations have
perished out of his land.
- 17 Jehovah, thou hast heard the desire of the meek, thou hast
established their heart: thou causest thine ear to hear,
- 18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed one, that
the man of the earth may terrify no more.

11:title To the chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 ¹ In Jehovah have I put my trust: how say ye to my soul,
Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?
- 2 ² For behold, the wicked bend the bow, they make ready
their arrow upon the string, that they may in darkness shoot
at the upright in heart.
- 3 ³ If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous
do?
- 4 Jehovah *is* in the temple of his holiness; Jehovah, —his
throne is in the heavens: his eyes behold, his eyelids try the
children of men.
- 5 Jehovah trieth the righteous one; but the wicked, and him
that loveth violence, his soul hateth.
- 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone;
and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7 For righteous is Jehovah; he loveth righteousness, his
countenance doth behold the upright.

12:title To the chief Musician. Upon Sheminith. A Psalm of
David.

- 1 ¹ Save, Jehovah, for the godly man is gone; for the faithful
have failed from among the children of men.
- 2 ² They speak falsehood every one with his neighbour: *with*
flattering lip, with a double heart, do they speak.
- 3 ³ Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that
speaketh proud things,
- 4 ⁴ Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail, our lips
are our own: who *is* lord over us?
- 5 ⁵ Because of the oppression of the afflicted, because of the
sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith Jehovah, I will
set *him* in safety, at whom they puff.
- 6 ⁶ The words of Jehovah are pure words, silver tried in the
furnace of earth, purified seven times.
- 7 ⁷ Thou, Jehovah, wilt keep them, thou wilt preserve them
from this generation for ever.
- 8 ⁸ The wicked walk about on every side, when vileness is
exalted among the children of men.

13:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ How long, Jehovah, wilt thou forget me for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 ² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, with sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 ³ Consider, answer me, O Jehovah my God! lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*;
- 4 ⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him! *lest* mine adversaries be joyful when I am moved.
- 5 ⁵ As for me, I have confided in thy loving-kindness; my heart shall be joyful in thy salvation.
- 6 ⁶ I will sing unto Jehovah, for he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14:title To the chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 ¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They have corrupted themselves, they have done abominable works: there is none that doeth good.
- 2 ² Jehovah looked down from the heavens upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
- 3 ³ They have all gone aside, they are together become corrupt: there is none that doeth good, not even one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, eating up my people *as* they eat bread? They call not upon Jehovah.
- 5 There were they in great fear; for God is in the generation of the righteous.
- 6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the afflicted, because Jehovah *was* his refuge.
- 7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When Jehovah turneth again the captivity of his people, Jacob shall be glad, Israel shall rejoice.

15:title A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tent? who shall dwell in the hill of thy holiness?
- 2 ² He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
- 3 ³ *He that* slandereth not with his tongue, doeth not evil to his companion, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour;
- 4 ⁴ In whose eyes the depraved person is contemned, and who honoureth them that fear Jehovah; who, if he have sworn to his own hurt, changeth it not;
- 5 ⁵ *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

16:title Michtam of David.

- 1 ¹ Preserve me, O •God: for I trust in thee.
- 2 ² Thou *my soul* hast said to Jehovah, Thou art the Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee; —
- 3 ³ To the saints that are on the earth, and to the excellent *thou hast said*, In them is all my delight.
- 4 ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, and I will not take up their names into my lips.
- 5 ⁵ Jehovah is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
- 6 ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 ⁷ I will bless Jehovah, who giveth me counsel; even in the nights my reins instruct me.
- 8 I have set Jehovah continually before me; because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart rejoiceth, and my glory exulteth; my flesh moreover shall dwell in hope.
- 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol, neither wilt thou allow thy Holy One to see corruption.

- 11 Thou wilt make known to me the path of life: thy countenance is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17:title A Prayer of David.

- 1 ¹ Hear the right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, which is not out of feigned lips.
- 2 ² Let my judgment come forth from thy presence, let thine eyes regard equity.
- 3 ³ Thou hast proved my heart, thou hast visited me by night; thou hast tried me, thou hast found nothing: my thought goeth not beyond my word.
- 4 ⁴ Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept from the paths of the violent *man*.
- 5 ⁵ When thou holdest my goings in thy paths, my footsteps slip not.
- 6 ⁶ I have called upon thee, for thou answerest me, O •God. Incline thine ear unto me, hear my speech.
- 7 ⁷ Shew wondrously thy loving-kindnesses, O thou that savest by thy right hand them that trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- 9 From the wicked that destroy me, my deadly enemies, who compass me about.
- 10 They are enclosed in their own fat; with their mouth they speak proudly.
- 11 They have now encompassed us in our steps; their eyes have they set, bowing down to the earth.
- 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of its prey, and as a young lion lurking in secret places.
- 13 Arise, Jehovah, anticipate him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, thy sword;
- 14 From men *who are* thy hand, O Jehovah, from men of this age: their portion is in *this* life, and their belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*; they have their fill of sons, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their children.

- 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

18:title To the chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spoke to Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul. And he said,

- 1 ¹ I will love thee, O Jehovah, my strength.
 2 ² Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my •God, my rock, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
 3 ³ I will call upon Jehovah, who is to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
 4 ⁴ The bands of death encompassed me, and torrents of Belial made me afraid.
 5 ⁵ The bands of Sheol surrounded me, the cords of death encountered me.
 6 ⁶ In my distress I called upon Jehovah, and I cried out to my God; he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, into his ears.
 7 ⁷ Then the earth shook and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains trembled and shook, because he was wroth.
 8 ⁸ There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals burned forth from it.
 9 ⁹ And he bowed the heavens, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.
 10 ¹⁰ And he rode upon a cherub and did fly; yea, he flew fast upon the wings of the wind.
 11 ¹¹ He made darkness his secret place, his tent round about him: darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
 12 ¹² From the brightness before him his thick clouds passed forth: hail and coals of fire.
 13 ¹³ And Jehovah thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice: hail and coals of fire.
 14 ¹⁴ And he sent his arrows, and scattered *mine enemies*; and he shot forth lightnings, and discomfited them.

- 15 ¹⁵ And the beds of the waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were uncovered at thy rebuke, Jehovah, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16 ¹⁶ He reached forth from above, he took me, he drew me out of great waters:
- 17 ¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me; for they were mightier than I.
- 18 ¹⁸ They encountered me in the day of my calamity, but Jehovah was my stay.
- 19 ¹⁹ And he brought me forth into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 20 Jehovah hath rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all his ordinances were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me;
- 23 And I was upright with him, and kept myself from mine iniquity.
- 24 And Jehovah hath recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- 25 With the gracious thou dost shew thyself gracious; with the upright man thou dost shew thyself upright;
- 26 With the pure thou dost shew thyself pure; and with the perverse thou dost shew thyself contrary.
- 27 For it is thou that savest the afflicted people; but the haughty eyes wilt thou bring down.
- 28 For it is thou that makest my lamp to shine: Jehovah my God enlighteneth my darkness.
- 29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 30 As for •God, his way is perfect; the word of Jehovah is tried: he is a shield to all that trust in him.
- 31 For who is †God save Jehovah? and who is a rock if not our God?
- 32 The •God who girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect,
- 33 Who maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places;

- 34 Who teacheth my hands to war, and mine arms bend a bow of brass;
- 35 And thou didst give me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand held me up; and thy condescending gentleness hath made me great.
- 36 Thou didst enlarge my steps under me, and mine ankles have not wavered.
- 37 I pursued mine enemies, and overtook them; and I turned not again till they were consumed.
- 38 I crushed them, and they were not able to rise: they fell under my feet.
- 39 And thou girdedst me with strength to battle; thou didst subdue under me those that rose up against me.
- 40 And mine enemies didst thou make to turn their backs unto me, and those that hated me I destroyed.
- 41 They cried, and there was none to save; —unto Jehovah, and he answered them not.
- 42 And I did beat them small as dust before the wind; I did cast them out as the mire of the streets.
- 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; thou hast made me the head of the nations: a people I knew not doth serve me.
- 44 At the hearing of the ear, they obey me: strangers come cringing unto me.
- 45 Strangers have faded away, and they come trembling forth from their close places.
- 46 Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of my salvation,
- 47 The •God who hath avenged me, and hath subjected the peoples to me;
- 48 Who hath delivered me from mine enemies: yea, thou hast lifted me up above them that rose up against me; from the man of violence hast thou delivered me.
- 49 Therefore will I give thanks to thee, Jehovah, among the nations, and will sing psalms to thy name.
- 50 *It is he* who giveth great deliverances to his king, and sheweth loving-kindness to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

19:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ The heavens declare the glory of •God; and the expanse sheweth the work of his hands.
- 2 ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- 3 ³ There is no speech and there are no words, yet their voice is heard.
- 4 ⁴ Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their language to the extremity of the world. In them hath he set a tent for the sun,
- 5 ⁵ And he is as a bridegroom going forth from his chamber; he rejoiceth as a strong man to run the race.
- 6 ⁶ His going forth is from the end of the heavens, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever; the judgments of Jehovah are truth, they are righteous altogether:
- 10 They are more precious than gold, yea, than much fine gold; and sweeter than honey and the dropping of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant enlightened; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who understandeth *his* errors? Purify me from secret *faults*.
- 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be perfect, and I shall be innocent from great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer.

20:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect thee;
- 2 ² May he send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
- 3 ³ Remember all thine oblations, and accept thy burnt-offering; Selah.
- 4 ⁴ Grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfil all thy counsels.
- 5 ⁵ We will triumph in thy salvation, and in the name of our God will we set up our banners. Jehovah fulfil all thy petitions!
- 6 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed; he answereth him from the heavens of his holiness, with the saving strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some make mention of chariots, and some of horses, but we of the name of Jehovah our God.
- 8 They are bowed down and fallen; but we are risen and stand upright.
- 9 Save, Jehovah! Let the king answer us in the day we call.

21:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ The king shall joy in thy strength, Jehovah; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice.
- 2 ² Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.
- 3 ³ For thou hast met him with the blessings of goodness; thou hast set a crown of pure gold on his head.
- 4 ⁴ He asked life of thee; thou gavest *it* him, length of days for ever and ever.
- 5 ⁵ His glory is great through thy salvation; majesty and splendour hast thou laid upon him.
- 6 ⁶ For thou hast made him to be blessings for ever; thou hast filled him with joy by thy countenance.
- 7 For the king confideth in Jehovah: and through the loving-kindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.

- 8 Thy hand shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
- 9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thy presence; Jehovah shall swallow them up in his anger, and the fire shall devour them:
- 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.
- 11 For they intended evil against thee; they imagined a mischievous device, which they could not execute.
- 12 For thou wilt make them turn their back; thou wilt make ready thy bowstring against their face.
- 13 Be thou exalted, Jehovah, in thine own strength: we will sing and celebrate thy power.

22:title To the chief Musician. Upon Aijeleth-Shahar. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ My •God, my •God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou* far from my salvation, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 ² My God, I cry by day, and thou answerest not; and by night, and there is no rest for me:
- 3 ³ And thou art holy, thou that dwellest amid the praises of Israel.
- 4 ⁴ Our fathers confided in thee: they confided, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 ⁵ They cried unto thee, and were delivered; they confided in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 ⁶ But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and the despised of the people.
- 7 ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*:
- 8 ⁸ Commit it to Jehovah—let him rescue him; let him deliver him, because he delighteth in him!
- 9 ⁹ But thou art he that took me out of the womb; thou didst make me trust, upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou art my •God from my mother's belly.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

- 12 Many bulls have encompassed me; Bashan's strong ones have beset me round.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouth, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is become like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my palate; and thou hast laid me in the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have encompassed me; an assembly of evil-doers have surrounded me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I may count all my bones. They look, they stare upon me;
- 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19 But thou, Jehovah, be not far *from me*; O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my only one from the power of the dog;
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth. Yea, from the horns of the buffaloes hast thou answered me.
- 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and revere him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him: but when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 25 My praise is from thee, in the great congregation; I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise Jehovah that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah, and all the families of the nations shall worship before thee:
- 28 For the kingdom is Jehovah's, and he ruleth among the nations.
- 29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him, and he that cannot keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *it*.

23:title A Psalm of David.

1 ¹ Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters.

3 ³ He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 ⁶ Surely, goodness and loving-kindness shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of Jehovah for the length of the days.

24:title Of David. A Psalm.

1 ¹ The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 ² For it was he that founded it upon seas, and established it upon floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the mount of Jehovah? and who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath blameless hands and a pure heart; who lifteth not up his soul unto vanity, nor sweareth deceitfully:

5 He shall receive blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek unto him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

- 7 Lift up your heads, ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, ye gates; yea, lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is he, this King of glory? Jehovah of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

25:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Unto thee, Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.
2 ² My God, I confide in thee; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 ³ Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed: they shall be ashamed that deal treacherously without cause.
4 ⁴ Make me to know thy ways, O Jehovah; teach me thy paths.
5 ⁵ Make me to walk in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 ⁶ Remember, Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they are from everlasting.
7 ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy loving-kindness remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, Jehovah.
8 Good and upright is Jehovah; therefore will he instruct sinners in the way:
9 The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of Jehovah are loving-kindness and truth for such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah, thou wilt indeed pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
12 What man is he that feareth Jehovah? him will he instruct in the way *that* he should choose.
13 His soul shall dwell in prosperity, and his seed shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of Jehovah is with them that fear him, that he may make known his covenant to them.

- 15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah; for he will bring my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn toward me, and be gracious unto me; for I am solitary and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are increased: bring me out of my distresses;
- 18 Consider mine affliction and my travail, and forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many, and they hate me *with* cruel hatred.
- 20 Keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I trust in thee.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

26:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity, and I have confided in Jehovah: I shall not slip.
- 2 ² Prove me, Jehovah, and test me; try my reins and my heart:
- 3 ³ For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes, and I have walked in thy truth.
- 4 ⁴ I have not sat with vain persons, neither have I gone in with dissemblers;
- 5 ⁵ I have hated the congregation of evil-doers, and I have not sat with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocency, and will encompass thine altar, O Jehovah,
- 7 That I may cause the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, and declare all thy marvellous works.
- 8 Jehovah, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth.
- 9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with men of blood;
- 10 In whose hands are evil devices, and their right hand is full of bribes.

- 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity. Redeem me,
and be gracious unto me.
- 12 My foot standeth in an even place; in the congregations will
I bless Jehovah.

27:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Jehovah is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Jehovah is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?
- 2 ² When evil-doers, mine adversaries and mine enemies,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- 3 ³ If a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; if war
rise against me, in this will I be confident.
- 4 ⁴ One *thing* have I asked of Jehovah, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my
life, to behold the beauty of Jehovah, and to inquire *of him*
in his temple.
- 5 ⁵ For in the day of evil he will hide me in his pavilion; in
the secret of his tent will he keep me concealed: he will set
me high upon a rock.
- 6 ⁶ And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies
round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices of
shouts of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing psalms unto
Jehovah.
- 7 Hear, Jehovah; with my voice do I call; be gracious unto
me, and answer me.
- 8 My heart said for thee, Seek ye my face. Thy face, O
Jehovah, will I seek.
- 9 Hide not thy face from me; put not thy servant away in
anger: thou hast been my help; cast me not off, neither
forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 10 For had my father and my mother forsaken me, then had
Jehovah taken me up.
- 11 Teach me thy way, Jehovah, and lead me in an even path,
because of mine enemies.
- 12 Deliver me not over to the will of mine adversaries; for
false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe
out violence.

- 13 Unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah in the land of the living...!
14 Wait for Jehovah; be strong and let thy heart take courage: yea, wait for Jehovah.

28:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Unto thee, Jehovah, do I call; my rock, be not silent unto me, lest, *if* thou keep silence toward me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 ² Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward the oracle of thy holiness.
3 ³ Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbours, and mischief is in their heart.
4 ⁴ Give them according to their doing, and according to the wickedness of their deeds; give them after the work of their hands, render to them their desert.
5 ⁵ For they regard not the deeds of Jehovah, nor the work of his hands: he will destroy them, and not build them up.
6 Blessed be Jehovah, for he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 Jehovah is my strength and my shield; my heart confided in him, and I was helped: therefore my heart exulteth, and with my song will I praise him.
8 Jehovah is their strength; and he is the stronghold of salvation to his anointed one.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance; and feed them, and lift them up for ever.

29:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Give unto Jehovah, ye sons of the mighty ones, give unto Jehovah glory and strength;
2 ² Give unto Jehovah the glory of his name; worship Jehovah in holy splendour.

- 3 ³ The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters: the •God of glory thundereth, —Jehovah upon great waters.
- 4 ⁴ The voice of Jehovah is powerful; the voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.
- 5 ⁵ The voice of Jehovah breaketh cedars; yea, Jehovah breaketh the cedars of Lebanon:
- 6 ⁶ And he maketh them to skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young buffalo.
- 7 ⁷ The voice of Jehovah cleaveth out flames of fire.
- 8 ⁸ The voice of Jehovah shaketh the wilderness; Jehovah shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 ⁹ The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve, and layeth bare the forests; and in his temple doth every one say, Glory!
- 10 ¹⁰ Jehovah sitteth upon the flood; yea, Jehovah sitteth as king for ever.
- 11 ¹¹ Jehovah will give strength unto his people; Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

30:title A Psalm of David: dedication-song of the house.

- 1 ¹ I will extol thee, Jehovah; for thou hast delivered me, and hast not made mine enemies to rejoice over me.
- 2 ² Jehovah my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
- 3 ³ Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol, thou hast quickened me from among those that go down to the pit.
- 4 ⁴ Sing psalms unto Jehovah, ye saints of his, and give thanks in remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 ⁵ For a moment *is passed* in his anger, a life in his favour; at even weeping cometh for the night, and at morn there is rejoicing.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, I shall never be moved.
- 7 Jehovah, by thy favour thou hadst made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.
- 8 I called to thee, Jehovah, and unto the Lord did I make supplication:

- 9 What profit is there in my blood, in my going down to the pit? shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- 10 Hear, O Jehovah, and be gracious unto me; Jehovah, be my helper.
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- 12 That *my* glory may sing psalms of thee, and not be silent. Jehovah my God, I will praise thee for ever.

31:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ In thee, Jehovah, do I trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 ² Incline thine ear to me, deliver me speedily; be a strong rock to me, a house of defence to save me.
- 3 ³ For thou art my rock and my fortress; and, for thy name's sake, thou wilt lead me and guide me.
- 4 ⁴ Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for me; for thou art my strength.
- 5 ⁵ Into thy hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, Jehovah, *thou* •God of truth.
- 6 ⁶ I have hated them that observe lying vanities; and as for me, I have confided in Jehovah.
- 7 ⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in thy loving-kindness, for thou hast seen mine affliction; thou hast known the troubles of my soul,
- 8 ⁸ And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large place.
- 9 Be gracious unto me, Jehovah, for I am in trouble: mine eye wasteth away with vexation, my soul and my belly.
- 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength faileth through mine iniquity, and my bones are wasted.
- 11 More than to all mine oppressors, I am become exceedingly a reproach, even to my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that see me without flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten in *their* heart as a dead man; I am become like a broken vessel.

- 13 For I have heard the slander of many—terror on every side—when they take counsel together against me: they plot to take away my life.
- 14 But I confided in thee, Jehovah; I said, thou art my God.
- 15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from my persecutors.
- 16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me in thy loving-kindness.
- 17 Jehovah, let me not be ashamed; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Sheol.
- 18 Let the lying lips become dumb, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.
- 19 *Oh* how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee, before the sons of men!
- 20 Thou keepest them concealed in the secret of thy presence from the conspiracies of man; thou hidest them in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be Jehovah; for he hath shewn me wondrously his loving-kindness in a strong city.
- 22 As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes; nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
- 23 Love Jehovah, all ye his saints. Jehovah preserveth the faithful, and plentifully requiteth the proud doer.
- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope in Jehovah.

32:title Of David. Instruction.

- 1 ¹ Blessed is he *whose* transgression is forgiven, *whose* sin is covered!
- 2 ² Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah reckoneth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 ³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed old, through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 ⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my moisture was turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

- 5 ⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity I covered not; I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
- 6 ⁶ For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee at a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they will not reach him.
- 7 Thou art a hiding-place for me; thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with songs of deliverance. Selah.
- 8 I will instruct thee and teach thee the way in which thou shalt go; I will counsel *thee* with mine eye upon thee.
- 9 Be ye not as a horse, as a mule, which have no understanding: whose trappings must be bit and bridle, for restraint, or they will not come unto thee.
- 10 Many sorrows hath the wicked; but he that confideth in Jehovah, loving-kindness shall encompass him.
- 11 Rejoice in Jehovah, and be glad, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.
- 33:1** Exult, ye righteous, in Jehovah: praise is comely for the upright.
- 2 Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp; sing psalms unto him with the ten-stringed lute.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud sound.
- 4 For the word of Jehovah is right, and all his work is in faithfulness.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the loving-kindness of Jehovah.
- 6 By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap; he layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear Jehovah; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 Jehovah frustrateth the counsel of the nations; he maketh the thoughts of the peoples of none effect.

- 11 The counsel of Jehovah standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, the people that he hath chosen for his inheritance!
- 13 Jehovah looketh from the heavens; he beholdeth all the sons of men:
- 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth upon all the inhabitants of the earth;
- 15 He who fashioneth the hearts of them all, who considereth all their works.
- 16 The king is not saved by the multitude of *his* forces; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain thing for safety; neither doth he deliver by his great power.
- 18 Behold, the eye of Jehovah is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his loving-kindness,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waiteth for Jehovah: he is our help and our shield.
- 21 For in him shall our heart rejoice, because we have confided in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, be upon us, according as we have hoped in thee.

34:title *A Psalm* of David; when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

- 1 ¹ I will bless Jehovah at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 ² My soul shall make its boast in Jehovah: the meek shall hear, and rejoice.
- 3 ³ Magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 ⁴ I sought Jehovah, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 ⁵ They looked unto him, and were enlightened, and their faces were not confounded.
- 6 ⁶ This afflicted one called, and Jehovah heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

- 7 ⁷ The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 ⁸ Taste and see that Jehovah is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him!
- 9 ⁹ Fear Jehovah, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him.
- 10 ¹⁰ The young lions are in need and suffer hunger; but they that seek Jehovah shall not want any good.
- 11 Come, ye sons, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.
- 12 What man is he that desireth life, *and* loveth days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile;
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of Jehovah are upon the righteous, and his ears are toward their cry;
- 16 The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth:
- 17 *The righteous* cry, and Jehovah heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 Jehovah is nigh to those that are of a broken heart, and saveth them that are of a contrite spirit.
- 19 Many are the adversities of the righteous, but Jehovah delivereth him out of them all:
- 20 He keepeth all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall destroy the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall bear their guilt.
- 22 Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall bear guilt.

35:title *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 ¹ Strive, O Jehovah, with them that strive with me; fight against them that fight against me:
- 2 ² Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help;
- 3 ³ And draw out the spear, and stop *the way* against my pursuers: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

- 4 ⁴ Let them be put to shame and confounded that seek after my life; let them be turned backward and brought to confusion that devise my hurt:
- 5 ⁵ Let them be as chaff before the wind, and let the angel of Jehovah drive *them* away;
- 6 ⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of Jehovah pursue them.
- 7 ⁷ For without cause have they hidden for me their net *in* a pit; without cause they have digged *it* for my soul.
- 8 ⁸ Let destruction come upon him unawares, and let his net which he hath hidden catch himself: for destruction let him fall therein.
- 9 ⁹ And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah; it shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 ¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the afflicted from one stronger than he, yea, the afflicted and the needy from him that spoileth him!
- 11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up; they lay to my charge things which I know not.
- 12 They reward me evil for good, *to* the bereavement of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I chastened my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned into mine own bosom:
- 14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* a friend, a brother to me; I bowed down in sadness, as one that mourneth *for* a mother.
- 15 But at my halting they rejoiced, and gathered together: the slanderers gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:
- 16 With profane jesters for bread, they have gnashed their teeth against me.
- 17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? Rescue my soul from their destructions, my only one from the young lions.
- 18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among much people.
- 19 Let not them that are wrongfully mine enemies rejoice over me; let them not wink with the eye that hate me without cause.
- 20 For they speak not peace; and they devise deceitful words against the quiet in the land.

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- 21 And they opened their mouth wide against me; they said,
Aha! aha! our eye hath seen *it*.
- 22 Thou hast seen *it*, Jehovah: keep not silence; O Lord, be
not far from me.
- 23 Stir up thyself, and awake for my right, for my cause, my
God and Lord!
- 24 Judge me, Jehovah my God, according to thy
righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me.
- 25 Let them not say in their heart, Aha! so would we have it.
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
- 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together
that rejoice at mine adversity; let them be clothed with
shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.
- 27 Let them exult and rejoice that delight in my righteousness;
and let them say continually, Jehovah be magnified, who
delighteth in the prosperity of his servant.
- 28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness, *and* of thy
praise, all the day.

36:title To the chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the servant of Jehovah;
of David.

- 1 ¹ The transgression of the wicked uttereth within my heart,
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 ² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, *even* when his
iniquity is found to be hateful.
- 3 ³ The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit: he hath
left off to be wise, to do good.
- 4 ⁴ He deviseth wickedness up on his bed; he setteth himself
in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.
- 5 Jehovah, thy loving-kindness is in the heavens, and thy
faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.
- 6 Thy righteousness is like the high mountains; thy
judgments are a great deep: thou, Jehovah, preservest man
and beast.
- 7 How precious is thy loving-kindness, O God! So the sons
of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

- 8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
- 9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.
- 10 Continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness to the upright in heart;
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and are not able to rise.

37:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, and be not envious of them that work unrighteousness;
- 2 ² for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and fade as the green herb.
- 3 ³ Confide in Jehovah, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on faithfulness;
- 4 ⁴ and delight thyself in Jehovah, and he will give thee the desires of thy heart.
- 5 ⁵ Commit thy way unto Jehovah, and rely upon him: he will bring *it* to pass;
- 6 ⁶ and he will bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him that prospereth in his way, because of the man that bringeth mischievous devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself: it *would be* only to do evil.
- 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that wait on Jehovah, they shall possess the land.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked is not; and thou considerest his place, but he is not.
- 11 But the meek shall possess the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of prosperity.
- 12 The wicked plotteth against the righteous, and gnasheth his teeth against him.

- 13 The Lord laugheth at him; for he seeth that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the afflicted and needy, to slay those that are upright in *the* way:
- 15 their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- 16 The little that the righteous hath is better than the abundance of many wicked;
- 17 for the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.
- 18 Jehovah knoweth the days of the perfect; and their inheritance shall be for ever:
- 19 they shall not be ashamed in the time of evil, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 For the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of Jehovah shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume, like smoke shall they consume away.
- 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous is gracious and giveth:
- 22 for those blessed of him shall possess the land, and they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are established by Jehovah, and he delighteth in his way:
- 24 though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for Jehovah upholdeth his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old, and I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed seeking bread:
- 26 all the day he is gracious and lendeth, and his seed shall be a blessing.
- 27 Depart from evil, and do good, and dwell for evermore;
- 28 for Jehovah loveth judgment, and will not forsake his saints: They are preserved for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall possess the land, and dwell therein for ever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous proffereth wisdom, and his tongue speaketh judgment;
- 31 the law of his God is in his heart; his goings shall not slide.
- 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him:

- 33 Jehovah will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 34 Wait for Jehovah, and keep his way, and he will exalt thee to possess the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.
- 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading like a green tree in its native soil:
- 36 but he passed away, and behold, he was not; and I sought him, but he was not found.
- 37 Mark the perfect, and behold the upright, for the end of *that* man is peace;
- 38 but the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
- 40 And Jehovah will help them and deliver them: he will deliver them from the wicked, and save them; for they trust in him.

38:title A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 ² For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand cometh down upon me.
- 3 ³ There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation; no peace in my bones, because of my sin.
- 4 ⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over my head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- 5 ⁵ My wounds stink, they are corrupt, because of my foolishness.
- 6 ⁶ I am depressed; I am bowed down beyond measure; I go mourning all the day.
- 7 ⁷ For my loins are full of burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 ⁸ I am faint and broken beyond measure; I roar by reason of the agitation of my heart.
- 9 ⁹ Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my sighing is not hid from thee.

- 10 ¹⁰ My heart throbbed, my strength hath left me; and the light of mine eyes, it also is no more with me.
- 11 ¹¹ My lovers and mine associates stand aloof from my stroke; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- 12 And they that seek after my life lay snares *for me*; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and meditate deceits all the day long.
- 13 But I, as a deaf *man*, hear not; and am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
- 14 Yea, I am as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
- 15 For in thee, Jehovah, do I hope: thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, Let them not rejoice over me! When my foot slipped, they magnified *themselves* against me.
- 17 For I am ready to halt, and my pain is continually before me.
- 18 For I will declare mine iniquity, I am grieved for my sin.
- 19 But mine enemies are lively, they are strong; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied:
- 20 And they that render evil for good are adversaries unto me; because I pursue what is good.
- 21 Forsake me not, Jehovah; O my God, be not far from me.
- 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

39:title To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked is before me.
- 2 ² I was dumb with silence, I held my peace from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
- 3 ³ My heart burned within me; the fire was kindled in my musing: I spoke with my tongue,
- 4 ⁴ Make me to know, Jehovah, mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: I shall know how frail I am.
- 5 ⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days *as* hand-breadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before thee; verily, every man, *even* the high placed, is altogether vanity. Selah.

- 6 ⁶ Verily, man walketh in a vain show; verily they are disquieted in vain; he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- 7 And now, what wait I for, Lord? my hope is in thee.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; for thou hast done *it*.
- 10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thy hand.
- 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct a man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely, every man is vanity. Selah.
- 12 Hear my prayer, Jehovah, and give ear unto my cry; be not silent at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, a sojourner, like all my fathers.
- 13 Look away from me, and let me recover strength, before I go hence and be no more.

40:title To the chief Musician. Of David. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ I waited patiently for Jehovah; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 ² And he brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock; he hath established my goings:
- 3 ³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, praise unto our God. Many shall see it, and fear, and shall confide in Jehovah.
- 4 ⁴ Blessed is the man that hath made Jehovah his confidence, and turneth not to the proud, and to such as turn aside to lies.
- 5 ⁵ Thou, O Jehovah my God, hast multiplied thy marvellous works, and thy thoughts toward us: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; would I declare and speak *them*, they are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and oblation thou didst not desire: ears hast thou prepared me. Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not demanded;

- 7 Then said I, Behold, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me—
- 8 To do thy good pleasure, my God, is my delight, and thy law is within my heart.
- 9 I have published righteousness in the great congregation: behold, I have not withheld my lips, Jehovah, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hidden thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Withhold not thou, Jehovah, thy tender mercies from me; let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head: and my heart hath failed me.
- 13 Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me; Jehovah, make haste to my help.
- 14 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be turned backward and confounded that take pleasure in mine adversity;
- 15 Let them be desolate, because of their shame, that say unto me, Aha! Aha!
- 16 Let all those that seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, Jehovah be magnified!
- 17 But I am afflicted and needy: the Lord thinketh upon me. Thou art my help and my deliverer: my God, make no delay.

41:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Blessed is he that understandeth the poor: Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.
- 2 ² Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive; he shall be made happy in the land; and thou wilt not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

- 3 ³ Jehovah will sustain him upon the bed of languishing:
thou turnest all his bed in his sickness.
- 4 ⁴ As for me, I said, Jehovah, be gracious unto me: heal my
soul; for I have sinned against thee.
- 5 Mine enemies wish me evil: When will he die, and his
name perish?
- 6 And if one come to see *me*, he speaketh falsehood; his heart
gathereth wickedness to itself: he goeth abroad, he telleth
it.
- 7 All that hate me whisper together against me; against me
do they devise my hurt.
- 8 A thing of Belial cleaveth fast unto him; and now that he is
laid down, he will rise up no more.
- 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I confided, who
did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.
- 10 But thou, Jehovah, be gracious unto me, and raise me up,
that I may requite them.
- 11 By this I know that thou delightest in me, because mine
enemy doth not triumph over me.
- 12 But as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and
settest me before thy face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, from eternity to
eternity! Amen, and Amen.

42:title To the chief Musician. An instruction; of the sons of
Korah.

- 1 ¹ As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my
soul after thee, O God.
- 2 ² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living •God: when shall
I come and appear before God?
- 3 ³ My tears have been my bread day and night, while they
say unto me all the day, Where is thy God?
- 4 ⁴ These things I remember and have poured out my soul
within me: how I passed along with the multitude, how I
went on with them to the house of God, with the voice of
joy and praise, a festive multitude.

- 5 ⁵ Why art thou cast down, my soul, and art disquieted in me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, *for* the health of his countenance.
- 6 My God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan, and the Hermons, from mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy cataracts; all thy breakers and thy billows are gone over me.
- 8 In the day-time will Jehovah command his loving-kindness, and in the night his song shall be with me, a prayer unto the •God of my life.
- 9 I will say unto •God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 10 As with a crushing in my bones mine adversaries reproach me, while they say unto me all the day, Where is thy God?
- 11 Why art thou cast down, my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.
- 43:1** Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; deliver me from the deceitful and unrighteous man.
- 2 For thou art the God of my strength: why hast thou cast me off? why go I about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 Send out thy light and thy truth: they shall lead me, they shall bring me to thy holy mount, and unto thy habitations.
- 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto the •God of the gladness of my joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
- 5 Why art thou cast down, my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

44:title To the chief Musician. Of the sons of Korah. An instruction.

- 1 ¹ O God, with our ears have we heard, our fathers have told us, the work thou wroughtest in their days, in the days of old:
- 2 ² Thou, by thy hand, didst dispossess the nations, but them thou didst plant; thou didst afflict the peoples, but them didst thou cause to spread out.
- 3 ³ For not by their own sword did they take possession of the land, neither did their own arm save them; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst delight in them.
- 4 ⁴ Thou thyself art my king, O God: command deliverance for Jacob.
- 5 ⁵ Through thee will we push down our adversaries; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
- 6 ⁶ For I will not put confidence in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
- 7 ⁷ For thou hast saved us from our adversaries, and hast put them to shame that hate us.
- 8 ⁸ In God will we boast all the day, and we will praise thy name for ever. Selah.
- 9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to confusion, and dost not go forth with our armies;
- 10 Thou hast made us to turn back from the adversary, and they that hate us spoil for themselves;
- 11 Thou hast given us over like sheep *appointed* for meat, and hast scattered us among the nations;
- 12 Thou hast sold thy people for nought, and hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price;
- 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a mockery and a derision for them that are round about us;
- 14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.
- 15 All the day my confusion is before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,
- 16 Because of the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely against thy covenant:

- 18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy path;
- 19 Though thou hast crushed us in the place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death.
- 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, and stretched out our hands to a strange •god,
- 21 Would not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
- 22 But for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are reckoned as sheep for slaughter.
- 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.
- 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
- 26 Rise up for our help, and redeem us for thy loving-kindness' sake.

45:title To the chief Musician. Upon Shoshannim. Of the sons of Korah. An instruction; —a song of the Beloved.

- 1 ¹ My heart is welling forth *with* a good matter: I say what I have composed touching the king. My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 ² Thou art fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 3 ³ Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O mighty one, *in* thy majesty and thy splendour;
- 4 ⁴ And *in* thy splendour ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- 5 ⁵ Thine arrows are sharp—peoples fall under thee—in the heart of the king's enemies.
- 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom:
- 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy companions.

- 8 Myrrh and aloes, cassia, are all thy garments; out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among thine honourable women; upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hearken, daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; and forget thine own people and thy father's house:
- 11 And the king will desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre with a gift, the rich ones among the people, shall court thy favour.
- 13 All glorious is the king's daughter within; her clothing is of wrought gold:
- 14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of embroidery; the virgins behind her, her companions, shall be brought in unto thee:
- 15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought; they shall enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy sons; princes shalt thou make them in all the earth.
- 17 I will make thy name to be remembered throughout all generations; therefore shall the peoples praise thee for ever and ever.

46:title To the chief Musician. Of the sons of Korah. On Alamoth. A song.

- 1 ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a help in distresses, very readily found.
- 2 ² Therefore will we not fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the heart of the seas;
- 3 ³ Though the waters thereof roar *and* foam, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ There is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the sanctuary of the habitations of the Most High.
- 5 ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her at the dawn of the morning.
- 6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

- 7 Jehovah of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our high fortress. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of Jehovah, what desolations he hath made in the earth:
- 9 He hath made wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 Jehovah of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our high fortress. Selah.

47:title To the chief Musician. Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ All ye peoples, clap your hands; shout unto God with the voice of triumph!
- 2 ² For Jehovah, the Most High, is terrible, a great king over all the earth.
- 3 ³ He subdueth the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 ⁴ He hath chosen our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 God is gone up amid shouting, Jehovah amid the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 Sing psalms of God, sing psalms; sing psalms unto our King, sing psalms!
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing psalms with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the nations; God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
- 9 The willing-hearted of the peoples have gathered together, *with* the people of the God of Abraham. For unto God *belong* the shields of the earth: he is greatly exalted.

48:title A Song; a Psalm. Of the sons of Korah.

- 1 ¹ Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the hill of his holiness.
- 2 ² Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- 3 ³ God is known in her palaces as a high fortress.
- 4 ⁴ For behold, the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together;
- 5 ⁵ They saw, —so they marvelled; they were troubled, they fled in consternation:
- 6 ⁶ Trembling took hold upon them there; anguish, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 ⁷ With an east wind thou hast broken the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God: God doth establish it for ever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought, O God, of thy loving-kindness, in the midst of thy temple.
- 10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: count the towers thereof;
- 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide until death.

49:title To the chief Musician. Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ Hear this, all ye peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:
- 2 ² Both men of low and men of high degree, rich and poor alike.
- 3 ³ My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding:

- 4 ⁴ I will incline mine ear to a parable, I will open my riddle upon the harp.
- 5 ⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the days of adversity, *when* the iniquity of my supplanters encompasseth me? —
- 6 They depend upon their wealth, and boast themselves in the abundance of their riches. . . .
- 7 None can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him,
- 8 (For the redemption of their soul is costly, and must be given up for ever,)
- 9 That he should still live perpetually, *and* not see corruption.
- 10 For he seeth that wise men die; all alike, the fool and the brutish perish, and they leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought is, that their houses are for ever, their dwelling-places from generation to generation: they call the lands after their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless, man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.
- 13 This their way is their folly, yet they that come after them delight in their sayings. Selah.
- 14 Like sheep are they laid in Sheol: Death feedeth on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their comeliness shall be for Sheol to consume, that there be no habitation for them.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol: for he will receive me. Selah.
- 16 Be not afraid when a man becometh rich, when the glory of his house is increased:
- 17 For when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though he blessed his soul in his lifetime, —and men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself, —
- 19 It shall go to the generation of his fathers: they shall never see light.
- 20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

50:title A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ •God, Elohim-Jehovah, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- 2 ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth.
- 3 ³ Our God will come, and will not keep silence: fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- 4 ⁴ He will call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 ⁵ Gather unto me my godly ones, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice!
- 6 ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God executeth judgment himself. Selah.
- 7 Hear, my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify unto thee: I am God, thy God.
- 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt-offerings, continually before me;
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he-goats out of thy folds:
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills;
- 11 I know all the fowl of the mountains, and the roaming creatures of the field are mine:
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
- 13 Should I eat the flesh of bulls, and drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, and perform thy vows unto the Most High;
- 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
- 16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant into thy mouth,
- 17 Seeing thou hast hated correction and hast cast my words behind thee?
- 18 When thou sawest a thief, thou didst take pleasure in him, and thy portion was with adulterers;
- 19 Thou lettest thy mouth loose to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit;

- 20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother, thou revilest thine own mother's son:
- 21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.
- 22 Now consider this, ye that forget †God, lest I tear in pieces, and there be no deliverer.
- 23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth *his* way will I shew the salvation of God.

51:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 1 ¹ Be gracious unto me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the abundance of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
- 2 ² Wash me fully from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is continually before me.
- 4 ⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in thy sight; that thou mayest be justified when thou speakest, be clear when thou judgest.
- 5 ⁵ Behold, in iniquity was I brought forth, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 ⁶ Behold, thou wilt have truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden *part* thou wilt make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear gladness and joy; *that* the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not the spirit of thy holiness from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and let a willing spirit sustain me.

- 13 I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall return unto thee.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 15 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise.
- 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then shalt thou have sacrifices of righteousness, burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering; then shall they offer up bullocks upon thine altar.

52:title To the chief Musician: an instruction. Of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David came to the house of Ahimelech.

- 1 ¹ Why boastest thou thyself in evil, thou mighty man? The loving-kindness of •God *abideth* continually.
- 2 ² Thy tongue deviseth mischievous things, like a sharp razor, practising deceit.
- 3 ³ Thou hast loved evil rather than good, lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ Thou hast loved all devouring words, O deceitful tongue!
- 5 ⁵ •God shall likewise destroy thee for ever; he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* tent, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.
- 6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, *saying*,
- 7 Behold the man that made not God his strength, but put confidence in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his avarice.
- 8 But as for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I will confide in the loving-kindness of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*; and I will wait on thy name, before thy godly ones, for it is good.

53:title To the chief Musician. On Mahalath: an instruction. Of David.

- 1 ¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God! They have corrupted themselves, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.
- 2 ² God looked down from the heavens upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
- 3 ³ Every one of them is gone back, they are together become corrupt: there is none that doeth good, not even one.
- 4 ⁴ Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, eating up my people *as* they eat bread? they call not upon God.
- 5 ⁵ There were they in great fear, where no fear was; for God scattereth the bones of him that encampeth against thee. Thou hast put *them* to shame, for God hath despised them.
- 6 ⁶ Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God turneth again the captivity of his people, Jacob shall be glad, Israel shall rejoice.

54:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments: an instruction. Of David; when the Ziphites came, and said to Saul, Is not David hiding himself with us?

- 1 ¹ O God, by thy name save me, and by thy strength do me justice.
- 2 ² O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 ³ For strangers are risen up against me, and the violent seek after my life: they have not set God before them. Selah.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is among them that uphold my soul.
- 5 He will requite evil to mine enemies: in thy truth cut them off.
- 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee; I will praise thy name, O Jehovah, because it is good.
- 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble; and mine eye hath seen *its desire* upon mine enemies.

55:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments: an instruction. Of David.

- 1 ¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
- 2 ² Attend unto me, and answer me: I wander about in my plaint, and I moan aloud,
- 3 ³ Because of the voice of the enemy; because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in anger they persecute me.
- 4 ⁴ My heart is writhing within me, and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
- 5 ⁵ Fear and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.
- 6 ⁶ And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away, and be at rest;
- 7 ⁷ Behold, I would flee afar off, I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah;
- 8 ⁸ I would hasten my escape from the stormy wind, from the tempest.
- 9 Swallow *them* up, Lord; divide their tongue: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof; and iniquity and mischief are in the midst of it.
- 11 Perversities are in the midst thereof; and oppression and deceit depart not from its streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy that hath reproached me—then could I have borne it; neither is it he that hateth me that hath magnified *himself* against me—then would I have hidden myself from him;
- 13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, mine intimate, my familiar friend. ...
- 14 We who held sweet intercourse together. To the house of God we walked amid the throng.
- 15 Let death seize upon them, let them go down alive into Sheol. For wickedness is in their dwellings, in their midst.
- 16 As for me, unto God will I call; and Jehovah will save me.

- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray and moan aloud; and he will hear my voice.
- 18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace from the battle against me: for there were many about me.
- 19 •God will hear, and afflict them: he that is seated of old, (Selah) ...because there is no change in them, and they fear not God.
- 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as are at peace with him; he hath profaned his covenant.
- 21 Smooth were the milky *words* of his mouth, but his heart was war; his words were softer than oil, yet are they drawn swords.
- 22 Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee: he will never suffer the righteous to be moved.
- 23 And thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days. But as for me, I will confide in thee.

56:title To the chief Musician. On Jonathelem-rechokim. Of David. Michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath.

- 1 ¹ Be gracious unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: all the day long fighting he oppresseth me.
- 2 ² Mine enemies would swallow *me* up all the day long; for they are many that fight against me haughtily.
- 3 ³ In the day that I am afraid, I will confide in thee.
- 4 ⁴ In God will I praise his word, in God I put my confidence: I will not fear; what can flesh do unto me?
- 5 ⁵ All the day long they wrest my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 6 ⁶ They gather themselves together, they hide themselves; they mark my steps, because they wait for my soul.
- 7 ⁷ Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God.
- 8 Thou countest my wanderings; put my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?
- 9 Then shall mine enemies return backward in the day when I call: this I know, for God is for me.

- 10 In God will I praise *his* word; in Jehovah will I praise *his* word.
- 11 In God have I put my confidence: I will not fear; what can man do unto me?
- 12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render thanks unto thee.
- 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death; *wilt thou* not *keep* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

57:title To the chief Musician. ‘Destroy not.’ Of David. Michtam; when he fled from Saul in the cave.

- 1 ¹ Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious unto me; for my soul taketh refuge in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings do I take refuge, until the calamities be overpast.
- 2 ² I will call unto God, the Most High; unto •God that performeth *all* for me.
- 3 ³ He will send from the heavens and save me; he hath covered with reproach him that would swallow me up. Selah. God hath sent forth his loving-kindness and his truth.
- 4 ⁴ My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down *among* them that breathe out flames, the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- 5 ⁵ Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let thy glory be above all the earth!
- 6 ⁶ They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down: they have digged a pit before me; they are fallen into the midst thereof. Selah.
- 7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, yea, I will sing psalms.
- 8 Awake, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I will wake the dawn.
- 9 I will give thee thanks among the peoples, O Lord; of thee will I sing psalms among the nations:
- 10 For thy loving-kindness is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let thy glory be above all the earth!

58:title To the chief Musician. ‘Destroy not.’ Of David. Michtam.

- 1 ¹ Is righteousness indeed silent? Do ye speak it? Do ye judge with equity, ye sons of men?
- 2 ² Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
- 3 ³ The wicked go astray from the womb; they err as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
- 4 ⁴ Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder which stoppeth her ear;
- 5 ⁵ Which doth not hearken to the voice of enchanters, of one charming ever so wisely.
- 6 O God, break their teeth in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.
- 7 Let them melt away as waters that flow off; when he aimeth his arrows, let them be as blunted:
- 8 Let them be as a snail that melteth as it passeth away; *like* the untimely birth of a woman, let them not see the sun.
- 9 Before your pots feel the thorns, green or burning, —they shall be whirled away.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the wicked:
- 11 And men shall say, Verily there is fruit for the righteous; verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

59:title To the chief Musician. ‘Destroy not.’ Of David. Michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

- 1 ¹ Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God; secure me on high from them that rise up against me.
- 2 ² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from men of blood.
- 3 ³ For behold, they lie in wait for my soul; strong ones are gathered against me: not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jehovah.

- 4 ⁴ They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to meet me, and behold.
- 5 ⁵ Yea, do thou, Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise to visit all the nations: be not gracious to any plotters of iniquity. Selah.
- 6 ⁶ They return in the evening; they howl like a dog, and go round about the city:
- 7 ⁷ Behold, they belch out with their mouth; swords are in their lips: for who *say they* doth hear?
- 8 But thou, Jehovah, wilt laugh at them; thou wilt have all the nations in derision.
- 9 Their strength! ...I will take heed to thee; for God is my high fortress.
- 10 God, whose loving-kindness will come to meet me, —God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget; by thy power make them wander, and bring them down, O Lord, our shield.
- 12 *Because of* the sin of their mouth, the word of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; and because of cursing and lying which they speak.
- 13 Make an end in wrath, make an end, that they may be no more; that they may know that God ruleth in Jacob, unto the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 And in the evening they shall return, they shall howl like a dog, and go round about the city.
- 15 They shall wander about for meat, and stay all night if they be not satisfied.
- 16 But as for me, I will sing of thy strength; yea, I will sing aloud of thy loving-kindness in the morning; for thou hast been to me a high fortress, and a refuge in the day of my trouble.
- 17 Unto thee, my strength, will I sing psalms; for God is my high fortress, the God of my mercy.

60:title To the chief Musician. On Shushan. Testimony. Michtam of David; to teach: when he strove with the Syrians of Mesopotamia, and the Syrians of Zobah, and Joab returned, and smote the Edomites in the valley of salt, twelve thousand.

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- 1 ¹ O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased: restore us again.
- 2 ² Thou hast made the earth to tremble, thou hast rent it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
- 3 ³ Thou hast shewn thy people hard things; thou hast made us to drink the wine of bewilderment.
- 4 ⁴ Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth, (Selah,)
- 5 ⁵ That thy beloved ones may be delivered. Save with thy right hand, and answer me.
- 6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine, and Ephraim is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
- 8 Moab is my wash-pot; upon Edom will I cast my sandal; Philistia, shout aloud because of me.
- 9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me unto Edom?
- 10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, who didst cast us off? and didst not go forth, O God, with our armies?
- 11 Give us help from trouble; for vain is man's deliverance.
- 12 Through God we shall do valiantly; and he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

61:title To the chief Musician. On a stringed instrument. *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 ¹ Hear, O God, my cry; attend unto my prayer.
- 2 ² From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: thou wilt lead me on to a rock which is too high for me.
- 3 ³ For thou hast been a refuge for me, a strong tower from before the enemy.
- 4 ⁴ I will sojourn in thy tent for ever; I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
- 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows; thou hast given *me* the inheritance of those that fear thy name.

- 6 Thou wilt add days to the days of the king: his years shall be as many generations.
- 7 He shall abide before God for ever: bestow loving-kindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
- 8 So will I sing forth thy name for ever, performing my vows from day to day.

62:title To the chief Musician. On Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Upon God alone doth my soul rest peacefully; from him is my salvation.
- 2 ² He only is my rock and my salvation; my high fortress: I shall not be greatly moved.
- 3 ³ How long will ye assail a man; will ye *seek*, all of you, to break him down as a bowing wall or a tottering fence?
- 4 ⁴ They only consult to thrust *him* down from his excellency; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but in their inward part they curse. Selah.
- 5 ⁵ Upon God alone, O my soul, rest peacefully; for my expectation is from him.
- 6 ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation; my high fortress: I shall not be moved.
- 7 ⁷ With God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.
- 8 Confide in him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him: God is our refuge. Selah.
- 9 Men of low degree are only vanity; men of high degree, a lie: laid in the balance, they go up together *lighter* than vanity.
- 10 Put not confidence in oppression, and become not vain in robbery; if wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11 Once hath God spoken, twice have I heard this, that strength *belongeth* unto God.
- 12 And unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* loving-kindness; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

63:title A Psalm of David; when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- 1 ¹ O God, thou art my •God; early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh languisheth for thee, in a dry and weary land without water:
- 2 ² To see thy power and thy glory, as I have beheld thee in the sanctuary;
- 3 For thy loving-kindness is better than life: my lips shall praise thee.
- 4 So will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name.
- 5 My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips.
- 6 When I remember thee upon my bed, I meditate on thee in the night-watches:
- 7 For thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of thy wings will I sing for joy.
- 8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.
- 9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth;
- 10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be the portion of foxes.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Hear, O God, my voice in my plaint; preserve my life from fear of the enemy:
- 2 ² Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers, from the tumultuous crowd of the workers of iniquity,
- 3 ³ Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword, *and* have aimed their arrow, a bitter word;
- 4 ⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

- 5 ⁵ They encourage themselves in an evil matter, they concert to hide snares; they say, Who will see them?
 6 ⁶ They devise iniquities: We have it ready, the plan is diligently sought out. And each one's inward *thought* and heart is deep.
 7 But God will shoot an arrow at them: suddenly are they wounded;
 8 By their own tongue they are made to fall over one another: all that see them shall flee away.
 9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare God's doing; and they shall wisely consider his work.
 10 The righteous shall rejoice in Jehovah, and trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

65:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David: a Song.

- 1 ¹ Praise waiteth for thee in silence, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
 2 ² O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
 3 ³ Iniquities have prevailed against me: our transgressions, thou wilt forgive them.
 4 ⁴ Blessed is he whom thou choosest and causest to approach: he shall dwell in thy courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, of thy holy temple.
 5 ⁵ By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation, thou confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the distant regions of the sea. ...
 6 Who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with power;
 7 Who stilleth the raging of the seas, the raging of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
 8 And they that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
 9 Thou hast visited the earth, thou hast watered it; thou greatly enrichest it: the river of God is full of water; thou providest their corn, when thou hast so prepared it:

- 10 Thou dost satiate its furrows, thou smoothest its clods, thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.
- 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness:
- 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the hills are girded with gladness.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, yea, they sing.

66:title To the chief Musician. A Song: a Psalm.

- 1 ¹ Shout aloud unto God, all the earth:
- 2 ² Sing forth the glory of his name, make his praise glorious;
- 3 ³ Say unto God, How terrible are thy works! because of the greatness of thy strength, thine enemies come cringing unto thee.
- 4 ⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and sing psalms unto thee: they shall sing forth thy name. Selah.
- 5 ⁵ Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in *his* doings toward the children of men.
- 6 ⁶ He turned the sea into dry *land*; they went through the river on foot: there did we rejoice in him.
- 7 ⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes observe the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
- 8 Bless our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 9 Who hath set our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.
- 10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
- 11 Thou broughtest us into a net, thou didst lay a heavy burden upon our loins;
- 12 Thou didst cause men to ride over our head; we went through fire and through water: but thou hast brought us out into abundance.
- 13 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings; I will perform my vows to thee,

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- 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer up unto thee burnt-offerings of fatted beasts, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
- 16 Come, hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
- 17 I called unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 Had I regarded iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not hear.
- 19 But God hath heard; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his loving-kindness from me!

67:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm: a Song.

- 1 ¹ God be gracious unto us, and bless us, *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah,
- 2 ² That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations.
- 3 ³ Let the peoples praise thee, O God, let all the peoples praise thee.
- 4 ⁴ Let the nations rejoice and sing for joy: for thou wilt judge the peoples equitably; and the nations upon earth, thou wilt guide them. Selah.
- 5 ⁵ Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee.
- 6 ⁶ The earth will yield her increase; God, our God, will bless us:
- 7 ⁷ God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68:title To the chief Musician. Of David. A Psalm: a Song.

- 1 ¹ Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered, and let them that hate him flee before him.
- 2 ² As smoke is driven, thou wilt drive them away; as wax melteth before the fire, the wicked shall perish at the presence of God.
- 3 ³ But the righteous shall rejoice: they shall exult before God and be glad with joy.
- 4 ⁴ Sing unto God, sing forth his name; cast up a way for him that rideth in the deserts: his name is Jah; and rejoice before him.
- 5 ⁵ A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 ⁶ God maketh the solitary into families; those that were bound he bringeth out into prosperity: but the rebellious dwell in a parched *land*.
- 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness—(Selah) —
- 8 The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God, yon Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 Thou, O God, didst pour a plentiful rain upon thine inheritance, and when it was weary thou strengthenedst it.
- 10 Thy flock hath dwelt therein: thou hast prepared in thy goodness, for the afflicted, O God!
- 11 The Lord gives the word: great the host of the publishers.
- 12 Kings of armies flee; they flee, and she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.
- 13 Though ye have lain among the sheepfolds, *ye shall be as* wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with green gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it became snow-white as Zalmon.
- 15 *As* mount Bashan is the mount of God, a many-peaked mountain, *as* mount Bashan.
- 16 Why do ye look with envy, ye many-peaked mountains, upon the mount that God hath desired for his abode? yea, Jehovah will dwell *there* for ever.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them: it is a Sinai in holiness.

- 18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts in Man, and even *for* the rebellious, for the dwelling *there* of Jah Elohim.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord: day by day doth he load us *with good*, the •God who is our salvation. Selah.
- 20 Our •God is the •God of salvation; and with Jehovah, the Lord, are the goings forth *even* from death.
- 21 Verily God will smite the head of his enemies, the hairy scalp of him that goeth on still in his trespasses.
- 22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *them* again from the depth of the sea;
- 23 That thou mayest dip thy foot in blood: the tongue of thy dogs has its portion from enemies.
- 24 They have seen thy goings, O God, the goings of my •God, my King, in the sanctuary.
- 25 The singers went before, the players on stringed instruments after, in the midst of maidens playing on tabrets.
- 26 In the congregations bless ye God, the Lord, —*ye* from the fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin, their ruler; the princes of Judah, their company; the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.
- 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.
- 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.
- 30 Rebuke the beast of the reeds, the assembly of the strong, with the calves of the peoples: *every one* submitteth himself with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples that delight in war.
- 31 Great ones shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall quickly stretch out her hands unto God.
- 32 Ye kingdoms of the earth, sing unto God; sing psalms of the Lord, (Selah,)
- 33 Of him that rideth upon the heavens, the heavens which are of old: lo, he uttereth his voice, a mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.
- 35 Terrible art thou, O God, out of thy sanctuaries, —the •God of Israel! He it is that giveth strength and might unto the people. Blessed be God!

69:title To the chief Musician. Upon Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 ¹ Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.
- 2 ² I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I am come into the depths of waters, and the flood overfloweth me.
- 3 ³ I am weary with my crying, my throat is parched; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 ⁴ They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.
- 5 ⁵ Thou, O God, knowest my foolishness, and my trespasses are not hidden from thee.
- 6 ⁶ Let not them that wait on thee, Lord, Jehovah of hosts, be ashamed through me; let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O God of Israel.
- 7 ⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; confusion hath covered my face.
- 8 ⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's sons;
- 9 ⁹ For the zeal of thy house hath devoured me, and the reproaches of them that reproach thee have fallen upon me.
- 10 ¹⁰ And I wept, my soul was fasting: that also was to my reproach; —
- 11 ¹¹ And I made sackcloth my garment: then I became a proverb to them.
- 12 ¹² They that sit in the gate talk of me, and *I am* the song of the drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, Jehovah, in an acceptable time: O God, in the abundance of thy loving-kindness answer me, according to the truth of thy salvation:
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, let me not sink; let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the depths of waters.
- 15 Let not the flood of waters overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.

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- 16 Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy loving-kindness is good: according to the abundance of thy tender mercies, turn toward me;
- 17 And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: answer me speedily.
- 18 Draw nigh unto my soul, be its redeemer; ransom me because of mine enemies.
- 19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.
- 20 Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am overwhelmed: and I looked for sympathy, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.
- 21 Yea, they gave me gall for my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
- 22 Let their table become a snare before them, and their very welfare a trap;
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not, and make their loins continually to shake.
- 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let the fierceness of thine anger take hold of them.
- 25 Let their habitation be desolate; let there be no dweller in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten, and they talk for the sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded.
- 27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity, and let them not come into thy righteousness.
- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life, and not be written with the righteous.
- 29 But I am afflicted and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me secure on high.
- 30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving;
- 31 And it shall please Jehovah more than an ox, —a bullock with horns and cloven hoofs.
- 32 The meek shall see it, they shall be glad; ye that seek God, your heart shall live.
- 33 For Jehovah heareth the needy, and despiseth not his prisoners.
- 34 Let heavens and earth praise him; the seas, and everything that moveth therein.

- 35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah;
and they shall dwell there, and possess it:
36 And the seed of his servants shall inherit it, and they that
love his name shall dwell therein.

70:title To the chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David: to bring to
remembrance.

- 1 ¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me; Jehovah, *hasten* to my
help.
2 ² Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion that seek
after my soul; let them be turned backward and confounded
that take pleasure in mine adversity;
3 ³ Let them turn back because of their shame that say, Aha!
Aha!
4 ⁴ Let all those that seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee, and
let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be
magnified!
5 ⁵ But I am afflicted and needy: make haste unto me, O God.
Thou art my help and my deliverer: O Jehovah, make no
delay.

- 71:1** In thee, Jehovah, do I trust: let me never be ashamed.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me; incline
thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually
resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou
art my rock and my fortress.
4 My God, rescue me out of the hand of the wicked, out of
the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah, my confidence from
my youth.
6 On thee have I been stayed from the womb; from the
bowels of my mother thou didst draw me forth: my praise
shall be continually of thee.
7 I have been as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong
refuge.

- 8 My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, with thy glory, all the day.
- 9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.
- 10 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that watch for my soul consult together,
- 11 Saying, God hath forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver.
- 12 O God, be not far from me; my God, hasten to my help.
- 13 Let them be ashamed, let them be consumed, that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.
- 14 But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall declare thy righteousness, *and* thy salvation all the day: for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
- 16 I will go in the might of the Lord Jehovah; I will recall thy righteousness, thine alone.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I proclaimed thy marvellous works:
- 18 Now also, when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not, until I have proclaimed thine arm unto *this* generation, thy might to every one that is to come.
- 19 And thy righteousness, O God, reacheth on high, thou who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee?
- 20 Thou, who hast shewn us many and sore troubles, wilt revive us again, and wilt bring us up again from the depths of the earth;
- 21 Thou wilt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, my God; unto thee will I sing psalms with the harp, thou holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall exult when I sing psalms unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day; for they shall be ashamed, for they shall be brought to confusion, that seek my hurt.

72:title For Solomon.

- 1 ¹ O God, give the king thy judgments, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 He will judge thy people with righteousness, and thine afflicted with judgment.
- 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, by righteousness.
- 4 He will do justice to the afflicted of the people; he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.
- 5 They shall fear thee as long as sun and moon endure, from generation to generation.
- 6 He shall come down like rain on the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon be no more.
- 8 And he shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.
- 9 The dwellers in the desert shall bow before him, and his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer tribute:
- 11 Yea, all kings shall bow down before him; all nations shall serve him.
- 12 For he will deliver the needy who crieth, and the afflicted, who hath no helper;
- 13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy:
- 14 He will redeem their souls from oppression and violence, and precious shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 And he shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; and prayer shall be made for him continually: all the day shall he be blessed.
- 16 There shall be abundance of corn in the earth, upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall bloom like the herb of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure for ever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall bless themselves in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

- 18 Blessed be Jehovah Elohim, the God of Israel, who alone doeth wondrous things!
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and let the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen, and Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

73:title A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are of a pure heart.
2 ² But as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped;
3 ³ For I was envious at the arrogant, seeing the prosperity of the wicked.
4 ⁴ For they have no pangs in their death, and their body is well nourished;
5 ⁵ They have not the hardships of mankind, neither are they plagued like *other* men:
6 ⁶ Therefore pride encompasseth them as a neck-chain, violence covereth them *as* a garment;
7 ⁷ Their eyes stand out from fatness, they exceed the imaginations of their heart:
8 ⁸ They mock and speak wickedly of oppression, they speak loftily:
9 ⁹ They set their mouth in the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn hither, and waters in fulness are wrung out to them.
11 ¹¹ And they say, How can •God know, and is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 ¹² Behold, these are the wicked, and they prosper in the world: they heap up riches.
13 ¹³ Truly have I purified my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency:
14 ¹⁴ For all the day have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.
15 If I said, I will speak thus, behold, I should be faithless to the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought to be able to know this, it was a grievous task in mine eyes;

- 17 Until I went into the sanctuaries of •God; *then* understood I their end.
- 18 Truly thou settest them in slippery places, thou castest them down in ruins.
- 19 How are they suddenly made desolate! they pass away, consumed with terrors.
- 20 As a dream, when one awaketh, wilt thou, Lord, on arising despise their image.
- 21 When my heart was in a ferment, and I was pricked in my reins,
- 22 Then I was brutish and knew nothing; I was *as* a beast with thee.
- 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden my right hand;
- 24 Thou wilt guide me by thy counsel, and after the glory, thou wilt receive me.
- 25 Whom have I in the heavens? and there is none upon earth I desire beside thee.
- 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: God is the rock of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 For behold, they that are far from thee shall perish; thou destroyest every one that goeth a whoring from thee.
- 28 But as for me, it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord Jehovah, that I may declare all thy works.

74:title An instruction: of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ Why, O God, hast thou cast off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2 ² Remember thine assembly, which thou hast purchased of old, which thou hast redeemed *to be* the portion of thine inheritance, this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- 3 ³ Lift up thy steps unto the perpetual desolations: everything in the sanctuary hath the enemy destroyed.
- 4 ⁴ Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy place of assembly; they set up their signs *for* signs.
- 5 ⁵ *A man* was known as he could lift up axes in the thicket of trees;

- 6 ⁶ And now they break down its carved work altogether, with hatchets and hammers.
- 7 ⁷ They have set on fire thy sanctuary, they have profaned the habitation of thy name to the ground.
- 8 ⁸ They said in their heart, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all •God’s places of assembly in the land.
- 9 ⁹ We see not our signs; there is no more any prophet, neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
- 10 ¹⁰ How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy contemn thy name for ever?
- 11 ¹¹ Why withdrawest thou thy hand, and thy right hand? *pluck it* out of thy bosom: consume *them*.
- 12 But God is my king of old, accomplishing deliverances in the midst of the earth.
- 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength; thou didst break the heads of the monsters on the waters:
- 14 Thou didst break in pieces the heads of leviathan, thou gavest him to be meat to those that people the desert.
- 15 Thou didst cleave fountain and torrent, thou driedst up ever-flowing rivers.
- 16 The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the moon and the sun:
- 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; summer and winter—thou didst form them.
- 18 Remember this, that an enemy hath reproached Jehovah, and a foolish people have contemned thy name.
- 19 Give not up the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the wild beast; forget not the troop of thine afflicted for ever.
- 20 Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the dwellings of violence.
- 21 Oh let not the oppressed one return ashamed; let the afflicted and needy praise thy name.
- 22 Rise up, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day;
- 23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries: the tumult of those that rise up against thee ascendeth continually.

75:title To the chief Musician. ‘Destroy not.’ A Psalm of Asaph: a Song.

- 1 ¹ Unto thee we give thanks, O God, we give thanks; and thy name is near: thy marvellous works declare it.
- 2 ² When I shall receive the assembly, I will judge with equity.
- 3 ³ The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I have established its pillars. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ I said unto the boastful, Boast not; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
- 5 ⁵ Lift not up your horn on high; speak not arrogantly with a *stiff* neck.
- 6 For not from the east nor from the west, nor yet from the south doth exaltation *come*:
- 7 For God is the judge; he putteth down one and exalteth another.
- 8 For in the hand of Jehovah there is a cup, and it foameth with wine, it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same; yea, the dregs thereof shall all the wicked of the earth drain off, *and* drink.
- 9 But as for me, I will declare for ever; I will sing psalms to the God of Jacob.
- 10 And all the horns of the wicked will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76:title To the chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph: a Song.

- 1 ¹ In Judah is God known, his name is great in Israel;
- 2 ² And in Salem is his tent, and his dwelling-place in Zion.
- 3 ³ There broke he the flashings of the bow, shield and sword and battle. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ More glorious art thou, more excellent, than the mountains of prey.
- 5 ⁵ The stout-hearted are made a spoil, they have slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands.
- 6 ⁶ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

- 7 Thou, thou art to be feared, and who can stand before thee when once thou art angry?
- 8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from the heavens; the earth feared, and was still,
- 9 When God rose up to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.
- 10 For the fury of man shall praise thee; the remainder of fury wilt thou gird on thyself.
- 11 Vow and pay unto Jehovah your God: let all that are round about him bring presents unto him that is to be feared.
- 12 He cutteth off the spirit of princes; *he* is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77:title To the chief Musician. On Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ My voice is unto God, and I will cry; my voice is unto God, and he will give ear unto me.
- 2 ² In the day of my trouble, I sought the Lord: my hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not; my soul refused to be comforted.
- 3 ³ I remembered God, and I moaned; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ Thou holdest open mine eyelids; I am full of disquiet and cannot speak.
- 5 ⁵ I consider the days of old, the years of ancient times.
- 6 ⁶ I remember my song in the night; I muse in mine own heart, and my spirit maketh diligent search.
- 7 ⁷ Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?
- 8 ⁸ Hath his loving-kindness ceased for ever? hath *his* word come to an end from generation to generation?
- 9 ⁹ Hath •God forgotten to be gracious? or hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.
- 10 ¹⁰ Then said I, This is my weakness: —the years of the right hand of the Most High
- 11 Will I remember, —the works of Jah; for I will remember thy wonders of old,
- 12 And I will meditate upon all thy work, and muse upon thy doings.

- 13 O God, thy way is in the sanctuary: who is so great a •god as God?
- 14 Thou art the •God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the peoples.
- 15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
- 16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they trembled, yea, the depths were troubled:
- 17 The thick clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound, yea, thine arrows went abroad:
- 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind, lightnings lit up the world; the earth was troubled and it quaked.
- 19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths are in the great waters; and thy footsteps are not known.
- 20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78:title An instruction. Of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter riddles from of old,
- 3 ³ Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us:
- 4 ⁴ We will not hide *them* from their sons, shewing forth to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah, and his strength, and his marvellous works which he hath done.
- 5 ⁵ For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;
- 6 ⁶ That the generation to come might know *them*, the children that should be born; that they might rise up and tell *them* to their children,
- 7 ⁷ And that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of •God, but observe his commandments;
- 8 ⁸ And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that prepared not their heart, and whose spirit was not stedfast with •God.

- 9 The sons of Ephraim, armed bowmen, turned back in the day of battle.
- 10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
- 11 And forgot his doings, and his marvellous works which he had shewn them.
- 12 In the sight of their fathers had he done wonders, in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan.
- 13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through; and made the waters to stand as a heap;
- 14 And he led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with the light of fire.
- 15 He clave rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as out of the depths, abundantly;
- 16 And he brought streams out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
- 17 Yet they still went on sinning against him, provoking the Most High in the desert;
- 18 And they tempted •God in their heart, by asking meat for their lust;
- 19 And they spoke against God: they said, Is •God able to prepare a table in the wilderness?
- 20 Behold, he smote the rock, and waters gushed out, and streams overflowed; is he able to give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
- 21 Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth; and fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also went up against Israel:
- 22 Because they believed not in God, and confided not in his salvation;
- 23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and had opened the doors of the heavens,
- 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them the corn of the heavens.
- 25 Man did eat the bread of the mighty; he sent them provision to the full.
- 26 He caused the east wind to rise in the heavens, and by his strength he brought the south wind;
- 27 And he rained flesh upon them as dust, and feathered fowl as the sand of the seas,
- 28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations:

- 29 And they did eat, and were well filled; for that they lusted after, he brought to them.
- 30 They were not alienated from their lust, their meat was yet in their mouths,
- 31 When the anger of God went up against them; and he slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.
- 32 For all this, they sinned still, and believed not in his marvellous works;
- 33 And he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in terror.
- 34 When he slew them, then they sought him, and returned and sought early after •God;
- 35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and •God, the Most High, their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him with their mouth, and lied unto him with their tongue;
- 37 For their heart was not firm toward him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
- 38 But he was merciful: he forgave the iniquity, and destroyed *them* not; but many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his fury:
- 39 And he remembered that they were flesh, a breath that passeth away and cometh not again.
- 40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!
- 41 And they turned again and tempted •God, and grieved the Holy One of Israel.
- 42 They remembered not his hand, the day when he delivered them from the oppressor,
- 43 How he set his signs in Egypt, and his miracles in the field of Zoan;
- 44 And turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, that they could not drink;
- 45 He sent dog-flies among them, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them;
- 46 And he gave their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust;
- 47 He killed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with hail-stones;

- 48 And he delivered up their cattle to the hail, and their flocks to thunderbolts.
- 49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and distress, —a mission of angels of woes.
- 50 He made a way for his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;
- 51 And he smote all the firstborn in Egypt, the first-fruits of their vigour in the tents of Ham.
- 52 And he made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock;
- 53 And he led them safely, so that they were without fear; and the sea covered their enemies.
- 54 And he brought them to his holy border, this mountain, which his right hand purchased;
- 55 And he drove out the nations before them, and allotted them for an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- 56 But they tempted and provoked God, the Most High, and kept not his testimonies,
- 57 And they drew back and dealt treacherously like their fathers: they turned like a deceitful bow.
- 58 And they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
- 59 God heard, and was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:
- 60 And he forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent where he had dwelt among men,
- 61 And gave his strength into captivity, and his glory into the hand of the oppressor;
- 62 And delivered up his people unto the sword, and was very wroth with his inheritance:
- 63 The fire consumed their young men, and their maidens were not praised in *nuptial* song;
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the Lord awoke as one out of sleep, like a mighty man that shouteth aloud by reason of wine;
- 66 And he smote his adversaries in the hinder part, and put them to everlasting reproach.
- 67 And he rejected the tent of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim,

- 68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved;
- 69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which he hath founded for ever.
- 70 And he chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:
- 71 From following the suckling-ewes, he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
- 72 And he fed them according to the integrity of his heart, and led them by the skilfulness of his hands.

79:title A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance: thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
- 2 ² The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowl of the heavens, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth:
- 3 ³ Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem, and there was none to bury *them*.
- 4 ⁴ We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a mockery and a derision to them that are round about us.
- 5 ⁵ How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou be angry for ever? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
- 6 Pour out thy fury upon the nations that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name:
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his habitation.
- 8 Remember not against us the iniquities of *our* forefathers; let thy tender mercies speedily come to meet us: for we are brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, because of the glory of thy name; and deliver us, and forgive our sins, for thy name's sake.
- 10 Wherefore should the nations say, Where is their God? Let the avenging of the blood of thy servants that is shed be known among the nations in our sight.

- 11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thine arm, preserve those that are appointed to die;
- 12 And render unto our neighbours, sevenfold into their bosom, their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.
- 13 And we, thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, will give thanks unto thee for ever; we will shew forth thy praise from generation to generation.

80:title To the chief Musician. On Shoshannim-Eduth. Of Asaph.
A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; thou that sittest *between* the cherubim, shine forth.
- 2 ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy strength, and come to our deliverance.
- 3 ³ O God, restore us; and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
- 4 ⁴ Jehovah, God of hosts, how long will thine anger smoke against the prayer of thy people?
- 5 ⁵ Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in large measure:
- 6 ⁶ Thou hast made us a strife unto our neighbours, and our enemies mock among themselves.
- 7 ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
- 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt; thou didst cast out the nations, and plant it:
- 9 Thou preparedst space before it, and it took deep root, and filled the land;
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow, and the branches thereof were *like* cedars of •God;
- 11 It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its shoots unto the river.
- 12 Why hast thou broken down its fences, so that all who pass by the way do pluck it?

- 13 The boar out of the forest doth waste it, and the beast of the field doth feed off it.
- 14 O God of hosts, return, we beseech thee; look down from the heavens, and behold, and visit this vine;
- 15 Even the stock which thy right hand hath planted, and the young plant thou madest strong for thyself.
- 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou hast made strong for thyself.
- 18 So will we not go back from thee. Revive us, and we will call upon thy name.
- 19 Restore us, O Jehovah, God of hosts; cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

81:title To the chief Musician. Upon the Gittith. *A Psalm of Asaph.*

- 1 ¹ Sing ye joyously unto God our strength, shout aloud unto the God of Jacob;
- 2 ² Raise a song, and sound the tambour, the pleasant harp with the lute.
- 3 ³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the set time, on our feast day:
- 4 ⁴ For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob;
- 5 ⁵ He ordained it in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went forth over the land of Egypt, *where* I heard a language that I knew not.
- 6 ⁶ I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 ⁷ Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
- 8 Hear, my people, and I will testify unto thee; O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
- 9 There shall no strange •god be in thee, neither shalt thou worship any foreign •god.

- 10 I am Jehovah thy God, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 But my people hearkened not to my voice, and Israel would none of me.
- 12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' stubbornness: they walked after their own counsels.
- 13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, that Israel had walked in my ways!
- 14 I would soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 The haters of Jehovah would have come cringing unto him; but their time would have been for ever.
- 16 And he would have fed them with the finest of wheat; yea, with honey out of the rock would I have satisfied thee.

82:title A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ God standeth in the assembly of •God, he judgeth among the gods.
- 2 ² How long will ye judge unrighteously, and accept the person of the wicked? Selah.
- 3 ³ Judge the poor and the fatherless, do justice to the afflicted and the destitute;
- 4 ⁴ Rescue the poor and needy, deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 5 ⁵ They know not, neither do they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are moved.
- 6 I have said, Ye are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High;
- 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for thou shalt inherit all the nations.

83:title A Song; a Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ O God, keep not silence; hold not thy peace, and be not still, O •God:
- 2 ² For behold, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee lift up the head.
- 3 ³ They take crafty counsel against thy people, and consult against thy hidden ones:
- 4 ⁴ They say, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, and let the name of Israel be mentioned no more.
- 5 ⁵ For they have consulted together with one heart: they have made an alliance together against thee.
- 6 ⁶ The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagarites;
- 7 ⁷ Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia, with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 ⁸ Asshur also is joined with them: they are an arm to the sons of Lot. Selah.
- 9 Do unto them as to Midian; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the torrent of Kishon:
- 10 Who were destroyed at Endor; they became as dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their nobles as Oreb and as Zeeb; and all their chiefs as Zebah and as Zalmunna.
- 12 For they have said, Let us take to ourselves God's dwelling-places in possession.
- 13 O my God, make them like a whirling thing, like stubble before the wind.
- 14 As fire burneth a forest, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire,
- 15 So pursue them with thy tempest, and terrify them with thy whirlwind.
- 16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.
- 17 Let them be put to shame and be dismayed for ever, and let them be confounded and perish:
- 18 That they may know that thou alone, whose name is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth.

84:title To the chief Musician. Upon the Gittith. Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of hosts!
- 2 ² My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living •God.
- 3 ³ Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she layeth her young, thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 ⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be constantly praising thee. Selah.
- 5 ⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, —they, in whose heart are the highways.
- 6 ⁶ Passing through the valley of Baca, they make it a well-spring; yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
- 7 ⁷ They go from strength to strength: *each one* will appear before God in Zion.
- 8 Jehovah, God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For Jehovah Elohim is a sun and shield: Jehovah will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 12 Jehovah of hosts, blessed is the man that confideth in thee!

85:title To the chief Musician. Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ Thou hast been favourable, Jehovah, unto thy land; thou hast turned the captivity of Jacob:
- 2 ² Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.
- 3 ³ Thou hast withdrawn all thy wrath; thou hast turned from the fierceness of thine anger.
- 4 ⁴ Bring us back, O God of our salvation, and cause thine indignation toward us to cease.

- 5 ⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger from generation to generation?
- 6 ⁶ Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 ⁷ Shew us thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hear what •God, Jehovah, will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his godly ones: but let them not turn again to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Loving-kindness and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other:
- 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from the heavens.
- 12 Jehovah also will give what is good, and our land shall yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set his footsteps on the way.

86:title A Prayer of David.

- 1 ¹ Incline thine ear, Jehovah, answer me; for I am afflicted and needy.
- 2 ² Keep my soul, for I am godly; O thou my God, save thy servant who confideth in thee.
- 3 ³ Be gracious unto me, O Lord; for unto thee do I call all the day.
- 4 ⁴ Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 ⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and art of great loving-kindness unto all that call upon thee.
- 6 ⁶ Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 ⁷ In the day of my distress I will call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, Lord, and there is nothing like unto thy works.

- 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.
- 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God, thou alone.
- 11 Teach me thy way, Jehovah; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
- 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
- 13 For great is thy loving-kindness toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
- 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assembly of the violent seek after my soul, and they have not set thee before them.
- 15 But thou, Lord, art a •God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in goodness and truth.
- 16 Turn toward me, and be gracious unto me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.
- 17 Shew me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed; for thou, Jehovah, hast helped me and comforted me.

87:title Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 ¹ His foundation is in the mountains of holiness.
- 2 ² Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion more than all the habitations of Jacob.
- 3 ³ Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.
- 4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon among them that know me; behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: this *man* was born there.
- 5 And of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was born in her; and the Most High himself shall establish her.
- 6 Jehovah will count, when he inscribeth the peoples, This *man* was born there. Selah.
- 7 As well the singers as the dancers *shall say*, All my springs are in thee.

88:title A Song, a Psalm for the sons of Korah. To the chief Musician. Upon Mahalath Leannoth. An instruction. Of Heman the Ezrahite.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, God of my salvation, I have cried by day *and* in the night before thee.
- 2 ² Let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry.
- 3 ³ For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draweth nigh to Sheol.
- 4 ⁴ I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit; I am as a man that hath no strength:
- 5 ⁵ Prostrate among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave; whom thou rememberest no more, and who are cut off from thy hand.
- 6 ⁶ Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the deeps.
- 7 ⁷ Thy fury lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.
- 8 ⁸ Thou hast put my familiar friends far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
- 9 ⁹ Mine eye consumeth by reason of affliction. Upon thee, Jehovah, have I called every day; I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
- 10 Wilt thou do wonders to the dead? shall the shades arise and praise thee? Selah.
- 11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? thy faithfulness in Destruction?
- 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But as for me, Jehovah, I cry unto thee, and in the morning my prayer cometh before thee.
- 14 Why, O Jehovah, castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?
- 15 I am afflicted and expiring from my youth up; I suffer thy terrors, *and* I am distracted.
- 16 Thy fierce anger hath gone over me; thy terrors have brought me to nought:
- 17 They have surrounded me all the day like water; they have compassed me about together.

- 18 Lover and associate hast thou put far from me: my familiar friends are darkness.

89:title An instruction. Of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- 1 ¹ I will sing of the loving-kindness of Jehovah for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness from generation to generation.
- 2 ² For I said, Loving-kindness shall be built up for ever; in the very heavens wilt thou establish thy faithfulness.
- 3 ³ I have made a covenant with mine elect, I have sworn unto David my servant:
- 4 ⁴ Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne from generation to generation. Selah.
- 5 And the heavens shall celebrate thy wonders, O Jehovah, and thy faithfulness in the congregation of the saints.
- 6 For who in the heaven can be compared to Jehovah? *who* among the sons of the mighty shall be likened to Jehovah?
- 7 •God is greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, and terrible for all that are round about him.
- 8 Jehovah, God of hosts, who is like unto thee, the strong Jah? And thy faithfulness is round about thee.
- 9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea: when its waves arise, thou stillest them.
- 10 Thou hast crushed Rahab as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm of thy strength.
- 11 Thine are the heavens, the earth also is thine; the world and its fulness, thou hast founded them.
- 12 The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon triumph in thy name.
- 13 Thine is the arm of might: strong is thy hand, high is thy right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of thy throne; loving-kindness and truth go before thy face.
- 15 Blessed is the people that know the shout of joy: they walk, O Jehovah, in the light of thy countenance.
- 16 In thy name are they joyful all the day, and in thy righteousness are they exalted.

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- 17 For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
- 18 For Jehovah is our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.
- 19 Then thou spakest in vision of thy Holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon a mighty one; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:
- 21 With whom my hand shall be established; and mine arm shall strengthen him.
- 22 No enemy shall exact upon him, nor the son of wickedness afflict him;
- 23 But I will beat down his adversaries before his face, and will smite them that hate him.
- 24 And my faithfulness and my loving-kindness shall be with him, and by my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 And I will set his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
- 26 He shall call unto me, Thou art my father, my •God, and the rock of my salvation;
- 27 And as to me, I will make him firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 My loving-kindness will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him;
- 29 And I will establish his seed for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
- 30 If his sons forsake my law, and walk not in mine ordinances;
- 31 If they profane my statutes, and keep not my commandments:
- 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
- 33 Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor belie my faithfulness;
- 34 My covenant will I not profane, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness; I will not lie unto David:
- 36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me;

- 37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and the witness in the sky is firm. Selah.
- 38 But thou hast rejected and cast off; thou hast been very wroth with thine anointed:
- 39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant; thou hast profaned his crown to the ground:
- 40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.
- 41 All that pass by the way plunder him; he is become a reproach to his neighbours.
- 42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his oppressors; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice:
- 43 Yea, thou hast turned back the edge of his sword, and hast not made him stand in the battle.
- 44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground;
- 45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened; thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.
- 46 How long, Jehovah, wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy fury burn like fire?
- 47 Remember, as regards me, what life is. Wherefore hast thou created all the children of men to be vanity?
- 48 What man liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah.
- 49 Where, Lord, are thy former loving-kindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?
- 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants—that I bear in my bosom *that of* all the mighty peoples—
- 51 Wherewith thine enemies, O Jehovah, have reproached, wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.
- 52 Blessed be Jehovah for evermore! Amen, and Amen.

90:title A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

- 1 ¹ Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.
- 2 ² Before the mountains were brought forth, and thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from eternity to eternity thou art •God.

- 3 ³ Thou makest *mortal* man to return to dust, and sayest, Return, children of men.
- 4 ⁴ For a thousand years, in thy sight, are as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.
- 5 ⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning they are like grass *that* groweth up:
- 6 ⁶ In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.
- 7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy fury are we troubled.
- 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For all our days pass away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a *passing* thought.
- 10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet their pride is labour and vanity, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? and thy wrath according to the fear of thee?
- 12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may acquire a wise heart.
- 13 Return, Jehovah: how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
- 14 Satisfy us early with thy loving-kindness; that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, according to the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
- 16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy majesty unto their sons.
- 17 And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.
- 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I say of Jehovah, My refuge and my fortress; my God, I will confide in him.

- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the destructive pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou find refuge: his truth is a shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, for the arrow that flieth by day,
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made Jehovah, my refuge, the Most High, thy dwelling-place,
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to keep thee in all thy ways:
- 12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.
- 16 With length of days will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

92:title A Psalm, a Song, for the Sabbath day.

- 1 ¹ It is good to give thanks unto Jehovah, and to sing psalms unto thy name, O Most High;
- 2 ² To declare thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness in the nights,
- 3 ³ Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute; upon the Higgsaion with the harp.

- 4 ⁴ For thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad through thy work; I
will triumph in the works of thy hands.
- 5 ⁵ Jehovah, how great are thy works! Thy thoughts are very
deep:
- 6 ⁶ A brutish man knoweth not, neither doth a fool understand
it.
- 7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the
workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed
for ever.
- 8 And thou, Jehovah, art on high for evermore.
- 9 For lo, thine enemies, O Jehovah, for lo, thine enemies
shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like a buffalo's: I shall be
anointed with fresh oil.
- 11 And mine eye shall see *its desire* on mine enemies; mine
ears shall hear *it* of the evil-doers that rise up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall shoot forth like a palm-tree; he shall
grow like a cedar on Lebanon.
- 13 Those that are planted in the house of Jehovah shall
flourish in the courts of our God:
- 14 They are still vigorous in old age, they are full of sap and
green;
- 15 To shew that Jehovah is upright: *he is* my rock, and there
is no unrighteousness in him.
- 93:1** Jehovah reigneth, he hath clothed himself with majesty:
Jehovah hath clothed himself, he hath girded himself with
strength; yea, the world is established, it shall not be moved.
- 2 Thy throne is established of old; thou art from eternity.
- 3 The floods lifted up, O Jehovah, the floods lifted up their
voice; the floods lifted up their roaring waves.
- 4 Jehovah on high is mightier than the voices of many
waters, than the mighty breakers of the sea.
- 5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thy
house, O Jehovah, for ever.

- 94:1** O •God of vengeance, Jehovah, •God of vengeance, shine forth;
- 2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth, render the reward to the proud.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O Jehovah, how long shall the wicked triumph?
- 4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak insolence—all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
- 5 They crush thy people, O Jehovah, and afflict thine inheritance;
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless,
- 7 And say, Jah will not see, neither will the God of Jacob regard *it*.
- 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people; and ye fools, when will ye be wise?
- 9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
- 10 He that instructeth the nations, shall not he correct—he that teacheth man knowledge?
- 11 Jehovah knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.
- 12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Jah, and whom thou teachest out of thy law;
- 13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of evil, until the pit be digged for the wicked.
- 14 For Jehovah will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance;
- 15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness, and all the upright in heart shall follow it.
- 16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? who will stand for me against the workers of iniquity?
- 17 If Jehovah had not been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
- 18 When I said, My foot slippeth, thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, held me up.
- 19 In the multitude of my anxious thoughts within me thy comforts have delighted my soul.
- 20 Shall the throne of wickedness be united to thee, which frameth mischief into a law?
- 21 They band together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn innocent blood.

- 22 But Jehovah will be my high tower; and my God the rock of my refuge.
- 23 And he will bring upon them their iniquity, and will cut them off in their own evil: Jehovah our God will cut them off.
- 95:1 Come, let us sing aloud to Jehovah, let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation;
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us shout aloud unto him with psalms.
- 3 For Jehovah is a great •God, and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also:
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands formed the dry *land*.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. To-day if ye hear his voice,
- 8 Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, as *in* the day of Massah, in the wilderness;
- 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.
- 10 Forty years was I grieved with the generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways;
- 11 So that I swore in mine anger, that they should not enter into my rest.
- 96:1 Sing ye unto Jehovah a new song: sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.
- 2 Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; publish his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all the peoples.

- 4 For Jehovah is great and exceedingly to be praised; he is terrible above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but Jehovah made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and splendour are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give unto Jehovah, ye families of peoples, give unto Jehovah glory and strength;
- 8 Give unto Jehovah the glory of his name; bring an oblation and come into his courts;
- 9 Worship Jehovah in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth! yea, the world is established, it shall not be moved; he will execute judgment upon the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
- 12 Let the field exult and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
- 13 Before Jehovah, for he cometh; for he cometh to judge the earth: he will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.
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- 97:1 Jehovah reigneth: let the earth be glad, let the many isles rejoice.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his adversaries round about.
- 4 His lightnings lightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of Jehovah, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols. Worship him, all ye gods.
- 8 Zion heard, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.

- 9 For thou, Jehovah, art the Most High above all the earth; thou art exalted exceedingly above all gods.
- 10 Ye that love Jehovah, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints, he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in Jehovah, ye righteous; and give thanks in remembrance of his holiness.

98:title A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ Sing ye unto Jehovah a new song: for he hath done wondrous things; his right hand and his holy arm hath wrought salvation for him.
- 2 ² Jehovah hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the nations.
- 3 ³ He hath remembered his loving-kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4 Shout aloud unto Jehovah, all the earth; break forth and shout for joy, and sing psalms.
- 5 Sing psalms unto Jehovah with the harp: with the harp, and the voice of a song;
- 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet, make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein;
- 8 Let the floods clap *their* hands; let the mountains sing for joy together,
- 9 Before Jehovah, for he cometh to judge the earth: he will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

- 99:1** Jehovah reigneth: let the peoples tremble. He sitteth *between the* cherubim: let the earth be moved.
- 2 Jehovah is great in Zion, and he is high above all the peoples.

- 3 They shall praise thy great and terrible name, —it is holy!
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- 4 And the strength of the king that loveth justice. Thou hast established equity: it is thou that executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt Jehovah our God, and worship at his footstool. He is holy!
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called unto Jehovah, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke unto them in the pillar of cloud: they kept his testimonies, and the statute that he gave them.
- 8 Jehovah, our God, thou answeredst them: a forgiving •God wast thou unto them, though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
- 9 Exalt Jehovah our God, and worship at the hill of his holiness; for holy is Jehovah our God.

100:title A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- 1 ¹ Shout aloud unto Jehovah, all the earth!
- 2 ² Serve Jehovah with joy: come before his presence with exultation.
- 3 ³ Know that Jehovah is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving *and* into his courts with praise; give thanks unto him, bless his name:
- 5 ⁵ For Jehovah is good; his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever; and his faithfulness from generation to generation.

101:title A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ I will sing of loving-kindness and judgment: unto thee, Jehovah, will I sing psalms.

- 2 ² I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. When wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.
- 3 ³ I will set no thing of Belial before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
- 4 ⁴ A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know evil.
- 5 ⁵ Whoso secretly slandereth his neighbour, him will I destroy; him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.
- 6 ⁶ Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
- 7 ⁷ He that practiseth deceit shall not dwell within my house; he that speaketh falsehoods shall not subsist in my sight.
- 8 ⁸ Every morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land: to cut off all workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah.

102:title A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto thee.
- 2 ² Hide not thy face from me: in the day of my trouble, incline thine ear unto me; in the day I call, answer me speedily.
- 3 ³ For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a firebrand.
- 4 ⁴ My heart is smitten and withered like grass; yea, I have forgotten to eat my bread.
- 5 ⁵ By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my flesh.
- 6 ⁶ I am become like the pelican of the wilderness, I am as an owl in desolate places;
- 7 ⁷ I watch, and am like a sparrow alone upon the housetop.
- 8 ⁸ Mine enemies reproach me all the day; they that are mad against me swear by me.
- 9 ⁹ For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

- 10 ¹⁰ Because of thine indignation and thy wrath; for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
- 11 ¹¹ My days are like a lengthened-out shadow, and I, I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, Jehovah, abidest for ever, and thy memorial from generation to generation.
- 13 Thou wilt rise up, thou wilt have mercy upon Zion: for it is the time to be gracious to her, for the set time is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour her dust.
- 15 And the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
- 16 When Jehovah shall build up Zion, he will appear in his glory.
- 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute one, and not despise their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to come; and a people that shall be created shall praise Jah:
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from the heavens hath Jehovah beheld the earth,
- 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to die;
- 21 That the name of Jehovah may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,
- 22 When the peoples shall be gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.
- 23 He weakened my strength in the way, he shortened my days.
- 24 I said, My •God, take me not away in the midst of my days! ... Thy years are from generation to generation.
- 25 Of old hast thou founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands:
- 26 They shall perish, but thou continuest; and all of them shall grow old as a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.
- 27 But thou art the Same, and thy years shall have no end.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall abide, and their seed shall be established before thee.

103:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Bless Jehovah, O my soul; and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name!
- 2 ² Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 ³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 ⁴ Who redeemeth thy life from the pit, who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;
- 5 ⁵ Who satisfieth thine old age with good *things*; thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 Jehovah executeth righteousness and justice for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- 8 Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness.
- 9 He will not always chide, neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving-kindness toward them that fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father pitieth *his* children, so Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.
- 14 For himself knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:
- 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof knoweth it no more.
- 17 But the loving-kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting and to everlasting, upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children,
- 18 To such as keep his covenant and to those that remember his precepts to do them.
- 19 Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

- 20 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, mighty in strength, that execute his word, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his will.
- 22 Bless Jehovah, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless Jehovah, O my soul!
- 104:1** Bless Jehovah, O my soul! Jehovah my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with majesty and splendour;
- 2 Covering thyself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent-curtain; —
- 3 Who layeth the beams of his upper chambers in the waters, who maketh clouds his chariot, who walketh upon the wings of the wind;
- 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flame of fire.
- 5 He laid the earth upon its foundations: it shall not be removed for ever.
- 6 Thou hadst covered it with the deep, as with a vesture; the waters stood above the mountains:
- 7 At thy rebuke they fled, at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away; —
- 8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank, unto the place which thou hadst founded for them; —
- 9 Thou hast set a bound which they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth.
- 10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys: they run among the mountains;
- 11 They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds of heaven dwell by them; they give forth their voice from among the branches.
- 13 He watereth the mountains from his upper-chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
- 14 He maketh the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; bringing forth bread out of the earth,
- 15 And wine which gladdeneth the heart of man; making *his* face shine with oil; and with bread he strengtheneth man's heart.

- 16 The trees of Jehovah are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted,
17 Where the birds make their nests; *as for* the stork, the fir trees are her house.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the cliffs, a refuge for the rock-badgers.
19 He made the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth its going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night, wherein all the beasts of the forest creep forth:
21 The young lions roar after the prey, and to seek their food from •God.
22 The sun ariseth, they retreat, and lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening.
24 How manifold are thy works, O Jehovah! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
25 Yonder is the great and wide sea: therein are moving things innumerable, living creatures small and great.
26 There go the ships; *there* that leviathan, which thou hast formed to play therein.
27 These all look unto thee, that thou mayest give their food in its season:
28 That thou givest unto them, they gather; thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they expire and return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth.
31 The glory of Jehovah will endure for ever; Jehovah will rejoice in his works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; he toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live; I will sing psalms to my God while I have my being.
34 My meditation shall be pleasant unto him; I will rejoice in Jehovah.
35 Sinners shall be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked shall be no more. Bless Jehovah, O my soul. Hallelujah!

- 105:1** Give ye thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; make known his acts among the peoples.
- 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; meditate upon all his wondrous works.
- 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.
- 4 Seek Jehovah and his strength, seek his face continually;
- 5 Remember his wondrous works which he hath done, his miracles and the judgments of his mouth:
- 6 Ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 7 He, Jehovah, is our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He is ever mindful of his covenant, —the word which he commanded to a thousand generations, —
- 9 Which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;
- 10 And he confirmed it unto Jacob for a statute, unto Israel for an everlasting covenant,
- 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;
- 12 When they were a few men in number, of small account, and strangers in it.
- 13 And they went from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people.
- 14 He suffered no man to oppress them, and reprov'd kings for their sakes,
- 15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones, and do my prophets no harm.
- 16 And he called for a famine upon the land; he broke the whole staff of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them: Joseph was sold for a bondman.
- 18 They afflicted his feet with fetters; his soul came into irons;
- 19 Until the time when what he said came about: the word of Jehovah tried him.
- 20 The king sent and loosed him—the ruler of peoples—and let him go free.
- 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler over all his possessions:
- 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, and teach his elders wisdom.

- 23 And Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
- 24 And he made his people exceeding fruitful, and made them mightier than their oppressors.
- 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *and* Aaron whom he had chosen:
- 27 They set his signs among them, and miracles in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
- 29 He turned their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, —in the chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came dog-flies, *and* gnats in all their borders.
- 32 He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land;
- 33 And he smote their vines and their fig-trees, and broke the trees of their borders.
- 34 He spoke, and the locust came, and the cankerworm, even without number;
- 35 And they devoured every herb in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground.
- 36 And he smote every firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their vigour.
- 37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble among their tribes.
- 38 Egypt rejoiced at their departure; for the fear of them had fallen upon them.
- 39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night.
- 40 They asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed forth; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- 42 For he remembered his holy word, *and* Abraham his servant;
- 43 And he brought forth his people with gladness, his chosen with rejoicing;

- 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the labour of the peoples:
- 45 That they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws. Hallelujah!
- 106:1 Hallelujah! Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah? *who* can shew forth all his praise?
- 3 Blessed are they that keep justice, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- 4 Remember me, O Jehovah, with *thy* favour toward thy people; visit me with thy salvation:
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the joy of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt considered not thy wondrous works; they remembered not the multitude of thy loving-kindnesses; but they rebelled at the sea, at the Red Sea.
- 8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his might.
- 9 And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; and he led them through the deeps as through a wilderness.
- 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 And the waters covered their oppressors: there was not one of them left.
- 12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.
- 13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:
- 14 And they lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted •God in the desert.
- 15 Then he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.
- 16 And they envied Moses in the camp, *and* Aaron, the saint of Jehovah.

- 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram;
- 18 And fire was kindled in their company; a flame burned up the wicked.
- 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and did homage to a molten image;
- 20 And they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
- 21 They forgot •God their Saviour, who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, terrible things by the Red Sea.
- 23 And he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses, his chosen, stood before him in the breach, to turn away his fury, lest he should destroy *them*.
- 24 And they despised the pleasant land; they believed not his word,
- 25 But murmured in their tents: they hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah.
- 26 And he lifted up his hand to them, that he would make them fall in the wilderness;
- 27 And that he would make their seed fall among the nations, and disperse them through the countries.
- 28 And they joined themselves unto Baal-Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead;
- 29 And they provoked *him* to anger with their doings; and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then stood up Phinehas and executed judgment, and the plague was stayed;
- 31 And that was reckoned unto him for righteousness, from generation to generation, for evermore.
- 32 And they moved him to wrath at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account;
- 33 For they provoked his spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples, as Jehovah commanded them;
- 35 But they mingled with the nations, and learned their works;
- 36 And they served their idols; and they were a snare unto them:

- 37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,
- 38 And shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.
- 39 And they were defiled with their works, and went a-whoring in their doings.
- 40 Then was the anger of Jehovah kindled against his people, and he abhorred his inheritance;
- 41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations; and they that hated them ruled over them:
- 42 And their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
- 43 Often did he deliver them; but as for them they provoked *him* by their counsel, and they were brought low by their iniquity.
- 44 But he regarded their distress, when he heard their cry;
- 45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses;
- 46 And he caused them to find compassion of all those that had carried them captives.
- 47 Save us, Jehovah our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.
- 48 Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, from eternity and to eternity! And let all the people say, Amen! Hallelujah!
- 107:1** Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the oppressor,
- 3 And gathered out of the countries, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the sea.
- 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way, they found no city of habitation;
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them:
- 6 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses,

- 7 And he led them forth by a right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
- 8 Let them give thanks unto Jehovah for his loving-kindness, and for his wondrous works to the children of men;
- 9 For he hath satisfied the longing soul and filled the hungry soul with good.
- 10 Such as inhabit darkness and the shadow of death, bound in affliction and iron,
- 11 Because they had rebelled against the words of •God, and had despised the counsel of the Most High; ...
- 12 And he bowed down their heart with labour; they stumbled, and there was none to help:
- 13 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses;
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands in sunder.
- 15 Let them give thanks unto Jehovah for his loving-kindness, and for his wondrous works to the children of men;
- 16 For he hath broken the gates of bronze, and cut asunder the bars of iron.
- 17 Fools, because of their way of transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted;
- 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of food, and they draw near unto the gates of death:
- 19 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses;
- 20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them, and delivereth them from their destructions.
- 21 Let them give thanks unto Jehovah for his loving-kindness, and for his wondrous works to the children of men,
- 22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works in joyful song.
- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters,
- 24 These see the works of Jehovah, and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 For he speaketh, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof:
- 26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble;

- 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and they are at their wits' end:
- 28 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses;
- 29 He maketh the storm a calm, and the waves thereof are still:
- 30 And they rejoice because they are quiet; and he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
- 31 Let them give thanks unto Jehovah for his loving-kindness, and for his wondrous works to the children of men;
- 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the session of the elders.
- 33 He maketh rivers into a wilderness, and water-springs into dry ground;
- 34 A fruitful land into a plain of salt, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
- 35 He maketh the wilderness into a pool of water, and the dry land into water-springs;
- 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, and they establish a city of habitation;
- 37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards, which yield fruits of increase;
- 38 And he blesseth them, so that they are multiplied greatly; and he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
- 39 And they are diminished and brought low, through oppression, adversity, and sorrow:
- 40 He poureth contempt upon nobles, and causeth them to wander in a pathless waste;
- 41 But he secureth the needy one on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like flocks.
- 42 The upright shall see it, and rejoice; and all unrighteousness shall stop its mouth.
- 43 Whoso is wise, let him observe these things, and let them understand the loving-kindnesses of Jehovah.

108:title A Song, a Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ My heart is fixed, O God: I will sing, yea, I will sing psalms, even *with* my glory.
- 2 ² Awake, lute and harp: I will wake the dawn.

- 3 ³ I will give thee thanks among the peoples, O Jehovah; of thee will I sing psalms among the nations:
- 4 ⁴ For thy loving-kindness is great above the heavens, and thy truth is unto the clouds.
- 5 ⁵ Be thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and thy glory above all the earth.
- 6 That thy beloved ones may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.
- 7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine, and Ephraim is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
- 9 Moab is my wash-pot; upon Edom will I cast my sandal; over Philistia will I shout aloud.
- 10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me unto Edom?
- 11 *Wilt not thou*, O God, who didst cast us off? and didst not go forth, O God, with our armies?
- 12 Give us help from trouble; for vain is man's deliverance.
- 13 Through God we shall do valiantly; and he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

109:title To the chief Musician. Of David. A Psalm.

- 1 ¹ O God of my praise, be not silent:
- 2 ² For the mouth of the wicked *man* and the mouth of deceit are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue,
- 3 ³ And with words of hatred have they encompassed me; and they fight against me without a cause.
- 4 ⁴ For my love they are mine adversaries; but I *give myself unto prayer*.
- 5 ⁵ And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- 6 Set a wicked *man* over him, and let *the* adversary stand at his right hand;
- 7 When he shall be judged, let him go out guilty, and let his prayer become sin;
- 8 Let his days be few, let another take his office;

- 9 Let his sons be fatherless, and his wife a widow;
10 Let his sons be vagabonds and beg, and let them seek *their bread* far from their desolate places;
11 Let the usurer cast the net over all that he hath, and let strangers despoil his labour;
12 Let there be none to extend kindness unto him, neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children;
13 Let his posterity be cut off; in the generation following let their name be blotted out:
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out;
15 Let them be before Jehovah continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth:
16 Because he remembered not to shew kindness, but persecuted the afflicted and needy man, and the broken in heart, to slay him.
17 And he loved cursing; so let it come unto him. And he delighted not in blessing; and let it be far from him.
18 And he clothed himself with cursing like his vestment; so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones;
19 Let it be unto him as a garment with which he covereth himself, and for a girdle wherewith he is constantly girded.
20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from Jehovah, and of them that speak evil against my soul.
21 But do thou for me, Jehovah, Lord, for thy name's sake; because thy loving-kindness is good, deliver me:
22 For I am afflicted and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengtheneth; I am tossed about like the locust;
24 My knees are failing through fasting, and my flesh hath lost its fatness;
25 And I am become a reproach unto them; *when* they look upon me they shake their heads.
26 Help me, Jehovah my God; save me according to thy loving-kindness:
27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Jehovah, hast done it.
28 Let them curse, but bless thou; when they rise up, let them be ashamed, and let thy servant rejoice.

- 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with confusion, and let them cover themselves with their shame as with a mantle.
- 30 I will greatly celebrate Jehovah with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
- 31 For he standeth at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those that judge his soul.

110:title Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah said unto my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put thine enemies *as* footstool of thy feet.
- 2 ² Jehovah shall send the sceptre of thy might out of Zion: rule in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 ³ Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in holy splendour: from the womb of the morning *shall come* to thee the dew of thy youth.
- 4 ⁴ Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek.
- 5 The Lord at thy right hand will smite through kings in the day of his anger.
- 6 He shall judge among the nations; he shall fill *all places* with dead bodies; he shall smite through the head over a great country.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall he lift up the head.

- 111:1** Hallelujah! I will celebrate Jehovah with *my* whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the works of Jehovah; sought out of all that delight in them.
- 3 His work is majesty and splendour, and his righteousness abideth for ever.
- 4 He hath made his wonders to be remembered: Jehovah is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

- 6 He hath shewn his people the power of his works, to give them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are truth and judgment; all his precepts are faithful:
- 8 Maintained for ever and ever, done in truth and uprightness.
- 9 He sent deliverance unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and terrible is his name.
- 10 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do *his precepts*: his praise abideth for ever.

- 112:1** Hallelujah! Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.
- 2 His seed shall be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
 - 3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house; and his righteousness abideth for ever.
 - 4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and merciful, and righteous.
 - 5 It is well with the man that is gracious and lendeth; he will sustain his cause in judgment.
 - 6 For he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
 - 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed confiding in Jehovah;
 - 8 His heart is maintained, he is not afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his oppressors.
 - 9 He scattereth abroad, he giveth to the needy; his righteousness abideth for ever: his horn shall be exalted with honour.
 - 10 The wicked *man* shall see *it* and be vexed; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

- 113:1** Hallelujah! Praise, ye servants of Jehovah, praise the name of Jehovah.
- 2 Blessed be the name of Jehovah, from this time forth and for evermore!
- 3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, let Jehovah's name be praised.
- 4 Jehovah is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like unto Jehovah our God, who hath placed his dwelling on high;
- 6 Who humbleth himself to look on the heavens and on the earth?
- 7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust; from the dung-hill he lifteth up the needy,
- 8 To set *him* among nobles, among the nobles of his people.
- 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *as* a joyful mother of sons. Hallelujah!
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- 114:1** When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- 2 Judah was his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw it and fled, the Jordan turned back;
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
- 5 What ailed thee, thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou turnedst back?
- 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? ye hills, like lambs?
- 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the †God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.
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- 115:1** Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth's sake.
- 2 Wherefore should the nations say, Where then is their God?
- 3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he pleased.

- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands:
 5 They have a mouth, and they speak not; eyes have they,
 and they see not;
 6 They have ears, and they hear not; a nose have they, and
 they smell not;
 7 They have hands, and they handle not; feet have they, and
 they walk not; they give no sound through their throat.
 8 They that make them are like unto them, —every one that
 confideth in them.
 9 O Israel, confide thou in Jehovah: he is their help and their
 shield.
 10 House of Aaron, confide in Jehovah: he is their help and
 their shield.
 11 Ye that fear Jehovah, confide in Jehovah: he is their help
 and their shield.
 12 Jehovah hath been mindful of us: he will bless, he will bless
 the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
 13 He will bless them that fear Jehovah, both the small and the
 great.
 14 Jehovah will add unto you more, unto you and unto your
 children.
 15 Ye are blessed of Jehovah, who made the heavens and the
 earth.
 16 The heavens are the heavens of Jehovah, but the earth hath
 he given to the children of men.
 17 The dead praise not Jah, neither any that go down into
 silence;
 18 But we will bless Jah from this time forth and for evermore.
 Hallelujah!
- 116:1** I love Jehovah, for he hath heard my voice *and* my
 supplications;
 2 For he hath inclined his ear unto me, and I will call upon
 him during *all* my days.
 3 The bands of death encompassed me, and the anguish of
 Sheol took hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow:
 4 Then called I upon the name of Jehovah: I beseech thee,
 Jehovah, deliver my soul.

Psalms

- 5 Gracious is Jehovah and righteous; and our God is merciful.
- 6 Jehovah keepeth the simple: I was brought low, and he saved me.
- 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.
- 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before Jehovah in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, therefore have I spoken. As for me, I was greatly afflicted.
- 11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.
- 12 What shall I render unto Jehovah, *for* all his benefits toward me?
- 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of Jehovah.
- 14 I will perform my vows unto Jehovah, yea, before all his people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints.
- 16 Yea, Jehovah! for I am thy servant; I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of Jehovah.
- 18 I will perform my vows unto Jehovah, yea, before all his people,
- 19 In the courts of Jehovah's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!
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- 117:1 Praise Jehovah, all ye nations; laud him, all ye peoples;
- 2 For his loving-kindness is great toward us, and the truth of Jehovah *endureth* for ever. Hallelujah!
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- 118:1 Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 2 Oh let Israel say, that his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.

- 3 Oh let the house of Aaron say, that his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 4 Oh let them that fear Jehovah say, that his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 5 I called upon Jah in distress; Jah answered me *and set me* in a large place.
- 6 Jehovah is for me, I will not fear; what can man do unto me?
- 7 Jehovah is for me among them that help me; and I shall see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
- 8 It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put confidence in man;
- 9 It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put confidence in nobles.
- 10 All nations encompassed me; but in the name of Jehovah have I destroyed them.
- 11 They encompassed me, yea, encompassed me; but in the name of Jehovah have I destroyed them.
- 12 They encompassed me like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of Jehovah have I destroyed them.
- 13 Thou hast thrust hard at me that I might fall; but Jehovah helped me.
- 14 My strength and song is Jah, and he is become my salvation.
- 15 The voice of triumph and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: the right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly;
- 16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted, the right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Jah.
- 18 Jah hath chastened me sore; but he hath not given me over unto death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter into them; Jah will I praise.
- 20 This is the gate of Jehovah: the righteous shall enter therein.
- 21 I will give thee thanks, for thou hast answered me, and art become my salvation.
- 22 *The* stone which the builders rejected hath become the head of the corner:
- 23 This is of Jehovah; it is wonderful in our eyes.

- 24 This is the day that Jehovah hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Oh save, Jehovah, I beseech thee; Jehovah, I beseech thee, oh send prosperity!
- 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah. We have blessed you out of the house of Jehovah.
- 27 Jehovah is •God, and he hath given us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, —up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 Thou art my •God, and I will give thee thanks; my God, I will exalt thee.
- 29 Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
- 119:1 ALEPH. Blessed are the perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Jehovah.
- 2 Blessed are they that observe his testimonies, that seek him with the whole heart;
- 3 Who also do no unrighteousness: they walk in his ways.
- 4 Thou hast enjoined thy precepts, to be kept diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
- 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
- 7 I will give thee thanks with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep thy statutes: forsake me not utterly.
- 9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his path? by taking heed according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: let me not wander from thy commandments.
- 11 Thy •word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed art thou, Jehovah! teach me thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
- 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all wealth.
- 15 I will meditate upon thy precepts, and have respect unto thy paths.
- 16 I delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word.

- 17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy servant *and* I shall live; and I will keep thy word.
- 18 Open mine eyes, and I shall behold wondrous things out of thy law.
- 19 I am a stranger in the land; hide not thy commandments from me.
- 20 My soul breaketh for longing after thy judgments at all times.
- 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, who wander from thy commandments.
- 22 Roll off from me reproach and contempt; for I observe thy testimonies.
- 23 Princes also did sit *and* talk together against me: thy servant doth meditate in thy statutes.
- 24 Thy testimonies also are my delight *and* my counsellors.
- 25 DALETH. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken me according to thy word.
- 26 I have declared my ways, and thou hast answered me: teach me thy statutes.
- 27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts, and I will meditate upon thy wondrous works.
- 28 My soul melteth for sadness: strengthen me according to thy word.
- 29 Remove from me the way of falsehood, and graciously grant me thy law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; thy judgments have I set *before me*.
- 31 I cleave unto thy testimonies; Jehovah, let me not be ashamed.
- 32 I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart.
- 33 HE. Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes, and I will observe it *unto* the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I will observe thy law; and I will keep it with *my* whole heart.
- 35 Make me to walk in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
- 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to gain.
- 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; quicken me in thy way.

- 38 Establish thy •word unto thy servant, who is *devoted* to thy fear.
- 39 Turn away my reproach which I fear; for thy judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.
- 41 VAU. And let thy loving-kindness come unto me, O Jehovah, —thy salvation according to thy •word.
- 42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me; for I confide in thy word.
- 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; because I have hoped in thy judgments.
- 44 Then will I keep thy law continually, for ever and ever;
- 45 And I will walk at liberty, for I have sought thy precepts;
- 46 And I will speak of thy testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed;
- 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved;
- 48 And I will lift up my hands unto thy commandments, which I have loved, and I will meditate in thy statutes.
- 49 ZAIN. Remember the word for thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
- 50 This is my comfort in mine affliction; for thy •word hath quickened me.
- 51 The proud have derided me beyond measure: I have not declined from thy law.
- 52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O Jehovah, and have comforted myself.
- 53 Burning indignation hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked who forsake thy law.
- 54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
- 55 I have remembered thy name, O Jehovah, in the night, and have kept thy law.
- 56 This I have had, because I have observed thy precepts.
- 57 CHETH. My portion, O Jehovah, I have said, is to keep thy words.
- 58 I have sought thy favour with *my* whole heart: be gracious unto me according to thy •word.
- 59 I have thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

- 60 I have made haste, and not delayed, to keep thy commandments.
- 61 The bands of the wicked have wrapped me round: I have not forgotten thy law.
- 62 At midnight I rise up to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.
- 63 I am the companion of all that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
- 64 The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy loving-kindness: teach me thy statutes.
- 65 TETH. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Jehovah, according to thy word.
- 66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge; for I have believed in thy commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep thy word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
- 69 The proud have forged falsehood against me: I will observe thy precepts with *my* whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease: as for me, I delight in thy law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
- 73 YOD. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, and I will learn thy commandments.
- 74 They that fear thee will see me, and rejoice; because I have hoped in thy word.
- 75 I know, Jehovah, that thy Judgments are righteousness, and that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
- 76 Oh let thy loving-kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
- 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.
- 78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they have acted perversely towards me with falsehood: as for me, I meditate in thy precepts.
- 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that know thy testimonies.

- 80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.
- 81 CAPH. My soul fainteth for thy salvation; I hope in thy word.
- 82 Mine eyes fail for thy •word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
- 83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; I do not forget thy statutes.
- 84 How many shall be the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
- 85 The proud have digged pits for me, which is not according to thy law.
- 86 All thy commandments are faithfulness. They persecute me wrongfully: help thou me.
- 87 They had almost consumed me upon the earth; but as for me, I forsook not thy precepts.
- 88 Quicken me according to thy loving-kindness, and I will keep the testimony of thy mouth.
- 89 LAMED. For ever, O Jehovah, thy word is settled in the heavens.
- 90 Thy faithfulness is from generation to generation: thou hast established the earth, and it standeth.
- 91 By thine ordinances they stand this day; for all things are thy servants.
- 92 Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
- 93 I will never forget thy precepts; for by them thou hast quickened me.
- 94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.
- 95 The wicked have awaited me to destroy me; *but* I attend unto thy testimonies.
- 96 I have seen an end of all perfection: thy commandment is exceeding broad.
- 97 MEM. Oh how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged, because I have observed thy precepts.

- 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil path, that I might keep thy word.
- 102 I have not departed from thy judgments; for it is thou that hast taught me.
- 103 How sweet are thy •words unto my taste! more than honey to my mouth!
- 104 From thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false path.
- 105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- 106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
- 107 I am afflicted very much; O Jehovah, quicken me according to thy word.
- 108 Accept, I beseech thee, Jehovah, the voluntary-offerings of my mouth, and teach me thy judgments.
- 109 My life is continually in my hand; but I do not forget thy law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me; but I have not wandered from thy precepts.
- 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
- 112 I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes for ever, unto the end.
- 113 SAMECH. The double-minded have I hated; but thy law do I love.
- 114 Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word.
- 115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers; and I will observe the commandments of my God.
- 116 Uphold me according to thy •word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
- 117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
- 118 Thou hast set at nought all them that wander from thy statutes; for their deceit is falsehood.
- 119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross; therefore I love thy testimonies.
- 120 My flesh shuddereth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

- 121 AIN. I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for thy servant for good; let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the •word of thy righteousness.
- 124 Deal with thy servant according to thy loving-kindness, and teach me thy statutes.
- 125 I am thy servant; give me understanding that I may know thy testimonies.
- 126 It is time for Jehovah to work: they have made void thy law.
- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, yea, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I regard all *thy* precepts concerning all things to be right: I hate every false path.
- 129 PE. Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul observe them.
- 130 The entrance of thy words giveth light, giving understanding unto the simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth wide and panted; for I longed for thy commandments.
- 132 Turn unto me, and be gracious unto me, as thou art wont to do unto those that love thy name.
- 133 Establish my steps in thy •word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Deliver me from the oppression of man; and I will keep thy precepts.
- 135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.
- 136 Mine eyes run down with streams of water, because they keep not thy law.
- 137 TZADE. Righteous art thou, Jehovah, and upright are thy judgments.
- 138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness and exceeding faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal destroyeth me, because mine oppressors have forgotten thy words.
- 140 Thy •word is exceeding pure, and thy servant loveth it.
- 141 I am little and despised: thy precepts have I not forgotten.

- 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold upon me: thy commandments are my delights.
- 144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is for ever: give me understanding, and I shall live.
- 145 KOPH. I have called with *my* whole heart; answer me, O Jehovah: I will observe thy statutes.
- 146 I call upon thee; save me, and I will keep thy testimonies.
- 147 I anticipate the morning-dawn and I cry: I hope in thy word.
- 148 Mine eyes anticipate the night-watches, that I may meditate in thy •word.
- 149 Hear my voice according to thy loving-kindness: O Jehovah, quicken me according to thy judgment.
- 150 They have drawn nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
- 151 Thou, Jehovah, art near, and all thy commandments are truth.
- 152 From thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.
- 153 RESH. See mine affliction, and deliver me; for I have not forgotten thy law.
- 154 Plead my cause, and redeem me: quicken me according to thy •word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked; for they seek not thy statutes.
- 156 Many are thy tender mercies, O Jehovah; quicken me according to thy judgments.
- 157 Many are my persecutors and mine oppressors; I have not declined from thy testimonies.
- 158 I beheld them that deal treacherously, and was grieved; because they kept not thy •word.
- 159 See how I have loved thy precepts: quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thy loving-kindness.
- 160 The sum of thy word is truth, and every righteous judgment of thine is for ever.
- 161 SHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause; but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
- 162 I have joy in thy •word, as one that findeth great spoil.
- 163 I hate and abhor falsehood; thy law do I love.

- 164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing doth stumble them.
- 166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O Jehovah, and have done thy commandments.
- 167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.
- 168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee.
- 169 TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, Jehovah: give me understanding according to thy word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy •word.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth praise when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
- 172 My tongue shall speak aloud of thy •word; for all thy commandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let thy hand be for my help; for I have chosen thy precepts.
- 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah, and thy law is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I have not forgotten thy commandments.

120:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ In my trouble I called unto Jehovah, and he answered me.
- 2 ² Jehovah, deliver my soul from the lying lip, from the deceitful tongue.
- 3 ³ What shall be given unto thee, what shall be added unto thee, thou deceitful tongue?
- 4 ⁴ Sharp arrows of a mighty one, with burning coals of broom-wood.
- 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- 6 My soul hath long dwelt with them that hate peace.
- 7 I am *for* peace; but when I speak, they *are* for war.

121:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ I lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: whence shall my help come?
- 2 ² My help *cometh* from Jehovah, who made the heavens and the earth.
- 3 ³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- 4 ⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 ⁵ Jehovah is thy keeper, Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand;
- 6 ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 ⁷ Jehovah will keep thee from all evil; he will keep thy soul.
- 8 ⁸ Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in, from henceforth and for evermore.

122:title A Song of degrees. Of David.

- 1 ¹ I rejoiced when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of Jehovah.
- 2 ² Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 ³ Jerusalem, which art built as a city that is compact together,
- 4 ⁴ Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of Jah, a testimony to Israel, to give thanks unto the name of Jehovah.
- 5 ⁵ For there are set thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy bulwarks, prosperity within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes I will say, Peace be within thee!
- 9 Because of the house of Jehovah our God I will seek thy good.

123:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
- 2 ² Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes *are directed* to Jehovah our God, until he be gracious unto us.
- 3 ³ Be gracious unto us, O Jehovah, be gracious unto us; for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
- 4 ⁴ Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.

124:title A Song of degrees. Of David.

- 1 ¹ If it had not been Jehovah who was for us—oh let Israel say—
- 2 ² If it had not been Jehovah who was for us, when men rose up against us,
- 3 ³ Then they had swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 ⁴ Then the waters had overwhelmed us, a torrent had gone over our soul;
- 5 ⁵ Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
- 6 Blessed be Jehovah, who gave us not up a prey to their teeth!
- 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the name of Jehovah, the maker of heavens and earth.

125:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ They that confide in Jehovah are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved; it abideth for ever.
- 2 ² Jerusalem! —mountains are round about her, and Jehovah is round about his people, from henceforth and for evermore.
- 3 ³ For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.
- 4 Do good, O Jehovah, unto the good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.
- 5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, Jehovah will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!

126:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ When Jehovah turned the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.
- 2 ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing: then said they among the nations, Jehovah hath done great things for them.
- 3 ³ Jehovah hath done great things for us; *and* we are joyful.
- 4 Turn our captivity, O Jehovah, as the streams in the south.
- 5 They that sow in tears shall reap with rejoicing:
- 6 He goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for scattering; he cometh again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves.

127:title A Song of degrees. Of Solomon.

- 1 ¹ Unless Jehovah build the house, in vain do its builders labour in it; unless Jehovah keep the city, the keeper watcheth in vain:
- 2 ² It is vain for you to rise up early, to lie down late, to eat the bread of sorrows: so to his beloved one he giveth sleep.

- 3 ³ Lo, children are an inheritance from Jehovah, *and* the fruit of the womb a reward.
- 4 ⁴ As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth.
- 5 ⁵ Happy is the man that hath filled his quiver with them. They shall not be ashamed when they speak with enemies in the gate.

128:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah, that walketh in his ways.
- 2 ² For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
- 3 ³ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine in the inner part of thy house; thy children like olive-plants round about thy table.
- 4 ⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth Jehovah.
- 5 ⁵ Jehovah will bless thee out of Zion; and mayest thou see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life,
- 6 ⁶ And see thy children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

129:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth—oh let Israel say—
- 2 ² Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 ³ The ploughers ploughed upon my back; they made long their furrows.
- 4 ⁴ Jehovah is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward, all that hate Zion;
- 6 Let them be as the grass upon the house-tops, which withereth before it is plucked up,
- 7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom;

- 8 Neither do the passers-by say, The blessing of Jehovah be upon you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah!

130:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Out of the depths do I call upon thee, Jehovah.
2 ² Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
3 ³ If thou, Jah, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?
4 ⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for Jehovah; my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than the watchers *wait* for the morning, *more than* the watchers for the morning.
7 Let Israel hope in Jehovah, because with Jehovah there is loving-kindness, and with him is plenteous redemption;
8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131:title A Song of degrees. Of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, and in things too wonderful for me.
2 ² Surely I have restrained and composed my soul, like a weaned child with its mother: my soul within me is as a weaned child.
3 ³ Let Israel hope in Jehovah, from henceforth and for evermore.

132:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, remember for David all his affliction;
- 2 ² How he swore unto Jehovah, vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 ³ I will not come into the tent of my house, I will not go up to the couch of my bed;
- 4 ⁴ I will not give sleep to mine eyes, slumber to mine eyelids,
- 5 ⁵ Until I find out a place for Jehovah, habitations for the Mighty One of Jacob. ...
- 6 ⁶ Behold, we heard of it at Ephratah, we found it in the fields of the wood.
- 7 ⁷ Let us go into his habitations, let us worship at his footstool.
- 8 ⁸ Arise, Jehovah, into thy rest, thou and the ark of thy strength.
- 9 ⁹ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let thy saints shout for joy.
- 10 ¹⁰ For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of thine anointed.
- 11 Jehovah hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it: Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne;
- 12 If thy children keep my covenant, and my testimonies which I will teach them, their children also for evermore shall sit upon thy throne.
- 13 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his dwelling:
- 14 This is my rest for ever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy ones with bread;
- 16 And I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- 17 There will I cause the horn of David to bud forth; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
- 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

133:title A Song of degrees. Of David.

- 1 ¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 ² Like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, upon Aaron's beard, that ran down to the hem of his garments;
- 3 ³ As the dew of Hermon that descendeth on the mountains of Zion; for there hath Jehovah commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

134:title A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¹ Behold, bless Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah, who by night stand in the house of Jehovah.
- 2 ² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless Jehovah.
- 3 ³ Jehovah, the maker of heavens and earth, bless thee out of Zion.

- 135:1** Hallelujah! Praise the name of Jehovah; praise, ye servants of Jehovah,
- 2 Ye that stand in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of the house of our God.
 - 3 Praise ye Jah; for Jehovah is good: sing psalms unto his name; for it is pleasant.
 - 4 For Jah hath chosen Jacob unto himself, Israel for his own possession.
 - 5 For I know that Jehovah is great, and our Lord is above all gods.
 - 6 Whatsoever Jehovah pleased, he hath done in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all deeps;
 - 7 Who causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; who maketh lightnings for the rain; who bringeth the wind out of his treasures:
 - 8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast;
 - 9 Who sent signs and miracles into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants;

- 10** Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings,
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12 And gave their land for an inheritance, an inheritance unto Israel his people.
13 Thy name, O Jehovah, is for ever; thy memorial, O Jehovah, from generation to generation.
14 For Jehovah will judge his people, and will repent in favour of his servants.
15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands:
16 They have a mouth, and they speak not; eyes have they, and they see not;
17 They have ears, and they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouth.
18 They that make them are like unto them, —every one that confideth in them.
19 House of Israel, bless ye Jehovah; house of Aaron, bless ye Jehovah;
20 House of Levi, bless ye Jehovah; ye that fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah.
21 Blessed be Jehovah out of Zion, who dwelleth at Jerusalem! Hallelujah!
- 136:1** Give ye thanks unto Jehovah, for he is good; for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever:
2 Give thanks unto the God of gods, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever;
3 Give thanks unto the Lord of lords, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever:
5 To him that by understanding made the heavens, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever;
6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever;
7 To him that made great lights, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever;

- 8 The sun for rule over the day, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 9 The moon and stars for rule over the night, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever:
- 10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 12 With a powerful hand and with a stretched-out arm, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever;
- 13 To him that divided the Red sea into parts, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 15 And overturned Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever;
- 16 To him that led his people through the wilderness, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever;
- 17 To him that smote great kings, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 18 And slew famous kings, for his loving-kindness *endureth*
for ever;
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 20 And Og king of Bashan, for his loving-kindness *endureth*
for ever;
- 21 And gave their land for an inheritance, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever,
- 22 An inheritance unto Israel his servant, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever:
- 23 Who hath remembered us in our low estate, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever;
- 24 And hath delivered us from our oppressors, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever:
- 25 Who giveth food to all flesh, for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever.
- 26 Give ye thanks unto the •God of the heavens; for his loving-kindness
endureth for ever.

- 137:1** By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down; yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.
- 2** We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
- 3** For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that made us wail *required* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.
- 4** How should we sing a song of Jehovah's upon a foreign soil?
- 5** If I forget thee, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *its skill*;
- 6** If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to my palate: if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
- 7** Remember, O Jehovah, against the sons of Edom, the day of Jerusalem; who said, Lay *it* bare, Lay *it* bare, down to its foundation!
- 8** Daughter of Babylon, who art to be laid waste, happy he that rendereth unto thee that which thou hast meted out to us.
- 9** Happy he that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the rock.

138: title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1** ¹ I will give thee thanks with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing psalms of thee.
- 2** ² I will bow down toward the temple of thy holiness, and celebrate thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- 3** ³ In the day when I called thou answeredst me; thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul.
- 4** ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall celebrate thee, Jehovah, when they have heard the words of thy mouth;
- 5** ⁵ And they shall sing in the ways of Jehovah, for great is the glory of Jehovah.
- 6** For Jehovah is high; but he looketh upon the lowly, and the proud he knoweth afar off.
- 7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against the anger of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

- 8 Jehovah will perfect what concerneth me: thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, *endureth* for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.
2 ² Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off;
3 ³ Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways;
4 ⁴ For there is not yet a word on my tongue, *but* lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.
5 ⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thy hand upon me.
6 ⁶ O knowledge too wonderful for me! it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? and whither flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into the heavens thou art there; or if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou *art there*;
9 *If* I take the wings of the dawn *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 And if I say, Surely darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night;
12 Even darkness hideth not from thee, and the night shineth as the day: the darkness is as the light.
13 For thou hast possessed my reins; thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made. Marvellous are thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.
15 My bones were not hidden from thee when I was made in secret, curiously wrought in the lower parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see my unformed substance, and in thy book all *my members* were written; *during many* days were they fashioned, when *as yet* there was none of them.

- 17 But how precious are thy thoughts unto me, O •God! how great is the sum of them!
- 18 *If* I would count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I awake, I am still with thee.
- 19 Oh that thou wouldest slay the wicked, O †God! And ye men of blood, depart from me.
- 20 For they speak of thee wickedly, they take *thy name* in vain, thine enemies.
- 21 Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee? and do not I loathe them that rise up against thee?
- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I account them mine enemies.
- 23 Search me, O •God, and know my heart; prove me, and know my thoughts;
- 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

140:title To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Free me, O Jehovah, from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man:
- 2 ² Who devise mischiefs in *their* heart; every day are they banded together for war.
- 3 ³ They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
- 4 ⁴ Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked *man*, preserve me from the violent man, who devise to overthrow my steps.
- 5 ⁵ The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the way-side; they have set traps for me. Selah.
- 6 ⁶ I have said unto Jehovah, Thou art my •God: give ear, O Jehovah, to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 ⁷ Jehovah, the Lord, is the strength of my salvation: thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Grant not, O Jehovah, the desire of the wicked; further not his device: they would exalt themselves. Selah.
- 9 *As for* the head of those that encompass me, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

- 10 Let burning coals fall on them; let them be cast into the fire; into deep waters, that they rise not up again.
- 11 Let not the man of *evil* tongue be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the man of violence to *his* ruin.
- 12 I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted one, the right of the needy.
- 13 Yea, the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

141: title A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, I have called upon thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.
- 2 ² Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening oblation.
- 3 ³ Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
- 4 ⁴ Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise deeds of wickedness with men that are workers of iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me, it is kindness; and let him reprove me, it is an excellent oil which my head shall not refuse: for yet my prayer also is *for them* in their calamities.
- 6 When their judges are thrown down from the rocks, they shall hear my words, for they are sweet.
- 7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.
- 8 For unto thee, Jehovah, Lord, are mine eyes; in thee do I trust: leave not my soul destitute.
- 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal pass over.

142:title An instruction of David; when he was in the cave: a prayer.

- 1 ¹ I cry unto Jehovah with my voice: with my voice unto Jehovah do I make supplication.
- 2 ² I pour out my plaint before him; I shew before him my trouble.
- 3 ³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they hidden a snare for me.
- 4 Look on the right hand and see; there is no man that knoweth me: refuge hath failed me; no man careth for my soul.
- 5 I cried unto thee, Jehovah; I said, Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
- 6 Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.
- 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may celebrate thy name. The righteous shall surround me, because thou dealest bountifully with me.

143:title A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¹ Jehovah, hear my prayer; give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness.
- 2 ² And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.
- 3 ³ For the enemy persecuteth my soul: he hath crushed my life down to the earth; he hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.
- 4 ⁴ And my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 ⁵ I remember the days of old: I meditate on all thy doing; I muse on the work of thy hands.
- 6 ⁶ I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul, as a parched land, *thirsteth* after thee. *Selah*.
- 7 Answer me speedily, O Jehovah; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, or I shall be like unto them that go down into the pit.

- 8 Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee do I confide; make me to know the way wherein I should walk, for unto thee do I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me, O Jehovah, from mine enemies: unto thee do I flee for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: let thy good Spirit lead me in a plain country.
- 11 Revive me, O Jehovah, for thy name's sake; in thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble;
- 12 And in thy loving-kindness cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that oppress my soul: for I am thy servant.

144:title *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¹ Blessed be Jehovah my rock, who teacheth my hands to war, my fingers to fight;
- 2 ² My mercy and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I trust, who subdueth my people under me!
- 3 ³ Jehovah, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him, the son of man, that thou takest thought of him?
- 4 ⁴ Man is like to vanity; his days are as a shadow that passeth away.
- 5 ⁵ Jehovah, bow thy heavens, and come down; touch the mountains, that they smoke;
- 6 ⁶ Cast forth lightnings, and scatter them; send forth thine arrows, and discomfit them:
- 7 ⁷ Stretch out thy hands from above; rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of aliens,
- 8 ⁸ Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 O God, I will sing a new song unto thee; with the ten-stringed lute will I sing psalms unto thee:
- 10 Who givest salvation unto kings; who rescuest David thy servant from the hurtful sword.
- 11 Rescue me, and deliver me from the hand of aliens, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

- 12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; our daughters as corner-columns, sculptured after the fashion of a palace:
- 13 Our granaries full, affording all manner of store; our sheep bringing forth thousands, ten thousands in our pastures;
- 14 Our kine laden *with young*; no breaking in and no going forth, and no outcry in our streets.
- 15 Blessed the people that is in such a case! Blessed the people whose God is Jehovah!

145:title A Psalm of praise. Of David.

- 1 ¹ I will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
- 2 ² Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
- 3 ³ Great is Jehovah, and exceedingly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 ⁴ One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- 5 ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
- 6 ⁶ And they shall tell of the might of thy terrible acts; and thy great deeds will I declare.
- 7 ⁷ They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 8 ⁸ Jehovah is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great loving-kindness.
- 9 ⁹ Jehovah is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works.
- 10 All thy works shall praise thee, Jehovah, and thy saints shall bless thee.
- 11 They shall tell of the glory of thy kingdom, and speak of thy power;
- 12 To make known to the children of men his mighty acts, and the glorious splendour of his kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom is a kingdom of all ages, and thy dominion is throughout all generations.

- 14 Jehovah upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all that are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their food in its season.
- 16 Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- 17 Jehovah is righteous in all his ways, and kind in all his works.
- 18 Jehovah is nigh unto all that call upon him, unto all that call upon him in truth.
- 19 He fulfilleth the desire of them that fear him; he heareth their cry, and saveth them.
- 20 Jehovah keepeth all that love him, and all the wicked will he destroy.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

- 146:1** Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
- 2 As long as I live will I praise Jehovah; I will sing psalms unto my God while I have my being.
 - 3 Put not confidence in nobles, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
 - 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his purposes perish.
 - 5 Blessed is he who hath the •God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Jehovah his God,
 - 6 Who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is therein; who keepeth truth for ever;
 - 7 Who executeth judgment for the oppressed, who giveth bread to the hungry. Jehovah looseth the prisoners;
 - 8 Jehovah openeth *the eyes of* the blind; Jehovah raiseth up them that are bowed down; Jehovah loveth the righteous;
 - 9 Jehovah preserveth the strangers; he lifteth up the fatherless and the widow; but the way of the wicked doth he subvert.
 - 10 Jehovah will reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Hallelujah!

- 147:1** Praise ye Jah! for it is good. Sing psalms of our God; for it is pleasant: praise is comely.
- 2** Jehovah doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth the outcasts of Israel.
- 3** He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
- 4** He counteth the number of the stars; he giveth names to them all.
- 5** Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.
- 6** Jehovah lifteth up the meek; he abaseth the wicked to the earth.
- 7** Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving; sing psalms upon the harp unto our God:
- 8** Who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains;
- 9** Who giveth to the cattle their food, to the young ravens which cry.
- 10** He delighteth not in the strength of the horse, he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man;
- 11** Jehovah taketh pleasure in those that fear him, in those that hope in his loving-kindness.
- 12** Laud Jehovah, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
- 13** For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee;
- 14** He maketh peace in thy borders; he satisfieth thee with the finest of the wheat.
- 15** He sendeth forth his oracles to the earth: his word runneth very swiftly.
- 16** He giveth snow like wool, scattereth the hoar frost like ashes;
- 17** He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?
- 18** He sendeth his word, and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow—the waters flow.
- 19** He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
- 20** He hath not dealt thus with any nation; and as for *his* judgments, they have not known them. Hallelujah!

148:1 Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of Jehovah, for he it is that commanded, and they were created:

6 And he established them for ever and ever; he made *for them* a statute which shall not pass.

7 Praise Jehovah from the earth, ye sea-monsters, and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour, stormy wind fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit-trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged fowl;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth;

12 Both young men and maidens, old men with youths, —

13 Let them praise the name of Jehovah: for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above the earth and the heavens.

14 And he hath lifted up the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints, *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Hallelujah!

149:1 Hallelujah! Sing unto Jehovah a new song; *sing* his praise in the congregation of the godly.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the sons of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing psalms unto him with the tambour and harp.

4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people; he beautifieth the meek with salvation.

5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them shout for joy upon their beds.

Psalms

- 6 Let the high praises of •God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand:
- 7 To execute vengeance against the nations, *and* punishment among the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute upon them the judgment written. This honour have all his saints. Hallelujah!

- 150:1** Hallelujah! Praise •God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him in his mighty acts; praise him according to the abundance of his greatness.
 - 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with lute and harp;
 - 4 Praise him with the tambour and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and the pipe;
 - 5 Praise him with loud cymbals; praise him with high sounding cymbals.
 - 6 Let everything that hath breath praise Jah. Hallelujah!

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

- 1:1** Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
3 to receive the instruction of wisdom, righteousness and judgment, and equity;
4 to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
5 He that is wise will hear, and will increase learning; and the intelligent will gain wise counsels:
6 to understand a proverb and an allegory, the words of the wise and their enigmas.
7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge: fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8 Hear, my son, the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother;
9 for they shall be a garland of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent not.
11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
12 let us swallow them up alive as Sheol, and whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13 we shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
14 cast in thy lot among us; we will all have one purse:
15 —my son, walk not in the way with them, keep back thy foot from their path;
16 for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain the net is spread in the sight of anything which hath wings.
18 And these lay wait for their own blood; they lurk secretly for their own lives.
19 So are the paths of every one that is greedy of gain: it taketh away the life of its possessors.

- 20 Wisdom crieth without; she raiseth her voice in the
broadways;
- 21 she calleth in the chief *place* of concourse, in the entry
of the gates; in the city she uttereth her words:
- 22 How long, simple ones, will ye love simpleness, and
scorners take pleasure in their scorning, and the foolish
hate knowledge?
- 23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour forth my
spirit unto you, I will make known to you my words.
- 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched
out my hand, and no one regarded;
- 25 and ye have rejected all my counsel, and would none
of my reproof:
- 26 I also will laugh in your calamity, I will mock when
your fear cometh;
- 27 when your fear cometh as sudden destruction, and
your calamity cometh as a whirlwind; when distress
and anguish come upon you:
- 28 —then will they call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me early, and shall not find me.
- 29 Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the
fear of Jehovah;
- 30 they would none of my counsel, they despised all my
reproof:
- 31 therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their way, and be
filled with their own devices.
- 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and
the prosperity of the foolish shall cause them to perish.
- 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and
shall be at rest from fear of evil.
- 2:1 My son, if thou receivest my words, and layest up my
commandments with thee,
- 2 so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom *and* thou
apply thy heart to understanding;
- 3 yea, if thou criest after discernment *and* liftest up thy
voice to understanding;
- 4 if thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for
hidden treasures:

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- 5 then shalt thou understand the fear of Jehovah, and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For Jehovah giveth wisdom; out of his mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright; *he* is a shield to them that walk in integrity;
- 8 guarding the paths of just judgment and keeping the way of his godly ones.
- 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgment and equity: every good path.
- 10 When wisdom entereth into thy heart and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul,
- 11 discretion shall keep thee, understanding shall preserve thee:
- 12 To deliver thee from the way of evil, from the man that speaketh froward things;
- 13 *from those* who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
- 14 who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of evil;
- 15 whose paths are crooked, and who are perverted in their course:
- 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, from the stranger who flattereth with her words;
- 17 who forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God;
- 18 —for her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead;
- 19 none that go unto her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life:
- 20 —that thou mayest walk in the way of the good, and keep the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it;
- 22 but the wicked shall be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful shall be plucked up out of it.
- 3:1 My son, forget not my teaching, and let thy heart observe my commandments;

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- 2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace shall they add to thee.
- 3 Let not loving-kindness and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck, write them upon the tablet of thy heart:
- 4 and thou shalt find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Confide in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not unto thine own intelligence;
- 6 in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will make plain thy paths.
- 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear Jehovah, and depart from evil:
- 8 it shall be health for thy navel, and moisture for thy bones.
- 9 Honour Jehovah with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase;
- 10 so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
- 11 My son, despise not the instruction of Jehovah, neither be weary of his chastisement;
- 12 for whom Jehovah loveth he chasteneth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
- 13 Blessed is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.
- 14 For the gain thereof is better than the gain of silver, and her revenue than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not equal unto her.
- 16 Length of days is in her right hand; in her left hand riches and honour.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is he that retaineth her.
- 19 Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.
- 20 By his knowledge the deeps were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, let them not depart from thine eyes; keep sound wisdom and discretion:

Proverbs

- 22 so shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace unto thy neck.
- 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely, and thy foot shall not stumble;
- 24 when thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid, but thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet.
- 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the destruction of the wicked, when it cometh;
- 26 for Jehovah shall be thy confidence, and he will keep thy foot from being taken.
- 27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.
- 28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee.
- 29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
- 30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.
- 31 Envy not the man of violence, and choose none of his ways.
- 32 For the perverse is an abomination to Jehovah; but his secret is with the upright.
- 33 The curse of Jehovah is in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.
- 34 He indeed scorneth the scorers; but he giveth grace unto the lowly.
- 35 The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of the foolish.
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- 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know intelligence;
- 2 for I give you good doctrine: forsake ye not my law.
- 3 For I was a son unto my father, tender and an only one in the sight of my mother.
- 4 And he taught me, and said unto me, Let thy heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live.
- 5 Get wisdom, get intelligence: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs

- 6 Forsake her not, and she shall keep thee; love her, and she shall preserve thee.
- 7 The beginning of wisdom *is*, Get wisdom; and with all thy getting get intelligence.
- 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honour when thou dost embrace her.
- 9 She shall give to thy head a garland of grace; a crown of glory will she bestow upon thee.
- 10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be multiplied.
- 11 I will teach thee in the way of wisdom, I will lead thee in paths of uprightness.
- 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
- 13 Take fast hold of instruction, let *her* not go: keep her, for she is thy life.
- 14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*:
- 15 avoid it, pass not by it; turn from it, and pass away.
- 16 For they sleep not except they have done mischief, and their sleep is taken away unless they have caused *some* to fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is as the shining light, going on and brightening until the day be fully come.
- 19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
- 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thy heart.
- 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
- 23 Keep thy heart more than anything that is guarded; for out of it are the issues of life.
- 24 Put away from thee perverseness of mouth, and corrupt lips put far from thee.
- 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Proverbs

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be well-ordered.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.

5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, incline thine ear to my understanding;

2 that thou mayest keep reflection, and that thy lips may preserve knowledge.

3 For the lips of the strange woman drop honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil;

4 but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on Sheol.

6 Lest she should ponder the path of life, her ways wander, she knoweth not *whither*.

7 And now, children, hearken unto me, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

9 lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel;

10 lest strangers be filled with thy wealth, and the fruits of thy toil *come* into the house of a stranger;

11 and thou mourn in thine end, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed;

12 and thou say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof!

13 and I have not hearkened unto the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to those that instructed me;

14 I was well nigh in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Thy fountains shall be poured forth, as water-brooks in the broadways.

Proverbs

- 17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.
- 18 Let thy fountain be blessed; and have joy of the wife of thy youth.
- 19 As a lovely hind and a graceful roe, let her breasts satisfy thee at all times: be thou ravished continually with her love.
- 20 And why shouldest thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
- 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah, and he pondereth all his paths.
- 22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.
- 23 He shall die for want of discipline; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.
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- 6:1 My son, if thou hast become surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand for a stranger,
- 2 thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
- 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, since thou hast come into the hand of thy friend: go, humble thyself, and be urgent with thy friend.
- 4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids:
- 5 deliver thyself as a gazelle from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise:
- 7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,
- 8 provideth her bread in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.
- 9 How long, sluggard, wilt thou lie down? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest!
- 11 So shall thy poverty come as a roving plunderer, and thy penury as an armed man.

Proverbs

- 12 A man of Belial, a wicked person, is he that goeth about with a perverse mouth;
13 he winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
14 deceits are in his heart; he deviseth mischief at all times, he soweth discords.
15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly: in a moment shall he be broken, and without remedy.
16 These six *things* doth Jehovah hate, yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood;
18 a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations; feet that are swift in running to mischief;
19 a false witness that uttereth lies, and he that soweth discords among brethren.
20 My son, observe thy father's commandment, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother;
21 bind them continually upon thy heart, tie them about thy neck:
22 when thou walkest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching a light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
24 to keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
25 Lust not after her beauty in thy heart, neither let her take thee with her eyelids;
26 for by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a loaf of bread, and another's wife doth hunt for the precious soul.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his garments not be burned?
28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife: whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
30 They do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry:

- 31 and if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
- 32 Whoso committeth adultery with a woman is void of understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
- 33 A wound and contempt shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
- 34 For jealousy is the rage of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance;
- 35 he will not regard any ransom, neither will he rest content though thou multipliest *thy* gifts.
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- 7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
- 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my teaching, as the apple of thine eye.
- 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the tablet of thy heart.
- 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister, and call intelligence *thy* kinswoman:
- 5 that they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger who flattereth with her words.
- 6 For at the window of my house, I looked forth through my lattice,
- 7 and I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the sons, a young man void of understanding,
- 8 passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,
- 9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the blackness of night and the darkness.
- 10 And behold, there met him a woman in the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart.
- 11 She is clamorous and unmanageable; her feet abide not in her house:
- 12 now without, now in the broadways, —and she lieth in wait at every corner.
- 13 And she caught him and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,
- 14 I have peace-offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows:

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- 15 therefore came I forth to meet thee, to seek earnestly thy face, and I have found thee.
- 16 I have decked my bed with tapestry coverlets of variegated linen from Egypt;
- 17 I have perfumed my couch with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let us revel in love until the morning, let us delight ourselves with loves.
- 19 For the husband is not at home, he is gone a long journey;
- 20 he hath taken the money-bag with him, he will come home on the day of the full moon.
- 21 With her much enticement she beguiled him; with the smoothness of her lips she constrained him.
- 22 He went after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, and as stocks *serve* for the correction of the fool;
- 23 till an arrow strike through his liver: as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for its life.
- 24 And now, ye sons, hearken unto me, and attend to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Let not thy heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths:
- 26 for she hath cast down many wounded, and all slain by her were strong.
- 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.
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- 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding give forth her voice?
- 2 On the top of high places by the way, at the cross-paths she taketh her stand.
- 3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud.
- 4 Unto you, men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man:
- 5 O ye simple, understand prudence; and ye foolish, understand sense.

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- 6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things, and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
- 7 For my palate shall meditate truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing tortuous or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold:
- 11 for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not equal to it.
- 12 I wisdom dwell *with* prudence, and find the knowledge *which cometh* of reflection.
- 13 The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate.
- 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am intelligence; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign, and rulers make just decrees;
- 16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.
- 17 I love those that love me; and they that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour are with me; durable wealth and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than fine gold, yea, than pure gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
- 21 that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasuries.
- 22 Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from eternity, from the beginning, before the earth was.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth;

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- 26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,
nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he prepared the heavens I was there; when he
ordained the circle upon the face of the deep;
- 28 when he established the skies above, when the
fountains of the deep became strong;
- 29 when he imposed on the sea his decree that the waters
should not pass his commandment, when he appointed
the foundations of the earth:
- 30 then I was by him *his* nursling, and I was daily his
delight, rejoicing always before him;
- 31 rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my
delights *were* with the sons of men.
- 32 And now, sons, hearken unto me, and blessed are they
that keep my ways:
- 33 hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not.
- 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at
my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and obtaineth
favour of Jehovah;
- 36 but he that sinneth against me doeth violence to his
own soul: all they that hate me love death.
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- 9:1 Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewn out her
seven pillars;
- 2 she hath slaughtered her cattle, she hath mingled her
wine, she hath also prepared her table;
- 3 she hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the
summits of the high places of the city,
- 4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither. To him that is
void of understanding, she saith,
- 5 Come, eat ye of my bread, and drink of the wine that I
have mingled.
- 6 Forsake follies and live, and go in the way of
intelligence.
- 7 He that instructeth a scorner getteth to himself shame;
and he that reproveth a wicked *man getteth* to himself
a blot.

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- 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; reprove a wise *man*, and he will love thee.
- 9 Impart to a wise *man*, and he will become yet wiser; teach a righteous *man*, and he will increase learning.
- 10 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is intelligence.
- 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and years of life shall be added to thee.
- 12 If thou art wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself; and if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.
- 13 The foolish woman is clamorous; she is stupid, and knoweth nothing.
- 14 And she sitteth at the entry of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
- 15 to call passers-by who go right on their ways:
- 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither. And to him that is void of understanding she saith,
- 17 Stolen waters are sweet, and the bread of secrecy is pleasant.
- 18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; *that* her guests are in the depths of Sheol.
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- 10:1 The Proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.
- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death.
- 3 Jehovah suffereth not the soul of the righteous *man* to famish; but he repelleth the craving of the wicked.
- 4 He cometh to want that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
- 5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son; he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
- 6 Blessings are upon the head of a righteous *man*; but the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.
- 7 The memory of the righteous *man* shall be blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot.
- 8 The wise in heart receiveth commandments; but a prating fool shall fall.

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- 9 He that walketh in integrity walketh securely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
- 10 He that winketh with the eye causeth grief, and a prating fool shall fall.
- 11 The mouth of a righteous *man* is a fountain of life; but the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.
- 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all transgressions.
- 13 In the lips of an intelligent *man* wisdom is found; but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.
- 14 The wise lay up knowledge; but the mouth of the fool is near destruction.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labour of a righteous *man* *tendeth* to life; the revenue of a wicked *man*, to sin.
- 17 Keeping instruction is the path to life; but he that forsaketh reproof goeth astray.
- 18 He that covereth hatred hath lying lips, and he that sendeth forth a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that restraineth his lips doeth wisely.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous *man* is *as* choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth.
- 21 The lips of a righteous *man* feed many; but fools die for want of understanding.
- 22 The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow to it.
- 23 It is as sport to a foolish *man* to do wickedness; but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
- 24 The fear of a wicked *man*, it shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
- 25 As a whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no *more*; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.
- 27 The fear of Jehovah prolongeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

- 28 The hope of the righteous is joy; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
- 29 The way of Jehovah is strength to the perfect *man*, but destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous *man* shall never be moved; but the wicked shall not inhabit the land.
- 31 The mouth of a righteous *man* putteth forth wisdom; but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
- 32 The lips of a righteous *man* know what is acceptable; but the mouth of the wicked is frowardness.
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- 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to Jehovah; but a just weight is his delight.
- 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright guideth them; but the crookedness of the unfaithful destroyeth them.
- 4 Wealth profiteth not in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivereth from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the perfect maketh plain his way; but the wicked falleth by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright delivereth them; but the treacherous are taken in their own craving.
- 7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish; and the hope of evil *men* perisheth.
- 8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.
- 9 With his mouth a hypocrite destroyeth his neighbour; but through knowledge are the righteous delivered.
- 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth; and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 He that despiseth his neighbour is void of heart; but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- 13 He that goeth about talebearing revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

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- 14 Where no advice is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 15 It goeth ill with him that is surety for another; but he that hateth suretyship is secure.
- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour; and the violent retain riches.
- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; but the cruel troubleth his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work; but he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
- 19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life, so he that pursueth evil *doeth it* to his own death.
- 20 The perverse in heart are abomination to Jehovah; but they that are perfect in *their way* are his delight.
- 21 Hand for hand! an evil *man* shall not be held innocent; but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
- 22 A fair woman who is without discretion, is *as* a gold ring in a swine's snout.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good; the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is right, but *it tendeth* only to want.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
- 26 He that withholdeth corn, the people curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
- 27 He that is earnest after good seeketh favour; but he that searcheth for mischief, it shall come upon him.
- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a leaf.
- 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and the wise winneth souls.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be requited on the earth: how much more the wicked and the sinner.

- 12:1** Whoso loveth discipline loveth knowledge, but he that hateth reproof is brutish.
- 2** A good *man* obtaineth favour of Jehovah; but a man of mischievous devices will he condemn.
- 3** A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4** A woman of worth is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
- 5** The thoughts of the righteous are right; the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
- 6** The words of the wicked are a lying-in-wait for blood; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
- 7** Overthrow the wicked, and they are no *more*; but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8** A man is commended according to his wisdom; but he that is of a perverted heart shall be despised.
- 9** Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant, than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
- 10** A righteous man is concerned for the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread; but he that followeth the worthless is void of understanding.
- 12** The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*; but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
- 13** In the transgression of the lips is an evil snare; but a righteous *man* shall go forth out of trouble.
- 14** A man is satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.
- 16** The vexation of the fool is presently known; but a prudent *man* covereth shame.
- 17** He that uttereth truth sheweth forth righteousness; but a false witness deceit.
- 18** There is that babbleth like the piercings of a sword; but the tongue of the wise is health.
- 19** The lip of truth shall be established for ever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

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- 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil; but to the counsellors of peace is joy.
- 21 There shall no evil happen to a righteous *man*; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah; but they that deal truly are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge; but the heart of the foolish proclaimeth folly.
- 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful *hand* shall be under tribute.
- 25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad.
- 26 The righteous guideth his neighbour; but the way of the wicked misleadeth them.
- 27 The slothful roasteth not what he took in hunting; but man's precious substance is to the diligent.
- 28 In the path of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death.
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- 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction; but a scorner heareth not rebuke.
- 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth; but the soul of the treacherous, violence.
- 3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his soul; destruction shall be to him that openeth wide his lips.
- 4 A sluggard's soul desireth and hath nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
- 5 A righteous *man* hateth lying; but the wicked maketh himself odious and cometh to shame.
- 6 Righteousness preserveth him that is perfect in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
- 7 There is that feigneth himself rich, and hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, and hath great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches; but the indigent heareth not rebuke.
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

- 10 By pride there only cometh contention; but with the well-advised is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity diminisheth; but he that gathereth by manual-labour shall increase *it*.
- 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but the desire *that* cometh to pass is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be held by it; but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
- 14 The teaching of the wise *man* is a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding procureth favour; but the way of the treacherous is hard.
- 16 Every prudent *man* acteth with knowledge; but the foolish layeth open *his* folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil; but a faithful ambassador is health.
- 18 Poverty and shame shall be *to* him that refuseth instruction; but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.
- 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul; but it is abomination to the foolish to depart from evil.
- 20 He that walketh with wise *men* becometh wise; but a companion of the foolish will be depraved.
- 21 Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid.
- 22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children; but the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous *man*.
- 23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor; but there is that is lost for want of judgment.
- 24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
- 25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul; but the belly of the wicked shall want.
- 14:1 The wisdom of women buildeth their house; but folly plucketh it down with her hands.
- 2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth Jehovah; but he that is perverted in his ways despiseth him.

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- 3 In the fool's mouth is a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean; but much increase is by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness uttereth lies.
- 6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and there is none *for him*; but knowledge is easy unto the intelligent.
- 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, in whom thou perceivest not the lips of knowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way; but the folly of the foolish is deceit.
- 9 Fools make a mock at trespass; but for the upright there is favour.
- 10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness, and a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.
- 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; but the tent of the upright shall flourish.
- 12 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful, and the end of mirth is sadness.
- 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, and the good man from what is in himself.
- 15 The simple believeth every word; but the prudent *man* heedeth his going.
- 16 A wise *man* feareth and departeth from evil; but the foolish is overbearing and confident.
- 17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly, and a man of mischievous devices is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly; but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous *man*.
- 20 He that is poor is hated even of his own neighbour; but the rich hath many friends.
- 21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth; but he that is gracious to the afflicted, happy is he.
- 22 Do they not err that devise evil? but loving-kindness and truth are for those that devise good.

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- 23 In all labour there is profit; but the talk of the lips
tendeth only to want.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their riches; the folly of the
foolish is folly.
- 25 A true witness delivereth souls; but deceit uttereth lies.
- 26 In the fear of Jehovah is strong confidence, and his
children shall have a place of refuge.
- 27 The fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life, to turn away
from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory; but in
the lack of people is the ruin of a prince.
- 29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; but
he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
- 30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the
rottenness of the bones.
- 31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker; but
he that honoureth Him is gracious to the needy.
- 32 The wicked is driven away by his evil-doing; but the
righteous trusteth, *even* in his death.
- 33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of the intelligent *man*; but
that which is in the foolish maketh itself known.
- 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach
to peoples.
- 35 The king's favour is toward a wise servant; but his
wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.
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- 15:1 A soft answer turneth away fury; but a grievous word
stirreth up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the
mouth of the foolish poureth out folly.
- 3 The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, beholding the
evil and the good.
- 4 Gentleness of tongue is a tree of life; but crookedness
therein is a breaking of the spirit.
- 5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction; but he that
regradeth reproof becometh prudent.
- 6 In the house of a righteous *man* is much treasure; but
in the revenue of a wicked *man* is disturbance.

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- 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but not so the heart of the foolish.
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of a wicked *man* is an abomination to Jehovah; but him that pursueth righteousness he loveth.
- 10 Grievous correction is for him that forsaketh the path; he that hateth reproof shall die.
- 11 Sheol and destruction are before Jehovah; how much more then the hearts of the children of men!
- 12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him; he will not go unto the wise.
- 13 A joyful heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of an intelligent *man* seeketh knowledge; but the mouth of the foolish feedeth on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil; but a cheerful heart is a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little with the fear of Jehovah than great store and disquietude therewith.
- 17 Better is a meal of herbs where love is, than a fatted ox and hatred therewith.
- 18 A furious man stirreth up contention; but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns; but the path of the upright is made plain.
- 20 A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish man despiseth his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to him that is void of sense; but a man of understanding regulateth his walk.
- 22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
- 23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word in its season, how good is it!
- 24 The path of life is upwards for the wise, that he may depart from Sheol beneath.
- 25 Jehovah plucketh up the house of the proud; but he establisheth the boundary of the widow.
- 26 The thoughts of the evil *man* are an abomination to Jehovah; but pure words are pleasant.

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- 27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
- 28 The heart of a righteous *man* studieth to answer; but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.
- 29 Jehovah is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 That which enlighteneth the eyes rejoiceth the heart; good tidings make the bones fat.
- 31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life shall abide among the wise.
- 32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof getteth sense.
- 33 The fear of Jehovah is the discipline of wisdom, and before honour *goeth* humility.
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- 16:1 The purposes of the heart are of man, but the answer of the tongue is from Jehovah.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but Jehovah weigheth the spirits.
- 3 Commit thy works unto Jehovah, and thy thoughts shall be established.
- 4 Jehovah hath wrought everything on his own account, yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Every proud heart is an abomination to Jehovah: hand for hand, he shall not be held innocent.
- 6 By loving-kindness and truth iniquity is atoned for; and by the fear of Jehovah *men* depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please Jehovah, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right.
- 9 The heart of man deviseth his way, but Jehovah directeth his steps.
- 10 An oracle is on the lips of the king: his mouth will not err in judgment.
- 11 The just balance and scales are Jehovah's; all the weights of the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is established by righteousness.

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- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and they love him that speaketh aright.
- 14 The fury of a king is *as* messengers of death; but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life, and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than fine gold, and the getting of intelligence to be preferred to silver!
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that taketh heed to his way keepeth his soul.
- 18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the meek, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that giveth heed to the word shall find good; and whoso confideth in Jehovah, happy is he.
- 21 The wise in heart is called intelligent, and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Wisdom is a fountain of life for him that hath it; but the instruction of fools is folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise maketh his mouth intelligent, and upon his lips increaseth learning.
- 24 Pleasant words are *as* a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health for the bones.
- 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.
- 26 The appetite of the labourer laboreth for him, for his mouth urgeth him on.
- 27 A man of Belial diggeth up evil, and on his lips there is as a scorching fire.
- 28 A false man soweth contention; and a talebearer separateth very friends.
- 29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into a way that is not good.
- 30 He that shutteth his eyes, *it is* to devise froward things; biting his lips, he bringeth evil to pass.
- 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, *if* it is found in the way of righteousness.
- 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole decision is of Jehovah.

17:1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of feasting *with* strife.

2 A wise servant shall rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.

3 The fining-pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but Jehovah trieth the hearts.

4 The evil-doer giveth heed to iniquitous lips; the liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh a poor *man* reproacheth his Maker; he that is glad at calamity shall not be held innocent.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a vile *man*; how much less do lying lips a noble!

8 A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of the possessor: whithersoever it turneth it prospereth.

9 He that covereth transgression seeketh love; but he that bringeth a matter up again separateth very friends.

10 A reproof entereth more deeply into him that hath understanding than a hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion; but a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of contention is *as* when one letteth out water; therefore leave off strife before it become vehement.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, even they both are abomination to Jehovah.

16 To what purpose is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he* hath no sense?

Proverbs

- 17 The friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A senseless man striketh hands, becoming surety for his neighbour.
- 19 He loveth transgression that loveth a quarrel; he that maketh high his gate seeketh destruction.
- 20 He that hath a perverse heart findeth no good; and he that shifteth about with his tongue falleth into evil.
- 21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow, and the father of a vile *man* hath no joy.
- 22 A joyful heart promoteth healing; but a broken spirit drieth up the bones.
- 23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom, to pervert the paths of judgment.
- 24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bore him.
- 26 To punish a righteous *man* is not good, nor to strike nobles because of *their* uprightness.
- 27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit.
- 28 Even a fool when he holdeth his peace is reckoned wise, *and* he that shutteth his lips, intelligent.
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- 18:1 He that separateth himself seeketh *his* pleasure, he is vehement against all sound wisdom.
- 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but only that his heart may reveal itself.
- 3 When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, *and* the fountain of wisdom is a gushing brook.
- 5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to wrong the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for stripes.
- 7 A fool's mouth is destruction to him, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

Proverbs

- 8 The words of a talebearer are as dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 9 He also who is indolent in his work is brother of the destroyer.
- 10 The name of Jehovah is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; and before honour *goeth* humility.
- 13 He that giveth answer before he heareth, it is folly and shame unto him.
- 14 The spirit of a man sustaineth his infirmity; but a broken spirit who can bear?
- 15 The heart of an intelligent *man* getteth knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.
- 17 He that is first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.
- 18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.
- 19 A brother offended is *harder to be won* than a strong city; and contentions are as the bars of a palace.
- 20 A man's belly is satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; with the increase of his lips is he satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
- 22 Whoso hath found a wife hath found a good thing, and hath obtained favour from Jehovah.
- 23 He that is poor speaketh with supplications, but the rich answereth roughly.
- 24 A man of *many* friends will come to ruin but there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.
- 19:1 Better is a poor *man* that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 2 Also that a person be without knowledge is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet maketh false steps.

Proverbs

- 3 The folly of man distorteth his way, and his heart is irritated against Jehovah.
- 4 Wealth addeth many friends; but the poor is separated from his friend.
- 5 A false witness shall not be held innocent, and he that uttereth lies shall not escape.
- 6 Many court the favour of a noble; and every one is friend to a man that giveth.
- 7 All the brethren of a poor *man* hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him: he pursueth *them* with words, —they are not *to be found*.
- 8 He that getteth sense loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be held innocent, and he that uttereth lies shall perish.
- 10 Good living beseemeth not a fool; how much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger, and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
- 12 The king's displeasure is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
- 14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers; but a prudent wife is from Jehovah.
- 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and the idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul; he that is careless of his ways shall die.
- 17 He that is gracious to the poor lendeth unto Jehovah; and what he hath bestowed will he repay unto him.
- 18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope; but set not thy soul upon killing him.
- 19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment; for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.
- 20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
- 21 Many are the thoughts in a man's heart, but the counsel of Jehovah, that doth stand.
- 22 The charm of a man is his kindness; and a poor *man* is better than a liar.

- 23 The fear of Jehovah *tendeth* to life, and he *that hath it* shall rest satisfied without being visited with evil.
- 24 A sluggard burieth his hand in the dish, and will not even bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware; reprove the intelligent, and he will understand knowledge.
- 26 He that ruineth *his* father and chaseth away *his* mother is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.
- 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction which causeth to stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A witness of Belial scorneth judgment, and the mouth of the wicked swalloweth down iniquity.
- 29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of the foolish.
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- 20:1 Wine is a scorner, strong drink is raging; and whoso erreth thereby is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: he that provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.
- 3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife; but every fool rusheth into it.
- 4 The sluggard will not plough by reason of the winter; he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is deep water, and a man of understanding draweth it out.
- 6 Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness; but a faithful man who shall find?
- 7 The righteous walketh in his integrity: blessed are his children after him!
- 8 A king sitting on the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
- 10 Divers weights, divers measures, even both of them are abomination to Jehovah.
- 11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, Jehovah hath made even both of them.

Proverbs

- 13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
- 14 Bad! bad! saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
- 15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious Jewel.
- 16 Take his garment that is become surety *for* another, and hold him in pledge for strangers.
- 17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by counsel; and with good advice make war.
- 19 He that goeth about talebearing revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that openeth his lips.
- 20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.
- 21 An inheritance obtained hastily at the beginning will not be blessed in the end.
- 22 Say not, I will recompense evil: wait on Jehovah, and he shall save thee.
- 23 Divers weights are an abomination unto Jehovah; and a false balance is not good.
- 24 The steps of a man are from Jehovah; and how can a man understand his own way?
- 25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say, It is hallowed, and after vows to make inquiry.
- 26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.
- 27 Man's spirit is the lamp of Jehovah, searching all the inner parts of the belly.
- 28 Mercy and truth preserve the king; and he upholdeth his throne by mercy.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the grey head.
- 30 Wounding stripes purge away evil, and strokes *purge* the inner parts of the belly.
- 21:1 The king's heart in the hand of Jehovah is *as* brooks of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Proverbs

- 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but Jehovah weigheth the hearts.
- 3 To exercise justice and judgment is more acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.
- 4 Lofty eyes, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin.
- 5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty, only to want.
- 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting breath of them that seek death.
- 7 The devastation of the wicked sweepeth them away, because they refuse to do what is right.
- 8 Very crooked is the way of a guilty man; but as for the pure, his work is upright.
- 9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a contentious woman, and a house in common.
- 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.
- 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple becometh wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
- 12 One that is righteous wisely considereth the house of the wicked: he overthroweth the wicked to *their* ruin.
- 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also himself shall cry, and shall not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger; and a present in the bosom, vehement fury.
- 15 It is joy to a righteous *man* to do what is right; but it is ruin for the workers of iniquity.
- 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of wisdom shall abide in the congregation of the dead.
- 17 He that loveth mirth shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
- 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, and a treacherous *man* in the stead of the upright.
- 19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and irritable woman.
- 20 There is costly store and oil in the dwelling of a wise *man*; but a foolish man swalloweth it up.

Proverbs

- 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
- 22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
- 23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
- 24 Proud, arrogant, scorner is his name who dealeth in proud wrath.
- 25 The desire of the sluggard killeth him; for his hands refuse to work:
- 26 He coveteth greedily all the day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more when they bring it with a wicked purpose!
- 28 A lying witness shall perish; and a man that heareth shall speak constantly.
- 29 A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he establisheth his way.
- 30 There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against Jehovah.
- 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but safety is of Jehovah.
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- 22:1 A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches; loving favour rather than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and poor meet together; Jehovah is the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent *man* seeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 4 The reward of humility *and* the fear of Jehovah is riches, and honour, and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse: he that keepeth his soul holdeth himself far from them.
- 6 Train up the child according to the tenor of his way, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich ruleth over the poor; and the borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 He that soweth unrighteousness shall reap iniquity, and the rod of his wrath shall have an end.

Proverbs

- 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor.
- 10 Cast out the scorner, and contention will depart, and strife and ignominy shall cease.
- 11 He that loveth pureness of heart, upon whose lips is grace, the king is his friend.
- 12 The eyes of Jehovah preserve knowledge; but he overthroweth the words of the unfaithful.
- 13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion without, I shall be killed in the streets!
- 14 The mouth of strange women is a deep ditch: he with whom Jehovah is displeased shall fall therein.
- 15 Folly is bound in the heart of a child; the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- 16 He that oppresseth the poor, it is to enrich him; he that giveth to the rich, *bringeth* only to want.
- 17 Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thy heart unto my knowledge.
- 18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee: they shall be together fitted on thy lips.
- 19 That thy confidence may be in Jehovah, I have made *them* known to thee this day, even to thee.
- 20 Have not I written to thee excellent things, in counsels and knowledge,
- 21 that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest carry back words of truth to them that send thee?
- 22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor, neither oppress the afflicted in the gate;
- 23 for Jehovah will plead their cause, and despoil the soul of those that despoil them.
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man, and go not with a furious man;
- 25 lest thou learn his paths, and get a snare to thy soul.
- 26 Be not of them that strike hands, of them that are sureties for debts:
- 27 if thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
- 28 Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set.

Proverbs

- 29 Hast thou seen a man diligent in his work? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before the mean.
- 23:1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider well who is before thee;
- 2 and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.
- 3 Be not desirous of his dainties; for they are deceitful food.
- 4 Weary not thyself to become rich; cease from thine own intelligence:
- 5 wilt thou set thine eyes upon it, it is gone; for indeed it maketh itself wings and it flieth away as an eagle towards the heavens.
- 6 Eat thou not the food of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainties.
- 7 For as he thinketh in his soul, so is he. Eat and drink! will he say unto thee; but his heart is not with thee.
- 8 Thy morsel which thou hast eaten must thou vomit up, and thou wilt have wasted thy sweet words.
- 9 Speak not in the ears of a foolish *man*, for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
- 10 Remove not the ancient landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
- 11 for their redeemer is mighty; he will plead their cause against thee.
- 12 Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
- 13 Withhold not correction from the child; for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die:
- 14 thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if thy heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine;
- 16 and my reins shall exult, when thy lips speak right things.
- 17 Let not thy heart envy sinners, but *be thou* in the fear of Jehovah all the day;

- 18 for surely there is a result, and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
- 19 Thou, my son, hear and be wise, and direct thy heart in the way.
- 20 Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh.
- 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness clotheth with rags.
- 22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; wisdom, and instruction, and intelligence.
- 24 The father of a righteous *man* shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise *son* shall have joy of him:
- 25 let thy father and thy mother have joy, and let her that bore thee rejoice.
- 26 My son, give me thy heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.
- 27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.
- 28 She also lieth in wait as a robber, and increaseth the treacherous among men.
- 29 Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who contentions? Who complaining? Who wounds without cause? Who redness of eyes?
- 30 —They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to try mixed wine.
- 31 Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in the cup, and goeth down smoothly:
- 32 at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
- 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thy heart shall speak froward things;
- 34 and thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, and as he that lieth down upon the top of a mast:
- 35 —”They have smitten me, *and* I am not sore; they have beaten me, *and* I knew it not. When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.”

Proverbs

- 24:1** Be not thou envious of evil men, neither desire to be with them;
- 2** for their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
- 3** Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established;
- 4** and by knowledge are the chambers filled with all precious and pleasant substance.
- 5** A wise man is strong, and a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
- 6** For with good advice shalt thou make thy war; and in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 7** Wisdom is too high for a fool: he will not open his mouth in the gate.
- 8** He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a master of intrigues.
- 9** The purpose of folly is sin, and the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10** *If* thou lovest courage in the day of trouble, thy strength is small.
- 11** Deliver them that are taken forth unto death, and withdraw not from them that stagger to slaughter.
- 12** If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not, will not he that weigheth the hearts consider it? And he that preserveth thy soul, he knoweth it; and he rendereth to man according to his work.
- 13** Eat honey, my son, for it is good; and a honeycomb is sweet to thy taste:
- 14** so consider wisdom for thy soul; if thou hast found it, there shall be a result, and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
- 15** Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; lay not waste his resting-place.
- 16** For the righteous falleth seven times, and riseth up again; but the wicked stumble into disaster.
- 17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth;
- 18** lest Jehovah see it, and it be evil in his sight, and he turn away his anger from him.

- 19 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, *and* be not envious of the wicked:
- 20 for there shall be no future to the evil *man*; the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- 21 My son, fear Jehovah and the king: meddle not with them that are given to change.
- 22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?
- 23 These things also come from the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.
- 24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous, peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him;
- 25 but to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing cometh upon them.
- 26 He kisseth the lips who giveth a right answer.
- 27 Prepare thy work without, and put thy field in order, and afterwards build thy house.
- 28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and wouldest thou deceive with thy lips?
- 29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me, I will render to the man according to his work.
- 30 I went by the field of a sluggard, and by the vineyard of a man void of understanding;
- 31 and lo, it was all grown over with thistles, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and its stone wall was broken down.
- 32 Then I looked, I took it to heart; I saw, I received instruction:
- 33 —A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest!
- 34 So shall thy poverty come *as* a roving plunderer, and thy penury as an armed man.
- 25:1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah transcribed.
- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the glory of kings is to search out a thing.
- 3 The heavens for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Proverbs

- 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there cometh forth a vessel for the refiner:
- 5 take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.
- 6 Put not thyself forward in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of the great;
- 7 for better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither, than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes see.
- 8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.
- 9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour, but reveal not the secret of another;
- 10 lest he that heareth *it* disgrace thee, and thine evil report turn not away.
- 11 *As* apples of gold in pictures of silver, is a word spoken in season.
- 12 An ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, is a wise reprovcr upon an attentive ear.
- 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so* is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.
- 14 Clouds and wind without rain, *so* is a man that boasteth himself of a false gift.
- 15 By long forbearing is a ruler persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
- 16 Hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be surfeited therewith, and vomit it.
- 17 Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee and hate thee.
- 18 A maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow, is a man that beareth false witness against his neighbour.
- 19 A broken tooth, and a tottering foot, is confidence in an unfaithful *man* in the day of trouble.
- 20 *As* he that taketh off a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to a sad heart.
- 21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

Proverbs

- 22 for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and Jehovah shall reward thee.
- 23 The north wind bringeth forth rain, and the angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
- 24 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a contentious woman, and a house in common.
- 25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.
- 26 A troubled fountain, and a defiled well, is a righteous *man* that giveth way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey; and to search into weighty matters is *itself* a weight.
- 28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is *as* a city broken down, without walls.

- 26:1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour beseemeth not a fool.
- 2 As the sparrow for flitting about, as the swallow for flying, so a curse undeserved shall not come.
- 3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of fools.
- 4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.
- 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off *his own* feet, *and* drinketh damage.
- 7 The legs of the lame hang loose; so is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 8 As a bag of gems in a stoneheap, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.
- 9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 10 A master roughly worketh every one: he both hireth the fool and hireth passers-by.
- 11 As a dog turneth back to its vomit, *so* a fool repeateth his folly.
- 12 Hast thou seen a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs

- 13 The sluggard saith, There is a fierce lion in the way; a lion is in the midst of the streets!
- 14 *As* the door turneth upon its hinges, so the sluggard upon his bed.
- 15 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish: it wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.
- 16 A sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven *men* that answer discreetly.
- 17 He that passing by vexeth himself with strife belonging not to him, is *like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.
- 18 As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,
- 19 so is a man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am I not in sport?
- 20 Where no wood is, the fire goeth out; and where there is no talebearer, the contention ceaseth.
- 21 *As* coals for hot coals, and wood for fire, so is a contentious man to inflame strife.
- 22 The words of a talebearer are as dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 23 Ardent lips, and a wicked heart, are *as* an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.
- 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, but he layeth up deceit within him:
- 25 when his voice is gracious, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 Though *his* hatred is covered by dissimulation, his wickedness shall be made manifest in the congregation.
- 27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him.
- 28 A lying tongue hateth those that are injured by it, and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
- 27:1 Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day will bring forth.
- 2 Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Proverbs

- 3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's vexation is heavier than them both.
- 4 Fury is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before jealousy?
- 5 Open rebuke is better than hidden love.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are profuse.
- 7 The full soul trampleth on a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
- 8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.
- 9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; and the sweetness of one's friend is *the fruit* of hearty counsel.
- 10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; and go not into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.
- 11 Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad, that I may have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me.
- 12 A prudent *man* seeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; the simple pass on, *and* are punished.
- 13 Take his garment that is become surety *for* another, and hold him in pledge for a strange woman.
- 14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be reckoned a curse to him.
- 15 A continual dropping on a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike:
- 16 whosoever will restrain her restraineth the wind, and his right hand encountereth oil.
- 17 Iron is sharpened by iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
- 18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof; and he that guardeth his master shall be honoured.
- 19 As *in* water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.
- 20 Sheol and destruction are insatiable; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- 21 The fining-pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; so let a man be to the mouth that praiseth him.

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- 22 If thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his folly depart from him.
- 23 Be well acquainted with the appearance of thy flocks; look well to thy herds:
- 24 for wealth is not for ever; and doth the crown *endure* from generation to generation?
- 25 The hay is removed, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered in.
- 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of a field;
- 27 and there is goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and sustenance for thy maidens.
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- 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion.
- 2 By the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof; but by a man of understanding *and* of knowledge, *its* stability is prolonged.
- 3 A poor man who oppresseth the helpless is a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.
- 4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them.
- 5 Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek Jehovah understand everything.
- 6 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse, double in ways, though he be rich.
- 7 Whoso observeth the law is a son that hath understanding; but he that is a companion of profligates bringeth shame to his father.
- 8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance gathereth it for him that is gracious to the poor.
- 9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.
- 10 Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an evil way, shall himself fall into his own pit; but the perfect shall inherit good.
- 11 A rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

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- 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, men conceal themselves.
- 13 He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall obtain mercy.
- 14 Happy is the man that feareth always; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into evil.
- 15 A roaring lion, and a ranging bear, is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16 The prince void of intelligence is also a great oppressor: he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.
- 17 A man laden with the blood of *any* person, fleeth to the pit: let no man stay him.
- 18 Whoso walketh in integrity shall be saved; but he that is perverted in *his* double ways, shall fall in one *of them*.
- 19 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread; but he that followeth the worthless shall have poverty enough.
- 20 A faithful man aboundeth with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- 21 To have respect of persons is not good; but for a piece of bread will a man transgress.
- 22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after wealth, and knoweth not that poverty shall come upon him.
- 23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterwards find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
- 24 Whoso robbeth his father and his mother, and saith, It is no transgression, the same is the companion of a destroyer.
- 25 He that is puffed up in soul exciteth contention; but he that relieth upon Jehovah shall be made fat.
- 26 He that confideth in his own heart is a fool; but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
- 27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; but he that withdraweth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.

- 29:1** He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and without remedy.
- 2** When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
- 3** Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father; but he that is a companion of harlots destroyeth *his* substance.
- 4** A king by just judgment establisheth the land; but he that taketh gifts overthroweth it.
- 5** A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his steps.
- 6** In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous shall sing and rejoice.
- 7** The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause of the poor; the wicked understandeth not knowledge.
- 8** Scornful men set the city in a flame; but the wise turn away anger.
- 9** If a wise man contendeth with a fool, whether he rage or laugh, *he* hath no rest.
- 10** The bloodthirsty hate the perfect, but the upright care for his soul.
- 11** A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise *man* keepeth it back.
- 12** If a ruler hearken to lying words, all his servants are wicked.
- 13** The indigent and the oppressor meet together; Jehovah lighteneth the eyes of them both.
- 14** A king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.
- 15** The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.
- 16** When the wicked increase, transgression increaseth; but the righteous shall see their fall.
- 17** Chasten thy son, and he shall give thee rest, and shall give delight unto thy soul.
- 18** Where there is no vision the people cast off restraint; but happy is he that keepeth the law.
- 19** A servant is not corrected by words: he understandeth indeed, but he will not answer.
- 20** Hast thou seen a man hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

- 21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child, shall in the end have him as a son.
- 22 An angry man exciteth contention; and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
- 23 A man's pride bringeth him low; but the humble in spirit shall obtain honour.
- 24 Whoso shareth with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth the adjuration, and declareth not.
- 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his confidence in Jehovah is protected.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's face; but a man's right judgment is from Jehovah.
- 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous; and he that is of upright way is an abomination to the wicked *man*.
- 30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh; the prophecy uttered by the man unto Ithiel, *even* unto Ithiel and Ucal:
- 2 Truly I am more stupid than any one; and I have not a man's intelligence.
- 3 I have neither learned wisdom, nor have I the knowledge of the Holy.
- 4 Who hath ascended up into the heavens, and descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a mantle? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou knowest?
- 5 Every word of †God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.
- 7 Two things do I ask of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:
- 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the bread of my daily need:

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- 9 lest I be full and deny *thee*, and say, Who is Jehovah?
or lest I be poor and steal, and outrage the name of my
God.
- 10 Speak not too much about a servant to his master, lest
he curse thee, and thou be held guilty.
- 11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth
not bless their mother;
- 12 there is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,
yet are not washed from their filthiness;
- 13 there is a generation, —how lofty are their eyes, how
their eyelids are lifted up!
- 14 —a generation whose teeth are swords, and their jaw-
teeth knives, to devour the afflicted from off the earth,
and the needy from *among* men.
- 15 The leech hath two daughters: Give, give. There are
three *things* never satisfied; four which say not, It is
enough:
- 16 —Sheol, and the barren womb; the earth which is not
filled with water, and the fire which saith not, It is
enough.
- 17 The eye that mocketh at a father, and despiseth to obey
a mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and
the young eagles shall eat it.
- 18 There are three *things* too wonderful for me, and four
that I know not:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the heavens, the way of a
serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of
the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.
- 20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman: she eateth,
and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no
wickedness.
- 21 Under three *things* the earth is disquieted, and under
four it cannot bear up:
- 22 Under a servant when he reigneth, and a churl when
he is filled with meat;
- 23 under an odious *woman* when she is married, and a
handmaid when she is heir to her mistress.
- 24 There are four *things* little upon the earth, and they are
exceeding wise:
- 25 The ants, a people not strong, yet they provide their
food in the summer;

- 26 the rock-badgers are but a feeble folk, yet they make their house in the cliff;
- 27 the locusts have no king, yet they go forth all of them by bands;
- 28 thou takest hold of the lizard with the hands, yet is she in kings' palaces.
- 29 There are three *things* which have a stately step, and four are comely in going:
- 30 The lion, mighty among beasts, which turneth not away for any;
- 31 a *horse* girt in the loins; or the he-goat; and a king, against whom none can rise up.
- 32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* the hand upon thy mouth.
- 33 For the pressing of milk bringeth forth butter, and the pressing of the nose bringeth forth blood; and the pressing of anger bringeth forth strife.

- 31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him:
- 2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? and what, O son of my vows?
- 3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to them that destroy kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for rulers *to say*, Where is the strong drink?
- 5 —lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the children of affliction.
- 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto the bitter of soul:
- 7 let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb, for the cause of all those that are left desolate.
- 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and minister justice to the afflicted and needy.
- 10 Who can find a woman of worth? for her price is far above rubies.

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- 11 The heart of her husband confideth in her, and he shall have no lack of spoil.
- 12 She doeth him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships: she bringeth her food from afar;
- 15 And she riseth while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and the day's work to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and acquireth it; of the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and maketh strong her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her earning is good; her lamp goeth not out by night.
- 19 She putteth her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the afflicted, and she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverlets; her clothing is byssus and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh body linen and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laugheth *at* the coming day.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and upon her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She surveyeth the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her:
- 29 Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all.
- 30 Gracefulness is deceitful and beauty is vain; a woman *that* feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised.

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- 31** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES.

- 1:1** The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 2** Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities! all is vanity.
- 3** What profit hath man of all his labour wherewith he laboureth under the sun?
- 4** *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh, but the earth standeth for ever.
- 5** The sun also riseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth.
- 6** The wind goeth towards the south, and turneth about towards the north: it turneth about continually, and the wind returneth again to its circuits.
- 7** All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full: unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again.
- 8** All things are full of toil; none can express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9** That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which will be done: and there is nothing new under the sun.
- 10** Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already in the ages which were before us.
- 11** There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be remembrance of things that are to come with those who shall live afterwards.
- 12** I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
- 13** And I applied my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: this grievous occupation hath God given to the children of men to weary themselves therewith.
- 14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and pursuit of the wind.

- 15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
- 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have acquired wisdom more than all they that have been before me over Jerusalem; and my heart hath seen much of wisdom and knowledge.
- 17 And I applied my heart to the knowledge of wisdom, and to the knowledge of madness and folly: I perceived that this also is a striving after the wind.
- 18 For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.
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- 2:1 I said in my heart, Come now, I will try thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure. But behold, this also is vanity.
- 2 I said of laughter, Madness! and of mirth, What availeth it?
- 3 I searched in my heart how to cherish my flesh with wine, while practising my heart with wisdom; and how to lay hold on folly, till I should see what was that good for the children of men which they should do under the heavens all the days of their life.
- 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards;
- 5 I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of every kind of fruit;
- 6 I made me ponds of water, to water therewith the wood, where the trees are reared.
- 7 I acquired servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all that had been in Jerusalem before me.
- 8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the children of men, a wife and concubines.
- 9 And I became great, and increased more than all that had been before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

- 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them: I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour, and this was my portion from all my labour.
- 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that it had cost me to do *them*; and behold, all was vanity and pursuit of the wind, and there was no profit under the sun.
- 12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what shall the man *do* that cometh after the king? —that which hath already been done.
- 13 And I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as light excelleth darkness.
- 14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walketh in darkness; but I myself also perceived that one event happeneth to them all.
- 15 And I said in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool so will it happen even to me; and why was I then so wise? Then I said in my heart that this also is vanity.
- 16 For there shall be no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; because everything is already forgotten in the days which come. And how dieth the wise even as the fool?
- 17 And I hated life; for the work that is wrought under the sun was grievous unto me; for all is vanity and pursuit of the wind.
- 18 And I hated all my labour wherewith I had been toiling under the sun, because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.
- 19 And who knoweth whether he will be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour at which I have laboured, and wherein I have been wise under the sun. This also is vanity.
- 20 Then I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour wherewith I had laboured under the sun.
- 21 For there is a man whose labour hath been with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with skill, and who leaveth it to a man that hath not laboured therein, to be his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

- 22 For what will man have of all his labour and of the striving of his heart, wherewith he hath wearied himself under the sun?
- 23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail vexation: even in the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is vanity.
- 24 There is nothing good for man, but that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.
- 25 For who can eat, or who be eager, more than I?
- 26 For he giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good in God's sight. This also is vanity and pursuit of the wind.
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- 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens:
- 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.
- 9 What profit hath he that worketh from that wherein he laboureth?
- 10 I have seen the travail that God hath given to the sons of men to toil in.

- 11 He hath made everything beautiful in its time; also he hath set the world in their heart, so that man findeth not out from the beginning to the end the work that God doeth.
- 12 I know that there is nothing good for them but to rejoice and to do well in their life;
- 13 yea also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labour, it is the gift of God.
- 14 I know that whatever God doeth, it shall be for ever; there is nothing to be added to it, nor anything to be taken from it; and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.
- 15 That which is was long ago, and that which is to be hath already been; and God bringeth back again that which is past.
- 16 And moreover I saw under the sun, that in the place of judgment, wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there.
- 17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.
- 18 I said in my heart, It is thus with the children of men, that God may prove them, and that they should see that they themselves are but beasts.
- 19 For what befalleth the children of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other, and they have all one breath; and man hath no pre-eminence above the beast: for all is vanity.
- 20 All go unto one place: all are of the dust, and all return to dust.
- 21 Who knoweth the spirit of the children of men? Doth it go upwards? and the spirit of the beasts, doth it go downwards to the earth?
- 22 And I have seen that there is nothing better than that man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

- 4:1** And I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors was power, and they had no comforter.
- 2** Then I praised the dead who are already dead more than the living who are yet alive;
- 3** and more fortunate than both is he who hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.
- 4** And I saw all labour, and all success of work, that it is man's jealousy of his neighbour. This also is vanity and pursuit of the wind.
- 5** The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.
- 6** Better is a handful with quietness, than both hands full with labour and pursuit of the wind.
- 7** And I returned and saw vanity under the sun.
- 8** There is one *alone* and without a second; also he hath neither son nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour, neither is his eye satisfied with riches, and *he saith not*, For whom then am I labouring, and depriving my soul of good? This also is vanity and a grievous occupation.
- 9** Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.
- 10** For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and who hath not another to lift him up!
- 11** Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one alone be warm?
- 12** And if a *man* overpower the one, the two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
- 13** Better is a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king, who knoweth no more how to be admonished.
- 14** For out of the prison-house he came forth to reign, although he was born poor in his kingdom.
- 15** I saw all the living that walk under the sun, with the child, the second, that should stand up in his stead.

- 16 *There is* no end of all the people, of all that stood before them; those however that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after the wind.
- 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and draw near to hear, rather than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil.
- 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in the heavens, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.
- 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business, and a fool's voice through a multitude of words.
- 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
- 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
- 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an inadvertence. Wherefore should God be wroth at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands?
- 7 For in the multitude of dreams are vanities; so with many words: but fear God.
- 8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter; for a higher than the high is watching, and there are higher than they.
- 9 Moreover the earth is every way profitable: the king *himself* is dependent upon the field.
- 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase. This also is vanity.
- 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what profit is there to the owner thereof, except the beholding *of them* with his eyes?

- 12 The sleep of the labourer is sweet, whether he have eaten little or much; but the fulness of the rich doth not suffer him to sleep.
- 13 There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt;
- 14 or those riches perish by some evil circumstance, and if he have begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand.
- 15 As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he go away again as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.
- 16 And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came so doth he go away, and what profit hath he, in having laboured for the wind?
- 17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and hath much vexation, and sickness, and irritation.
- 18 Behold what I have seen good and comely: *it is* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labour wherewith *man* laboreth under the sun, all the days of his life which God hath given him: for that is his portion.
- 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and power to eat thereof, and to take his portion and to rejoice in his labour: that is a gift of God.
- 20 For he will not much remember the days of his life, because God answereth *him* with the joy of his heart.
- 6:1 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it is frequent among men:
- 2 one to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honour, and he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and a sore evil.
- 3 If a man beget a hundred *sons*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, but his soul be not filled with good, and also he have no burial, I say an untimely birth is better than he.
- 4 For it cometh in vanity, and departeth in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness;

- 5 moreover it hath not seen nor known the sun: this hath rest rather than the other.
- 6 Yea, though he live twice a thousand years, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?
- 7 All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.
- 8 For what advantage hath the wise above the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?
- 9 Better is the seeing of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this also is vanity and pursuit of the wind.
- 10 That which is hath already been named; and what man is, is known, and that he cannot contend with him that is mightier than he.
- 11 For there are many things that increase vanity: what is man advantaged?
- 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell man what shall be after him under the sun?
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- 7:1 A *good* name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
- 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: in that that is the end of all men, and the living taketh it to heart.
- 3 Vexation is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.
- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools in the house of mirth.
- 5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise, than to hear the song of fools.
- 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.
- 7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad, and a gift destroyeth the heart.
- 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a proud spirit.
- 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be vexed; for vexation resteth in the bosom of fools.

- 10 Say not, How is it that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.
- 11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, and profitable to them that see the sun.
- 12 For wisdom is a defence *as* money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, *that* wisdom maketh them that possess it to live.
- 13 Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what he hath made crooked?
- 14 In the day of prosperity enjoy good, and in the day of adversity consider: God hath also set the one beside the other, to the end that man should find out nothing *of what shall be* after him.
- 15 All *this* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a righteous *man* that perisheth by his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongeth *his days* by his wickedness.
- 16 Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself?
- 17 Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time?
- 18 It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thy hand: for he that feareth God cometh forth from them all.
- 19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* that are in a city.
- 20 Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not.
- 21 Also give not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou hear thy servant curse thee.
- 22 For also thine own heart knoweth that oftentimes thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.
- 23 All this have I tried by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.
- 24 Whatever hath been, is far off, and exceeding deep: who will find it out?
- 25 I turned, I and my heart, to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom and reason, and to know wickedness to be folly, and foolishness to be madness;
- 26 and I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is nets and snares, *and* whose hands are bands:

- whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be caught by her.
- 27 See this which I have found, saith the Preacher, *searching* one by one to find out the reason;
- 28 which my soul yet seeketh, and I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among all those have I not found.
- 29 Only see this which I have found: that God made man upright, but they have sought out many devices.
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- 8:1 Who is as the wise? and who knoweth the explanation of things? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face is changed.
- 2 I say, Keep the king's commandment, and *that* on account of the oath of God.
- 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight; persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatever pleaseth him,
- 4 because the word of a king is power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou?
- 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart knoweth time and manner.
- 6 For to every purpose there is time and manner. For the misery of man is great upon him;
- 7 for he knoweth not that which shall be; for who can tell him how it shall be?
- 8 There is no man who hath control over the spirit to retain the spirit; and no one hath control over the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war, neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.
- 9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time when man ruleth man to his hurt.
- 10 And I have also seen the wicked buried and going away; and such as had acted rightly went from *the* holy place, and were forgotten in the city. This also is vanity.

- 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the children of men is fully set in them to do evil.
- 12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and prolong his *days*, yet I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, because they fear before him;
- 13 but it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days as a shadow, because he feareth not before God.
- 14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there are righteous *men* unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; and there are wicked *men* to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.
- 15 And I commended mirth, because there is nothing better for man under the sun than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God hath given him under the sun.
- 16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes),
- 17 then I saw that all *is* the work of God, *and* that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however man may labour to seek *it* out, yet doth he not find *it*; and even, if a wise *man* think to know *it*, he shall not be able to find *it* out.
- 9:1 For all this I laid to my heart and *indeed* to investigate all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; man knoweth neither love nor hatred: all is before them.
- 2 All things *come* alike to all: one event to the righteous and to the wicked, to the good, and to the clean, and to the unclean, to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.
- 3 This is an evil among all that is done under the sun, that one thing befalleth all: yea, also the heart of the

children of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live; and after that, *they have to go to the dead.*

- 4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
- 5 For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.
- 6 Their love also, and their hatred, and their envy is already perished; neither have they any more for ever a portion in all that is done under the sun.
- 7 Go, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works.
- 8 Let thy garments be always white, and let not thy head lack oil.
- 9 Enjoy life with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity; for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labour wherein thou art labouring under the sun.
- 10 Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, whither thou goest.
- 11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to the intelligent, nor yet favour to men of knowledge; but time and chance happeneth to them all.
- 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are taken with the snare, like them are the children of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.
- 13 This also have I seen as wisdom under the sun, and it was great unto me.
- 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and encompassed it, and built great bulwarks against it:
- 15 and there was found in it a poor wise man, who by his wisdom delivered the city; but no man remembered that poor man.

- 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength; but the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.
- 17 The words of the wise are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.
- 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good.
- 10:1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to stink *and* ferment; *so* a little folly is weightier than wisdom *and* honour.
- 2 The heart of a wise *man* is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.
- 3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his sense faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that* he is a fool.
- 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for quietness pacifieth great offences.
- 5 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as an error *that* proceedeth from the ruler:
- 6 folly is set in great dignities, but the rich sit in a low place.
- 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.
- 8 He that diggeth a pit falleth into it; and whoso breaketh down a hedge, a serpent biteth him.
- 9 Whoso removeth stones is hurt therewith; he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby.
- 10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he apply more strength; but wisdom is profitable to give success.
- 11 If the serpent bite before enchantment, then the charmer hath no advantage.
- 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool swallow up himself.
- 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is folly; and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

- 14 And the fool multiplieth words: *yet* man knoweth not what shall be; and what shall be after him, who will tell him?
- 15 The labour of fools wearieth them, because they know not how to go to the city.
- 16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!
- 17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is a son of nobles, and thy princes eat in *due* season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- 18 By much sloth fulness the framework falleth in; and through idleness of the hands the house drippeth.
- 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh life merry; but money answereth everything.
- 20 Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for the bird of the air will carry the voice, and that which hath wings will tell the matter.
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- 11:1 Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.
- 2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
- 3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.
- 4 He that observeth the wind will not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds will not reap.
- 5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, how the bones *grow* in the womb of her that is with child, even so thou knowest not the work of God who maketh all.
- 6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.
- 7 Now the light is sweet, and pleasant is it to the eyes to see the sun;

- 8 but if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many: all that cometh is vanity.
- 9 Rejoice, young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.
- 10 Then remove discontent from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.
- 12:1 And remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, of which thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
- 2 before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain;
- 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows are darkened,
- 4 and the doors are shut toward the street; when the sound of the grinding is subdued, and they rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low;
- 5 they are also afraid of what is high, and terrors are in the way, and the almond is despised, and the grasshopper is a burden, and the caper-berry is without effect; (for man goeth to his age-long home, and the mourners go about the streets;)
- 6 —before the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be shattered at the fountain, or the wheel be broken at the cistern;
- 7 and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it.
- 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher: all is vanity.
- 9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.

- 10** The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words; and that which was written is upright, words of truth.
- 11** The words of the wise are as goads, and the collections *of them* as nails fastened in: they are given from one shepherd.
- 12** And besides, my son, be warned by them: of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
- 13** Let us hear the end of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man.
- 14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

- 1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.
2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; For thy love is better than wine.
3 Thine ointments savour sweetly; Thy name is an ointment poured forth: Therefore do the virgins love thee.
4 Draw me, we will run after thee! —The king hath brought me into his chambers—We will be glad and rejoice in thee, We will remember thy love more than wine. They love thee uprightly.
5 I am black, but comely, daughters of Jerusalem, As the tents of Kedar, As the curtains of Solomon.
6 Look not upon me, because I am black; Because the sun hath looked upon me. My mother's children were angry with me: They made me keeper of the vineyards; Mine own vineyard have I not kept.
7 Tell me, thou whom my soul loveth, Where thou feedest *thy flock*, Where thou makest it to rest at noon; For why should I be as one veiled Beside the flocks of thy companions?
8 If thou know not, thou fairest among women, Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' booths.
9 I compare thee, my love, To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
10 Thy cheeks are comely with bead-rows, Thy neck with ornamental chains.
11 We will make thee bead-rows of gold With studs of silver.
12 While the king is at his table, My spikenard sendeth forth its fragrance.
13 A bundle of myrrh is my beloved unto me; He shall pass the night between my breasts.
14 My beloved is unto me a cluster of henna-flowers In the vineyards of Engedi.
15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; Behold, thou art fair: thine eyes are doves.

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- 16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant; Also our bed is green.
- 17 The beams of our houses are cedars, Our rafters are cypresses.
- 2:1 I am a narcissus of Sharon, A lily of the valleys.
- 2 As the lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters.
- 3 As the apple-tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved among the sons: In his shadow have I rapture and sit down; And his fruit is sweet to my taste.
- 4 He hath brought me to the house of wine, And his banner over me is love.
- 5 Sustain ye me with raisin-cakes, Refresh me with apples; For I am sick of love.
- 6 His left hand is under my head, And his right hand doth embrace me.
- 7 I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles, or by the hinds of the field, That ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.
- 8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Behold, he standeth behind our wall, He looketh in through the windows, Glancing through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved spake and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 11 For behold, the winter is past, The rain is over, it is gone:
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing is come, And the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land;
- 13 The fig-tree melloweth her winter figs, And the vines in bloom give forth *their* fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away!
- 14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the covert of the precipice, Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Song of Solomon

- 15 Take us the foxes, The little foxes, that spoil the vineyards; For our vineyards are in bloom.
- 16 My beloved is mine, and I am his; He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies,
- 17 Until the day dawn, and the shadows flee away. Turn, my beloved: be thou like a gazelle or a young hart, Upon the mountains of Bether.
- 3:1 On my bed, in the nights, I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
- 2 I will rise now, and go about the city; In the streets and in the broadways Will I seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
- 3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: — Have ye seen him whom my soul loveth?
- 4 —Scarcely had I passed from them, When I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, Until I had brought him into my mother's house, And into the chamber of her that conceived me.
- 5 I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles, or by the hinds of the field, That ye stir not up, nor awake *my love*, till he please.
- 6 Who is this, *she* that cometh up from the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all powders of the merchant? ...
- 7 Behold his couch, Solomon's own: Threescore mighty men are about it, Of the mighty of Israel.
- 8 They all hold the sword, Experts in war; Each hath his sword upon his thigh Because of alarm in the nights.
- 9 King Solomon made himself a palanquin Of the wood of Lebanon.
- 10 Its pillars he made of silver, Its support of gold, Its seat of purple; The midst thereof was paved *with love* By the daughters of Jerusalem.
- 11 Go forth, daughters of Zion, And behold king Solomon With the crown wherewith his mother crowned him In the day of his espousals, And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

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- 4:1 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;
Thine eyes are doves behind thy veil; Thy hair is as a
flock of goats, On the slopes of mount Gilead.
- 2 Thy teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep, Which go up
from the washing; Which have all borne twins, And
none is barren among them.
- 3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, And thy speech is
comely; As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples
Behind thy veil.
- 4 Thy neck is like the tower of David, Built for an
armoury: A thousand bucklers hang thereon, All
shields of mighty men.
- 5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle,
Which feed among the lilies.
- 6 Until the day dawn, and the shadows flee away, I will
get me to the mountain of myrrh, And to the hill of
frankincense.
- 7 Thou art all fair, my love; And there is no spot in thee.
- 8 *Come* with me, from Lebanon, *my* spouse, With me
from Lebanon, —Come, look from the top of Amanah,
From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions'
dens, From the mountains of the leopards.
- 9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse;
Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes,
With one chain of thy neck.
- 10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! How much
better is thy love than wine! And the fragrance of thine
ointments than all spices!
- 11 Thy lips, *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb; Honey
and milk are under thy tongue; And the smell of thy
garments is like the smell of Lebanon.
- 12 A garden enclosed is my sister, *my* spouse; A spring
shut up, a fountain sealed.
- 13 Thy shoots are a paradise of pomegranates, with
precious fruits; Henna with spikenard plants;
- 14 Spikenard and saffron; Calamus and cinnamon, with
all trees of frankincense; Myrrh and aloes, with all the
chief spices:

Song of Solomon

- 15 A fountain in the gardens, A well of living waters,
Which stream from Lebanon.
- 16 Awake, north wind, and come, *thou* south; Blow upon
my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow forth. Let
my beloved come into his garden, And eat its precious
fruits.
- 5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse; I
have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten
my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine
with my milk. Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink
abundantly, beloved ones!
- 2 I slept, but my heart was awake. The voice of my
beloved! he knocketh: Open to me, my sister, my love,
my dove, mine undefiled; For my head is filled with
dew, My locks with the drops of the night.
- 3 —I have put off my tunic, how should I put it on? I
have washed my feet, how should I pollute them? —
- 4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*;
And my bowels yearned for him.
- 5 I rose up to open to my beloved; And my hands
dropped with myrrh, And my fingers with liquid
myrrh, Upon the handles of the lock.
- 6 I opened to my beloved; But my beloved had
withdrawn himself; he was gone: My soul went forth
when he spoke. I sought him, but I found him not; I
called him, but he gave me no answer.
- 7 The watchmen that went about the city found me;
They smote me, they wounded me; The keepers of the
walls took away my veil from me.
- 8 I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem, If ye find my
beloved, ...What will ye tell him? —That I am sick of
love.
- 9 What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved, Thou
fairest among women? What is thy beloved more than
another beloved, That thou dost so charge us?
- 10 My beloved is white and ruddy, The chiefest among
ten thousand.

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- 11 His head is *as* the finest gold; His locks are flowing,
black as the raven;
12 His eyes are like doves by the water-brooks, Washed
with milk, fitly set;
13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, raised beds of sweet
plants; His lips lilies, dropping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands gold rings, set with the chrysolite; His belly
is bright ivory, overlaid *with* sapphires;
15 His legs, pillars of marble, set upon bases of fine gold:
His bearing as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars;
16 His mouth is most sweet: Yea, he is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved, yea, this is my friend, O daughters
of Jerusalem.

- 6:1 Whither is thy beloved gone, Thou fairest among
women? Whither is thy beloved turned aside? And we
will seek him with thee.
2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds
of spices, To feed in the gardens and to gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: He
feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.
4 Thou art fair, my love, as Tirzah, Comely as
Jerusalem, Terrible as troops with banners:
5 Turn away thine eyes from me, For they overcome me.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats On the slopes of Gilead.
6 Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep Which go up from
the washing; Which have all borne twins, And none is
barren among them.
7 As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples Behind
thy veil.
8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore
concubines, And virgins without number:
9 My dove, mine undefiled, is but one; She is the only
one of her mother, She is the choice one of her that bore
her. The daughters saw her, and they called her blessed;
The queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
10 Who is she that looketh forth as the dawn, Fair as the
moon, clear as the sun, Terrible as troops with banners?

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- 11 I went down into the garden of nuts, To see the verdure
of the valley, To see whether the vine budded, Whether
the pomegranates blossomed.
- 12 Before I was aware, My soul set me upon the chariots
of my willing people.
- 13 Return, return, O Shulamite; Return, return, that we
may look upon thee. —What would ye look upon in the
Shulamite? —As it were the dance of two camps.
- 7:1 How beautiful are thy footsteps in sandals, O prince's
daughter! The roundings of thy thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands of an artist.
- 2 Thy navel is a round goblet, *which* wanteth not mixed
wine; Thy belly a heap of wheat, set about with lilies;
- 3 Thy two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle;
- 4 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; Thine eyes, *like*
the pools in Heshbon, By the gate of Bath-rabbim; Thy
nose like the tower of Lebanon, Which looketh toward
Damascus;
- 5 Thy head upon thee is like Carmel, And the locks of
thy head like purple; The king is fettered by *thy*
ringlets!
- 6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, *my* love, in
delights!
- 7 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree, And thy breasts
to grape clusters.
- 8 I said, I will go up to the palm-tree, I will take hold of
the boughs thereof; And thy breasts shall indeed be like
clusters of the vine, And the fragrance of thy nose like
apples,
- 9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine, ...That
goeth down smoothly for my beloved, And stealeth
over the lips of them that are asleep.
- 10 I am my beloved's, And his desire is toward me.
- 11 —Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields;
Let us lodge in the villages.
- 12 We will go up early to the vineyards, We will see if
the vine hath budded, *If* the blossom is opening, And

the pomegranates are in bloom: There will I give thee my loves.

13 The mandrakes yield fragrance; And at our gates are all choice fruits, new and old: I have laid them up for thee, my beloved.

8:1 Oh that thou wert as my brother, That sucked the breasts of my mother! Should I find thee without, I would kiss thee; And they would not despise me.

2 I would lead thee, bring thee into my mother's house; Thou wouldest instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand would be under my head, And his right hand embrace me.

4 I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem, ...Why should ye stir up, why awake *my* love, till he please?

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awoke thee under the apple-tree: There thy mother brought thee forth; There she brought thee forth *that* bore thee.

6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart, As a seal upon thine arm: For love is strong as death; Jealousy is cruel as Sheol: The flashes thereof are flashes of fire, Flames of Jah.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, Neither do the floods drown it: Even if a man gave all the substance of his house for love, It would utterly be contemned.

8 We have a little sister, And she hath no breasts: What shall we do for our sister In the day when she shall be spoken for? —

9 If she be a wall, We will build upon her a turret of silver; And if she be a door, We will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers; Then was I in his eyes as one that findeth peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon: He let out the vineyard unto keepers; Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand silver-pieces.

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- 12** My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: The thousand *silver-pieces* be to thee, Solomon; And to the keepers of its fruit, two hundred.
- 13** Thou that dwellest in the gardens, The companions hearken to thy voice: Let me hear *it*.
- 14** Haste, my beloved, And be thou like a gazelle or a young hart Upon the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

- 1:1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amos, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- 2** Hear, *ye* heavens, and give ear, *thou* earth! for Jehovah hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children; and they have rebelled against me.
- 3** The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; Israel doth not know, my people hath no intelligence.
- 4** Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that corrupt themselves! They have forsaken Jehovah; they have despised the Holy One of Israel; they are turned away backward.
- 5** Why should ye be smitten any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
- 6** From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in him; wounds, and weals, and open sores: they have not been dressed, nor bound up, nor mollified with oil.
- 7** Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers eat it up in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
- 8** And the daughter of Zion is left, as a booth in a vineyard, as a night-lodge in a cucumber-garden, as a besieged city.
- 9** Unless Jehovah of hosts had left us a very small residue, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah.
- 10** Hear the word of Jehovah, rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, people of Gomorrah!
- 11** To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith Jehovah. I am sated with burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and in the blood of

- bullocks, and of lambs, and of he-goats I take no pleasure.
- 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this from your hand—to tread my courts?
- 13 Bring no more vain oblations! Incense is an abomination unto me, —new moon and sabbath, the calling of convocations—wickedness and the solemn meeting I cannot bear.
- 14 Your new moons and your set feasts my soul hateth: they are a burden to me; I am wearied of bearing *them*.
- 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
- 16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; —cease to do evil,
- 17 learn to do well: seek judgment, gladden the oppressed, do justice to the fatherless, plead for the widow.
- 18 Come now, let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19 If ye be willing and hearken, ye shall eat the good of the land;
- 20 but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken.
- 21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness used to lodge in it, but now murderers.
- 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine is mixed with water:
- 23 thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth presents, and hunteth after rewards; they judge not the fatherless, and the cause of the widow cometh not unto them.
- 24 Therefore saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: Ah! I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies.
- 25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and will thoroughly purge away thy dross, and take away all thine alloy;

- 26 and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning. Afterwards thou shalt be called, Town of righteousness, Faithful city.
- 27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and they that return of her with righteousness.
- 28 But the ruin of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together; and they that forsake Jehovah shall be consumed.
- 29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinths that ye have desired, and ye shall blush for the gardens that ye have chosen.
- 30 For ye shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.
- 31 And the strong shall be for tow, and his work a spark; and they shall both burn together, and there shall be none to quench *them*.
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- 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 And it shall come to pass in the end of days, *that* the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow unto it.
- 3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and Jehovah's word from Jerusalem.
- 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall reprove many peoples; and they shall forge their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-knives: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 House of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.
- 6 For thou hast cast off thy people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled *with what comes* from the east, and use auguries like the Philistines, and ally themselves with the children of foreigners.

- 7 And their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no end of their treasures: their land also is full of horses, and there is no end of their chariots.
- 8 And their land is full of idols; they bow themselves down to the work of their own hands, to that which their fingers have made.
- 9 And the mean man shall be bowed down, and the great man shall be brought low: and do not thou forgive them!
- 10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty.
- 11 The lofty eyes of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day.
- 12 For there shall be a day of Jehovah of hosts upon everything proud and lofty, and upon everything lifted up, and it shall be brought low;
- 13 and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan;
- 14 and upon all the lofty mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up;
- 15 and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall;
- 16 and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant works of art.
- 17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day:
- 18 and the idols shall utterly pass away.
- 19 And they shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he shall arise to terrify the earth.
- 20 In that day men shall cast away their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made *each* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;
- 21 to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the fissures of the cliffs, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he shall arise to terrify the earth.

- 22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for what account is to be made of him?
- 3:1 For behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, will take away from Jerusalem and from Judah stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,
- 2 the mighty man and the man of war, the judge and the prophet, and the diviner and the elder,
- 3 the captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the clever among artificers, and the one versed in enchantments.
- 4 And I will appoint youths as their princes, and children shall rule over them.
- 5 And the people shall be oppressed one by the other, and each by his neighbour; the child will be insolent against the elder, and the base against the honourable.
- 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother, in his father's house, *and shall say*: Thou hast clothing; be our chief, and let this ruin be under thy hand;
- 7 he will lift up *his hand* in that day, saying, I cannot be a healer, and in my house there is neither bread nor clothing; ye shall not make me a chief of the people.
- 8 For Jerusalem stumbleth and Judah falleth, because their tongue and their doings are against Jehovah, to provoke the eyes of his glory.
- 9 The look of their face doth witness against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom: they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have brought evil upon themselves.
- 10 Say ye of the righteous that it shall be well *with him*, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- 11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill *with him*, because the desert of his hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 12 *As for* my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people! they that guide thee mislead *thee*, and destroy the way of thy paths.
- 13 Jehovah setteth himself to plead, and standeth to judge the peoples.

- 14 Jehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of his people and their princes, *saying*: It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard: the spoil of the poor is in your houses.
- 15 What mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind the faces of the afflicted? saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
- 16 And Jehovah said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-out neck and wanton eyes, and go along mincing, and making a tinkling with their feet;
- 17 therefore the Lord will make bald the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and Jehovah will lay bare their secret parts.
- 18 In that day the Lord will take away the ornament of anklets, and the little suns and crescents,
- 19 the pearl-drops, and the bracelets, and the veils,
- 20 the head-dresses, and the stepping chains, and the girdles, and the scent-boxes, and the amulets;
- 21 the finger-rings, and the nose-rings;
- 22 the festival-robes, and the tunics, and the mantles, and the wallets;
- 23 the mirrors, and the fine linen bodices, and the turbans, and the flowing veils.
- 24 And it shall come to pass, instead of perfume there shall be rottenness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a robe of display, a girding of sackcloth; brand instead of beauty.
- 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the fight;
- 26 and her gates shall lament and mourn; and, stripped, she shall sit upon the ground.
- 4:1 And seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, Our own bread will we eat, and with our own garments will we be clothed; only let us be called by thy name; —take away our reproach!
- 2 In that day there shall be a sprout of Jehovah for beauty and glory, and the fruit of the earth for excellency and for ornament for those that are escaped of Israel.

- 3 And it shall come to pass that he who remaineth in Zion, and he that is left in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, —every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem;
- 4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have scoured out the blood of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.
- 5 And Jehovah will create over every dwelling-place of mount Zion, and over its convocations, a cloud by day and a smoke, and the brightness of a flame of fire by night: for over all the glory shall be a covering.
- 6 And there shall be a tabernacle for shade by day from the heat, and for a shelter and for a covert from storm and from rain.
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- 5:1 I will sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard: My well-beloved had a vineyard upon a fruitful hill.
- 2 And he dug it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine; and he built a tower in the midst of it, and also hewed out a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.
- 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.
- 4 What was there yet to do to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? —
- 5 And now, let me tell you what I am about to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden under foot;
- 6 and I will make it a waste—it shall not be pruned nor cultivated, but there shall come up briars and thorns; and I will command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- 7 For the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah the plant of his delight:

and he looked for justice, and behold, blood-shedding; for righteousness, and behold, a cry.

- 8 Woe unto them that add house to house, that join field to field, until there is no more room, and that ye dwell yourselves alone in the midst of the land!
- 9 In mine ears Jehovah of hosts *hath said*, Many houses shall assuredly become a desolation, great and excellent ones, without inhabitant.
- 10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield an ephah.
- 11 Woe unto them that, rising early in the morning, run after strong drink; that linger till twilight, *till* wine inflameth them!
- 12 And harp and lyre, tambour and flute, and wine are in their banquets; but they regard not the work of Jehovah, nor do they see the operation of his hands.
- 13 Therefore my people are led away captive from lack of knowledge, and their nobility die of famine, and their multitude are parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore doth Sheol enlarge its desire, and open its mouth without measure; and her splendour shall descend *into it*, and her multitude, and her tumult, and *all* that is joyful within her.
- 15 And the mean man shall be bowed down, and the great man brought low, and the eyes of the lofty shall be brought low;
- 16 and Jehovah of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and the holy •God hallowed in righteousness.
- 17 And the lambs shall feed as on their pasture, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.
- 18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as with cart-ropes!
- 19 who say, Let him hasten, let him speed his work, that we may see *it*; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!
- 20 Woe unto them who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and intelligent in their own esteem!

- 22 Woe unto them that are mighty for drinking wine, and men valiant to mix strong drink;
- 23 who justify the wicked for a bribe, and turn away the righteousness of the righteous from them!
- 24 Therefore as a tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and dry grass sinketh down in the flame, their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; for they have rejected the law of Jehovah of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 Therefore is the anger of Jehovah kindled against his people, and he hath stretched out his hand against them and hath smitten them; and the mountains trembled, and their carcasses are become as dung in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.
- 26 And he will lift up a banner to the nations afar off, and will hiss for one from the end of the earth; and behold, it will come rapidly *and* lightly.
- 27 None among them is weary, none stumbleth; they slumber not, nor sleep; none hath the girdle of his loins loosed, nor the thong of his sandals broken;
- 28 their arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs are reckoned as the flint, and their wheels as a whirlwind.
- 29 Their roaring is like a lioness, they roar as the young lions; yea, they growl, and snatch the prey, and carry it away safe, and there is none to deliver;
- 30 and they shall roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea. And if one look upon the earth, behold darkness *and* distress, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.
- 6:1 In the year of the death of king Uzziah, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.
- 2 Seraphim were standing above him: each had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he flew.

- 3 And one called to the other and said, Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!
- 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
- 5 And I said, Woe unto me! for I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.
- 6 And one of the seraphim flew unto me, and he had in his hand a glowing coal, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;
- 7 and he made it touch my mouth, and said, Behold, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin expiated.
- 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And I said, Here am I; send me.
- 9 And he said, Go; and thou shalt say unto this people, Hearing ye shall hear and shall not understand, and seeing ye shall see and shall not perceive.
- 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and healed.
- 11 And I said, Lord, how long? And he said, Until the cities be wasted, without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land become an utter desolation, and Jehovah have removed men far away, and the solitude be great in the midst of the land.
- 12 and Jehovah have removed men far away, and the solitude be great in the midst of the land.
- 13 But a tenth part shall still be therein, and it shall return and be eaten; as the terebinth and as the oak whose trunk *remaineth* after the felling: the holy seed shall be the trunk thereof.
- 7:1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king

- of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to make war against it, but they were not able to fight against it.
- 2 And it was told the house of David saying, Syria is allied with Ephraim. Then his heart and the heart of his people shook, as the trees of the forest are shaken with the wind.
- 3 And Jehovah said to Isaiah, Go out now to meet Ahaz, thou and thy son Shear-jashub, at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field;
- 4 and thou shalt say unto him, Take heed and be quiet; fear not, and let not thy heart faint before these two ends of smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.
- 5 Inasmuch as Syria hath taken evil counsel against thee, Ephraim *also* and the son of Remaliah, saying,
- 6 Let us go up against Judah, and harass it, and make a breach therein for us, and set up a king therein—the son of Tabeal;
- 7 thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall not stand, nor come to pass;
- 8 for the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years shall Ephraim be broken, so as to be no *more a* people;
- 9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye believe not, surely ye shall not be established.
- 10 And Jehovah spoke again to Ahaz, saying,
- 11 Ask for thee a sign from Jehovah thy God; ask for it in the deep, or in the height above.
- 12 And Ahaz said, I will not ask, and will not tempt Jehovah.
- 13 And he said, Hear then, house of David: Is it a small matter for you to weary men, that ye weary also my God?
- 14 Therefore will the Lord himself give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a son, and call his name Immanuel.
- 15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

- 16 For before the child knoweth to refuse the evil and to choose the good, the land whose two kings thou fearest shall be forsaken.
- 17 Jehovah will bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days which have not come since the day when Ephraim turned away from Judah—*even* the king of Assyria.
- 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah will hiss for the fly which is at the extremity of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee which is in the land of Assyria;
- 19 and they shall come and settle all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and on all thorn-bushes, and on all the pastures.
- 20 In that day will the Lord, with a razor which is hired beyond the river, with the king of Assyria, shave the head and the hair of the feet, yea, the beard also will it take away.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow and two sheep,
- 22 and it shall come to pass, from the abundance of milk they shall give, *that* he shall eat butter; for every one that remaineth in the midst of the land shall eat butter and honey.
- 23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver pieces, shall become briars and thorns:
- 24 with arrows and with the bow shall they come thither, for the whole land shall become briars and thorns.
- 25 And all mountains that have been dug up with the hoe—thither will they not come, from fear of briars and thorns; and they shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of small cattle.
- 8:1 And Jehovah said to me, Take thee a great tablet, and write thereon with a man's style, concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
- 2 And I took unto me to witness, sure witnesses, Urijah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

- 3 And I came near to the prophets, and she conceived and bore a son; and Jehovah said unto me, Call his name, Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
- 4 For before the lad knoweth to cry, My father! and, My mother! the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.
- 5 And Jehovah spoke again to me, saying,
- 6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah which flow softly, and rejoiceth in Rezin and in the son of Remaliah,
- 7 therefore behold, the Lord will bring up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory; and he shall mount up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:
- 8 and he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow it and go further, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel!
- 9 Rage, ye peoples, and be broken in pieces! And give ear, all ye distant parts of the earth: Gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces!
- 10 Settle a plan, and it shall come to nought; speak a word, and it shall not stand: for •God is with us.
- 11 For Jehovah spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and he instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,
- 12 Ye shall not say, Conspiracy, of everything of which this people saith, Conspiracy; and fear ye not their fear, and be not in dread.
- 13 Jehovah of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.
- 14 And he will be for a sanctuary; and for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and snared, and taken.
- 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

- 17 And I will wait for Jehovah, who hideth his face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for him.
- 18 Behold, I and the children that Jehovah hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel, from Jehovah of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion.
- 19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto the necromancers and unto the soothsayers, who chirp and who mutter, *say*, Shall not a people seek unto their God? *Will they go* for the living unto the dead?
- 20 To the law and the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, for them there is no daybreak.
- 21 And they shall pass through it, hard pressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass when they are hungry, they will fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and will gaze upward:
- 22 and they will look to the earth; and behold, trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they shall be driven into thick darkness.
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- 9:1 Nevertheless the darkness shall not be as when the distress was in the *land*, at the time he at first lightly, and afterwards heavily, visited the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, —the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations:
- 2 the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them light hath shone.
- 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, hast increased its joy: they joy before thee like to the joy in harvest; as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
- 5 For every boot of him that is shod for the tumult, and the garment rolled in blood, shall be for burning, fuel for fire.
- 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his

name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty •God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace.

- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.
- 8 The Lord sent a word unto Jacob, and it lighteth upon Israel.
- 9 And all the people shall know *it*, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and stoutness of heart,
- 10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sycamore trees are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.
- 11 And Jehovah will set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and arm his enemies,
- 12 the Syrians on the east, and the Philistines on the west; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.
- 13 But the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, and they do not seek Jehovah of hosts.
- 14 And Jehovah will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day:
- 15 the ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
- 16 For the guides of this people mislead *them*; and they that are guided by them are swallowed up.
- 17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice in their young men, neither will he have mercy on their fatherless and on their widows; for every one is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.
- 18 For wickedness burneth as a fire: it devoureth briars and thorns, and kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they go rolling up like a pillar of smoke.
- 19 Through the wrath of Jehovah of hosts is the land burned up, and the people is as fuel for fire: a man spareth not his brother;

- 20 and he snatcheth on the right hand, and is hungry, and eateth on the left hand; and they are not satisfied. They eat every man the flesh of his own arm:
- 21 Manasseh, Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh; *and* they together are against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

- 10:1 Woe unto them that decree iniquitous decrees, and to the writers that prescribe oppression,
- 2 to turn away the poor from judgment, and to take away the right from the afflicted of my people; that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!
- 3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the sudden destruction *which* shall come from far? To whom will ye flee for help, and where will ye leave your glory?
- 4 They can but crouch under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.
- 5 Ah! the Assyrian! the rod of mine anger! and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
- 6 I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge; to take the spoil, and to seize the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
- 7 But he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; for it is in his heart to extirpate and cut off nations not a few.
- 8 For he saith, Are not my princes all kings?
- 9 Is not Calno as Karkemish? Is not Hamath as Arpad? Is not Samaria as Damascus?
- 10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, — and their graven images exceeded those of Jerusalem and Samaria,
- 11 —shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her images?
- 12 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and upon Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stoutness of

heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

- 13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom, for I am intelligent; and I have removed the bounds of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and, like a valiant man, I have brought down them that sit *on thrones*;
- 14 and my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples, and as one gathereth forsaken eggs, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.
- 15 —Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that wieldeth it? As if the rod should wield them that lift it up; as if the staff should lift up *him who is* not wood!
- 16 Therefore shall the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness, and under his glory he shall kindle a burning, like the burning of a fire:
- 17 and the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day,
- 18 and it shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be as when a sick man fainteth.
- 19 And the remainder of the trees of his forest shall be few: yea, a child might write them.
- 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob shall no more again rely upon him that smote them; but they shall rely upon Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
- 21 The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty •God.
- 22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *only* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption determined shall overflow in righteousness.
- 23 For a consumption, and *one* determined, will the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, accomplish in the midst of all the land.
- 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts: O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the

- Assyrian; he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt:
- 25 for yet a very little while, and the indignation shall be accomplished, and mine anger, in their destruction.
- 26 And Jehovah of hosts will stir up a scourge against him, according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and his rod *shall be* upon the sea, and he will lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
- 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck; and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. ...
- 28 He is come to Aiath, he hath passed through Migron; at Michmash he layeth up his baggage.
- 29 They are gone through the pass; they make their lodging at Geba: Ramah trembleth, Gibeah of Saul is fled.
- 30 Lift up thy voice, daughter of Gallim! Hearken, O Laish! —Poor Anathoth!
- 31 Madmenah is fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim take to flight.
- 32 Still a day of halting at Nob; he shaketh his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. ...
- 33 Behold the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, shall lop the boughs with violence; and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be brought low;
- 34 and he shall make clearings in the thickets of the forest with iron; and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.
- 11:1 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall be fruitful;
- 2 and the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah.
- 3 And his delight will be in the fear of Jehovah; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears;

- 4 but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his reins, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.
- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted beast together, and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 And the cow and the she-bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the adder, and the weaned child shall put forth its hand to the viper's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, standing as a banner of the peoples: the nations shall seek it; and his resting-place shall be glory.
- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to acquire the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.
- 12 And he shall lift up a banner to the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
- 13 And the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the troublers of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will not trouble Ephraim:
- 14 but they shall fly upon the shoulder of the Philistines towards the west; together shall they spoil the sons of the east; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon shall obey them.
- 15 And Jehovah will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind will he shake

his hand over the river, and will smite it into seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people which will be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day when he went up out of the land of Egypt.

12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, Jehovah, I will praise thee; for though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou hast comforted me.

2 Behold, •God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid; for Jah, Jehovah, is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.

3 And with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Give ye thanks to Jehovah, call upon his name, declare his deeds among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing psalms of Jehovah, for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitress of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

13:1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

2 Lift up a banner upon a bare mountain, raise the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my hallowed ones, I have also called my mighty men for mine anger, them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude on the mountains, as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations assembled together: Jehovah of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

- 5 They come from a far country, from the end of the heavens—Jehovah, and the weapons of his indignation—to destroy the whole land.
- 6 Howl, for the day of Jehovah is at hand; it cometh as destruction from the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt,
- 8 and they shall be terrified: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them, they shall writhe as a woman that travaileth; they shall be amazed one at another, their faces shall be as flames.
- 9 Behold, the day of Jehovah cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the earth desolate; and he will destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
- 10 For the stars of the heavens and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
- 11 And I will punish the world for evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will make the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will bring low the haughtiness of the violent.
- 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even man than the gold of Ophir.
- 13 Therefore I will make the heavens to shake, and the earth shall be removed out of her place, at the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
- 14 And it shall be as with a chased roe, and as with a flock that no man gathereth together; every one shall turn to his own people, and every one flee into his own land.
- 15 All that are found shall be thrust through; and every one that is in league *with them* shall fall by the sword.
- 16 And their infants shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes, their houses shall be rifled, and their women ravished.
- 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who do not regard silver, and as for gold, they have no delight in it.
- 18 And *their* bows shall dash the young men to pieces, and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb: their eye shall not spare children.

- 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in, even to generation and generation; nor shall Arabian pitch tent there, nor shepherds make fold there.
- 21 But beasts of the desert shall lie there, and their houses shall be full of owls; and ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats shall dance there.
- 22 And jackals shall cry to one another in their palaces, and wild dogs in the pleasant castles. And her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.
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- 14:1 For Jehovah will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in rest in their own land; and the stranger shall be united to them, and they shall be joined to the house of Jacob.
- 2 And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for servants and handmaids; and they shall take them captive whose captives they were, and they shall rule over their oppressors.
- 3 And it shall come to pass in the day that Jehovah shall give thee rest from thy sorrow and from thy trouble and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,
- 4 that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased, — the exactress of gold ceased!
- 5 Jehovah hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers.
- 6 He that smote the peoples in wrath with a relentless stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted unsparingly.
- 7 The whole earth is at rest, is quiet: they break forth into singing.
- 8 Even the cypresses rejoice at thee, the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

- 9 Sheol from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming, stirring up the dead for thee, all the he-goats of the earth; making to rise from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- 10 All of them shall answer and say unto thee, Art thou also become powerless as we; art thou become like unto us!
- 11 —Thy pomp is brought down to Sheol, the noise of thy lyres: the maggot is spread under thee, and worms cover thee.
- 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, Lucifer, son of the morning! Thou art cut down to the ground, that didst prostrate the nations!
- 13 And thou that didst say in thy heart, I will ascend into the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of •God, and I will sit upon the mount of assembly, in the recesses of the north;
- 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High:
- 15 none the less art thou brought down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.
- 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee; they shall consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that shook kingdoms;
- 17 *that* made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; *that* dismissed not his prisoners homewards?
- 18 —All the kings of the nations, all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house;
- 19 but thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, covered with the slain—those thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit: like a carcase trodden under foot.
- 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial; for thou hast destroyed thy land, hast slain thy people. Of the seed of evildoers no mention shall be made for ever.
- 21 Prepare ye slaughter for his children, because of the iniquity of their fathers; that they may not rise up and possess the earth, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

- 22 For I will rise up against them, saith Jehovah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and scion and descendant, saith Jehovah.
- 23 And I will make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 24 Jehovah of hosts hath sworn saying, Assuredly as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, it shall stand:
- 25 to break the Assyrian in my land; and upon my mountains will I tread him under foot; and his yoke shall depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.
- 26 This is the counsel which is purposed concerning the whole earth; and this is the hand which is stretched out upon all the nations.
- 27 For Jehovah of hosts hath purposed, and who shall frustrate *it*? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?
- 28 In the year of the death of king Ahaz was this burden:
- 29 Rejoice not thou, Philistia, all of thee, because the rod that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a viper, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.
- 30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; but I will kill thy root with famine, and thy remnant shall be slain.
- 31 Howl, O gate! cry, O city! thou, Philistia, art wholly dissolved; for there cometh from the north a smoke, and none remaineth apart in his gatherings *of troops*.
- 32 And what shall be answered to the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah hath founded Zion, and the afflicted of his people find refuge in it.
- 15:1 The burden of Moab: For in the night of being laid waste, Ar of Moab is destroyed; for in the night of being laid waste, Kir of Moab is destroyed!
- 2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep; Moab howleth over Nebo, and over

Medeba; on all their heads is baldness, every beard is cut off.

3 In their streets they are girded with sackcloth; on their roofs, and in their broadways, every one howleth, melted into tears.

4 And Heshbon crieth, and Elealeh: their voice is heard unto Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab cry out: his soul trembleth in him.

5 My heart crieth out for Moab; their fugitives *have fled* unto Zoar, unto Eglath-Sheli-shijah: for by the ascent of Luhith, with weeping they go up by it; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the herbage is withered away, the grass hath failed, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, do they carry away to the torrent of the willows.

8 For the cry goeth round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood, for I will lay yet more upon Dimon: a lion upon them that are escaped of Moab, and upon that which remaineth of the land.

16:1 Send the lamb of the ruler of the land from the rock to the wilderness, —unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 And it shall be *that* as a wandering bird, *as* a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon.

3 Bring in counsel, execute justice; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of noonday; hide the outcasts, discover not the fugitive.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the waster. For the extortioner is at an end, the wasting hath ceased, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

- 5 And a throne shall be established in mercy: and in the tent of David there shall sit upon it, in truth, one judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness.
- 6 We have heard of the arrogance of Moab, —*he is* very proud, —of his pride, and his arrogance, and his wrath: his pratings are vain.
- 7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab; every one of them shall howl. For the foundations of Kirhareth shall ye mourn, verily afflicted.
- 8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have broken down its choice plants: they reached unto Jaazer, they wandered *through* the wilderness; its shoots stretched out, they went beyond the sea.
- 9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jaazer for the vine of Sibmah; with my tears will I water thee, Heshbon, and Elealeh, for a cry is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest.
- 10 And joy and gladness is taken away out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there is no singing, neither is there shouting: the treaders tread out no wine in the presses, I have made the cry *of the winepress* to cease.
- 11 Therefore my bowels sound like a harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kirheres.
- 12 And it shall come to pass, when Moab shall appear, shall weary himself on the high place, and enter into his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail.
- 13 This is the word which Jehovah hath spoken from of old concerning Moab.
- 14 And now Jehovah speaketh saying, Within three years, as the years of a hired servant, and the glory of Moab shall be brought to nothing, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be small, few, of no account.
- 17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

- 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks; and they shall lie down and there shall be none to make them afraid.
- 3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean.
- 5 And it shall be as when the reaper gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; yea, it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.
- 6 And a gleaning shall be left in it, as at the shaking of an olive-tree: two, three berries above, in the tree-top; four, five in its fruitful boughs, saith Jehovah, the God of Israel.
- 7 In that day shall man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have regard to the Holy One of Israel.
- 8 And he will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, nor have regard to what his fingers have made, neither the Asherahs nor the sun-images.
- 9 In that day shall his strong cities be as the forsaken tract in the woodland, and the mountain-top which they forsook before the children of Israel; and there shall be desolation.
- 10 For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength; therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plantations, and shalt set them with foreign slips:
- 11 in the day of thy planting wilt thou make *them* to grow, and on the morrow wilt thou make thy seed to flourish; *but* the harvest will flee in the day of taking possession, and the sorrow will be incurable.
- 12 Ha! a tumult of many peoples! they make a noise as the noise of the seas; —and the rushing of nations! they rush as the rushing of mighty waters.
- 13 The nations rush as the rushing of many waters; but he will rebuke them, and they shall flee far away, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a whirling *of dust* before the whirlwind:

- 14 behold, at eventide, trouble; before the morning they are not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.
- 18:1 Ha! land shadowing with wings, which art beyond the rivers of Cush,
2 that sendest ambassadors over the sea, and in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, *saying*, Go, swift messengers, to a nation scattered and ravaged, to a people terrible from their existence and thenceforth; to a nation of continued waiting and of treading down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, see ye, and when a trumpet is blown, hear ye!
4 For thus hath Jehovah said unto me: I will take my rest, and I will observe from my dwelling-place like clear heat upon herbs, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For before the harvest, when the blossoming is over, and the flower becometh a ripening grape, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-knives, and take away *and* cut down the branches.
6 They shall be left together unto the mountain birds of prey, and to the beasts of the earth; and the birds of prey shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.
7 In that time shall a present be brought unto Jehovah of hosts of a people scattered and ravaged, —and from a people terrible from their existence and thenceforth, a nation of continued waiting and of treading down, whose land the rivers have spoiled, ...to the place of the name of Jehovah of hosts, the mount Zion.
- 19:1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, Jehovah rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh to Egypt; and the idols of

Egypt are moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt melteth in the midst of it.

- 2 And I will incite the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, kingdom against kingdom.
- 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst of it, and I will destroy the counsel thereof; and they shall seek unto the idols and unto the conjurers, and unto the necromancers, and unto the soothsayers.
- 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord, and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
- 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up;
- 6 and the rivers shall stink, and the streams of Egypt shall be diminished and drain away: the reeds and sedges shall wither.
- 7 The meadows by the Nile, on the banks of the Nile, and everything sown by the Nile, shall be dried up, be driven away, and be no *more*.
- 8 And the fishers shall mourn, and all they that cast fish-hook into the Nile shall lament, and they that spread net upon the waters shall languish.
- 9 And they that work in fine flax, and they that weave white stuffs shall be ashamed.
- 10 And her pillars shall be broken in pieces, and all workers for hire shall be sad of soul.
- 11 They are but fools, the princes of Zoan, the wise counsellors of Pharaoh: *their* counsel is become senseless. How say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?
- 12 Where are they then, thy wise *men*? Let them now tell thee, and let them make known what Jehovah of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
- 13 The princes of Zoan are become foolish, the princes of Noph are deceived; and the corner-stones of its tribes have caused Egypt to err.
- 14 Jehovah hath mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in

every work thereof, as a drunkard staggereth in his vomit.

- 15** Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do.
- 16** In that day shall Egypt be like unto women; and it shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of hosts, which he shaketh over it.
- 17** And the land of Judah shall be a dismay unto Egypt: every one that thinketh of it shall be afraid for himself, because of the counsel of Jehovah of hosts, which he hath purposed against it.
- 18** In that day shall there be five cities in the land of Egypt speaking the language of Canaan, and swearing by Jehovah of hosts: one shall be called, The city of Heres.
- 19** In that day shall there be an altar to Jehovah in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to Jehovah:
- 20** and it shall be for a sign and for a witness to Jehovah of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto Jehovah because of the oppressors, and he will send them a saviour and defender, who shall deliver them.
- 21** And Jehovah shall be known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians shall know Jehovah in that day, and shall serve with sacrifice and oblation; and they shall vow a vow unto Jehovah, and perform it.
- 22** And Jehovah will smite Egypt; he will smite and heal: and they shall return to Jehovah, and he will be entreated of them, and will heal them.
- 23** In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria; and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and Egypt shall serve with Assyria.
- 24** In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;
- 25** whom Jehovah of hosts will bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance!

- 20:1** In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, (and he fought against Ashdod and took it.)
- 2** at that time spoke Jehovah by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy sandal from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
- 3** And Jehovah said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years, a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia,
- 4** so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, *to* the shame of Egypt.
- 5** And they shall be terrified and ashamed of Ethiopia their confidence, and of Egypt their boast.
- 6** And the inhabitants of this coast shall say in that day, Behold, such is our confidence, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?
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- 21:1** The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through, so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
- 2** A grievous vision is declared unto me: the treacherous dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, Elam! besiege, Media! All the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
- 3** Therefore are my loins filled with pain; anguish hath taken hold upon me, as the anguish of a woman in travail: I am bowed down so as not to hear, I am dismayed so as not to see.
- 4** My heart panteth, horror affrighteth me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into trembling unto me.
- 5** Prepare the table, appoint the watch; eat, drink: arise, ye princes, anoint the shield.
- 6** For thus hath the Lord said unto me: Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

- 7 And he saw chariots, horsemen by pairs, a chariot with asses, a chariot with camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed.
- 8 And he cried *as* a lion, Lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights.
- 9 —And behold, there cometh a chariot of men; horsemen by pairs. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.
- 10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor! What I have heard of Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.
- 11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?
- 12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire; return, come.
- 13 The burden against Arabia. In the forest of Arabia shall ye lodge, *ye* caravans of Dedanites.
- 14 Bring ye water to meet the thirsty! The inhabitants of the land of Tema come forth with their bread for him that fleeth.
- 15 For they flee from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.
- 16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me: Within a year, according to the years of a hired servant, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail;
- 17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, shall be diminished: for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath spoken.
- 22:1 The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?
- 2 Thou that wast full of stir, a town of tumult, a joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

- 3 All thy rulers have fled together, they are taken prisoners without the bow: all that are found of thee are made prisoners together; they were fleeing far off.
- 4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; let me weep bitterly: labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.
- 5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, in the valley of vision; *a day of* breaking down the wall, and of crying to the mountain:
- 6 —Elam beareth the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen; and Kir uncovereth the shield.
- 7 And it shall come to pass *that* thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.
- 8 And he uncovereth the covering of Judah: and thou didst look in that day to the armour in the house of the forest;
- 9 and ye have seen the breaches of the city of David, that they are many; and ye have gathered together the waters of the lower pool;
- 10 and ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and have broken down the houses to fortify the wall;
- 11 and ye have made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not had regard unto the maker thereof, neither have ye looked unto him that fashioned it long ago.
- 12 And in that day did the Lord Jehovah of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;
- 13 and behold joy and rejoicing, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: —Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die.
- 14 And it was revealed in mine ears by Jehovah of hosts: Assuredly this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts: Go, get thee in unto this steward, unto Shebna, who is over the house, *and say*,
- 16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewn thee out a sepulchre here, *as* he that

heweth out his sepulchre on high, cutting out in the rock a habitation for himself?

17 Behold, Jehovah will hurl thee with the force of a mighty man, and will cover thee entirely.

18 Rolling thee up completely, he will roll thee as a ball into a wide country: there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, O shame of thy lord's house!

19 And I will drive thee from thine office, and from thy station will I pull thee down.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkijah;

21 and I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house:

24 and they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all the small vessels, as well the vessels of cups as all the vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in a sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for Jehovah hath spoken.

23:1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish! for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, none entering in. From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle! The merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished thee.

3 And on great waters, the seed of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the market of the nations.

- 4 Be thou ashamed, Sidon, for the sea hath spoken, the strength of the sea, saying, I have not travailed nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men *nor* brought up virgins.
- 5 —When the report came into Egypt, they were sorely pained at the news of Tyre.
- 6 Pass over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the coast!
- 7 Is this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity is of ancient days? Her feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.
- 8 Who hath purposed this against Tyre, the distributor of crowns, whose merchants were princes, whose dealers were the honourable of the earth?
- 9 Jehovah of hosts hath purposed it, to profane the pride of all glory, to bring to nought all the honourable of the earth.
- 10 Overflow thy land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish: there is no more restraint.
- 11 He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he shaketh the kingdoms. Jehovah hath given a commandment concerning Canaan, to destroy the strongholds thereof,
- 12 and hath said, Thou shalt no more exult, *thou* oppressed virgin, daughter of Sidon: get thee up, pass over to Chittim; even there shalt thou have no rest.
- 13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans: this people did not exist; the Assyrian founded it for the dwellers in the desert: they set up their towers, they destroyed the palaces thereof; he brought it to ruin.
- 14 Howl, ships of Tarshish! for your fortress is laid waste.
- 15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it shall be for Tyre as the harlot's song.
- 16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou forgotten harlot! Make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.
- 17 And it shall come to pass at the end of seventy years, that Jehovah will visit Tyre; and she will return to her hire, and will commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the earth upon the face of the ground.

18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holy to Jehovah: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before Jehovah, to eat and be sufficed, and for excellent clothing.

24:1 Behold, Jehovah maketh the land empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad its inhabitants.

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with him from whom usury is taken.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for Jehovah hath spoken this word.

4 The land mourneth, it fadeth away; the world languisheth, it fadeth away: the haughty people of the land do languish.

5 And the land is polluted under the inhabitants thereof; for they have violated the laws, changed the statute, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore doth the curse devour the earth, and they that dwell therein are held guilty; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are consumed, and few men are left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all that were merry-hearted do sigh;

8 the mirth of tambours ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They do not drink wine with a song; strong drink is bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of solitude is broken down; every house is shut up, so that none entereth in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone;

12 desolation remaineth in the city, and the gate is smitten, —a ruin.

- 13 For so will it be in the midst of the land among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive-tree, as the grape-gleanings when the vintage is done.
- 14 These shall lift up their voice, they shall shout for the majesty of Jehovah, they shall cry aloud from the sea.
- 15 Therefore glorify Jehovah in the east, the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel, in the isles of the west.
- 16 From the end of the earth have we heard songs: Glory to the righteous! And I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.
- 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare are upon thee, inhabitant of the land.
- 18 And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the sound of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are open, and the foundations of the earth shake.
- 19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is completely dissolved, the earth is violently moved.
- 20 The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunkard, and is shaken like a night hut; and its transgression is heavy upon it; and it falleth and shall not rise again.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* Jehovah will punish the host of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.
- 22 And they shall be brought together, *as* an assemblage of prisoners for the pit, and shall be shut up in prison, and after many days shall they be visited.
- 23 And the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Jehovah of hosts shall reign on mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients in glory.
- 25:1 Jehovah, thou art my God: I will exalt thee; I will celebrate thy name, for thou hast done wonderful things; counsels of old *which are* faithfulness *and* truth.

- 2 For thou hast made of the city a heap, of the fortified town a ruin, the palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built up.
- 3 Therefore shall the mighty people glorify thee, the city of terrible nations shall fear thee.
- 4 For thou hast been a fortress to the poor, a fortress for the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat: for the blast of the terrible ones *has been* as the storm *against* a wall.
- 5 Thou hast subdued the tumult of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *as* the heat, by the shadow of a cloud, *so* the song of the terrible ones is brought low.
- 6 And in this mountain will Jehovah of hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
- 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the veil which veileth all the peoples, and the covering that is spread over all the nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death in victory. And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah hath spoken.
- 9 And it shall be said in that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jehovah, we have waited for him; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 For in this mountain shall the hand of Jehovah rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, as straw is trodden down in the dunghill;
- 11 and he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth them forth to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the plots of their hands.
- 12 And the fortress of the high defences of thy walls will he bring down, lay low, bring to the ground, into the dust.

- 26:1** In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah:
We have a strong city; salvation doth he appoint for
walls and bulwarks.
- 2 Open ye the gates, and the righteous nation which
keepeth faithfulness shall enter in.
- 3 Thou wilt keep in perfect peace the mind stayed *on*
thee, for he confideth in thee.
- 4 Confide ye in Jehovah for ever; for in Jah, Jehovah, is
the rock of ages.
- 5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the
lofty city, he layeth it low, he layeth it low to the
ground, he bringeth it even to the dust.
- 6 The foot shall tread it down, —the feet of the afflicted,
the steps of the poor.
- 7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, the Upright,
dost make the path of the just even.
- 8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Jehovah, have we
waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul is to thy name,
and to thy memorial.
- 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with
my spirit within me I seek thee early: for when thy
judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world
learn righteousness.
- 10 If favour be shewn to the wicked, he doth not learn
righteousness: in the land of uprightness he dealeth
unjustly, and beholdeth not the majesty of Jehovah.
- 11 Jehovah, thy hand is lifted up, but they do not see: *yet*
they shall see *thy* jealousy *for* the people, and be
ashamed; yea, the fire which is for thine adversaries
shall devour them.
- 12 Jehovah, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou also
hast wrought all our works for us.
- 13 Jehovah our God, other lords than thee have had
dominion over us; by thee only will we make mention
of thy name.
- 14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; deceased, they shall
not rise: for thou hast visited and destroyed them, and
made all memory of them to perish.
- 15 Thou hast increased the nation, Jehovah, thou hast
increased the nation: thou art glorified. Thou hadst
removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.

- 16 Jehovah, in trouble they sought thee; they poured out *their* whispered prayer when thy chastening was upon them.
- 17 As a woman with child, that draweth near her delivery, is in travail, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been before thee, Jehovah.
- 18 We have been with child, we have been in travail, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought the deliverance of the land, neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
- 19 Thy dead shall live, my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing in triumph, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is the dew of the morning, and the earth shall cast forth the dead.
- 20 Come, my people, enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself just for a little moment, until the indignation be past.
- 21 For behold, Jehovah cometh out of his place to visit the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth upon them; and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.
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- 27:1 In that day Jehovah, with his sore and great and strong sword, will visit leviathan the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the crooked serpent; and he will slay the monster that is in the sea.
- 2 In that day *there shall be* a vineyard of pure wine; sing concerning it:
- 3 I Jehovah keep it, I will water it every moment; lest any harm it, I will keep it night and day.
- 4 Fury is not in me. Oh that I had briars *and* thorns in battle against me! I would march against them, I would burn them together.
- 5 Or let him take hold of my strength; let him make peace with me: *yea*, let him make peace with me.
- 6 In the future Jacob shall take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

- 7 Hath he smitten him according to the smiting of those that smote him? Is he slain according to the slaughter of those slain by him?
- 8 In measure, when sending her away, didst thou contend with her: he hath taken *her* away with his rough wind in the day of the east wind.
- 9 By this, therefore, shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit of the taking away of his sin: when he shall make all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are crumbled in pieces, —the Asherahs and the sun-images shall not stand.
- 10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation abandoned and forsaken like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume its boughs.
- 11 When its branches are withered they shall be broken off; women shall come *and* set them on fire. For it is a people of no intelligence; therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he who formed them will shew them no favour.
- 12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah shall beat out from the flood of the river unto the torrent of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, *ye* children of Israel.
- 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall come that were perishing in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and they shall worship Jehovah in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.
- 28:1 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious adornment, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are overcome with wine.
- 2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, as a storm of hail *and* a destroying tempest; as a storm of mighty waters overflowing, shall he cast down to the earth with might.

- 3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under feet;
- 4 and the fading flower of his glorious adornment which is on the head of the fat valley shall be like an early fig before the summer: as soon as he that seeth it perceiveth it, scarcely is it in his hand, he swalloweth it down.
- 5 In that day will Jehovah of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the remnant of his people;
- 6 and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.
- 7 But these also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are they gone astray. The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink; they are overpowered by wine, they are gone astray through strong drink; they have erred in vision, they have stumbled *in* judgment.
- 8 For all tables are full of filthy vomit, so that there is no *more* place.
- 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand the report? Them that are weaned from the milk, withdrawn from the breasts?
- 10 For *it is* precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.
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- 11 For with stammering lips and a strange tongue will he speak to this people;
- 12 to whom he said, This is the rest: cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing. But they would not hear.
- 13 And the word of Jehovah was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little: that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.
- 14 Therefore hear the word of Jehovah, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.
- 15 For ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol have we made an agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it

shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.

- 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I lay for foundation in Zion a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that trusteth shall not make haste.
- 17 And I will appoint judgment for a line, and righteousness for a plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding-place.
- 18 And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, ye shall be trodden down by it.
- 19 As it passeth through it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass through, by day and by night; and it shall be terror only to understand the report.
- 20 For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on, and the covering too narrow when he would wrap himself in it.
- 21 For Jehovah will rise up as on mount Perazim, he will be moved with anger as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his strange work, and perform his act, his unwonted act.
- 22 Now therefore be ye not scorers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord Jehovah of hosts a consumption, and *one* determined, upon the whole land.
- 23 Give ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.
- 24 Doth the ploughman plough all day to sow? Is he *all day* opening and breaking the clods of his land?
- 25 Doth he not, when he hath levelled the face thereof, cast abroad dill, and scatter cummin, and set the wheat in rows, and the barley in an appointed place, and the rye in its border?
- 26 His God doth instruct him in *his* judgment, he doth teach him.
- 27 For the dill is not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cummin; but dill is beaten out with a staff, and cummin with a rod.

- 28 Bread *corn* is crushed, because he will not ever be threshing it; and if he drove the wheels of his cart and his horses *over it*, he would not crush it.
- 29 This also cometh forth from Jehovah of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel, great in wisdom.
- 29:1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city of David's encampment! Add ye year to year; let the feasts come round.
- 2 But I will distress Ariel, and there shall be sorrow and sadness; and it shall be unto me as an Ariel.
- 3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with watch-posts, and I will raise forts against thee.
- 4 And thou shalt be brought low, thou shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall come low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.
- 5 And the multitude of thine enemies shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones as chaff that passeth away; and it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
- 6 Thou shalt be visited by Jehovah of hosts with thunder and with earthquake and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
- 7 And the multitude of all the nations that war against Ariel, even all that war against her and her fortifications, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
- 8 It shall even be as when the hungry dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; and he awaketh, and his soul is empty; or as when the thirsty dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; and he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul craveth: so shall the multitude of all the nations be that war against mount Zion.
- 9 Be astounded and astonished, blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

- 10 For Jehovah hath poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your chiefs, the seers, hath he covered.
- 11 And the whole vision is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which they give to one that can read, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed.
- 12 And they give the book to him that cannot read, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot read.
- 13 And the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near with their mouth, and honour me with their lips, but their heart is removed far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught of men;
- 14 therefore, behold, I will proceed to do marvellously with this people, to do marvellously, even with wonder, and the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their intelligent ones shall be hid.
- 15 Woe unto them that hide deep, far from Jehovah, their counsel! And their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?
- 16 *Oh* your perverseness! —Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay, so that the work should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He hath no understanding?
- 17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
- 18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and, out of obscurity and out of darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see;
- 19 and the meek shall increase their joy in Jehovah, and the needy among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
- 20 For the terrible one shall come to nought, and the scorner shall be no more, and all that watch for iniquity shall be cut off,
- 21 that make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and pervert *the judgment of* the righteous by futility.

- 22 Therefore thus saith Jehovah who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now be pale;
- 23 for when he seeth his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall hallow my name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.
- 24 And they that are of erring spirit shall know understanding, and the disobedient shall learn doctrine.
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- 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith Jehovah, who take counsel, but not of me, and who make leagues, but not by my Spirit, that they may heap sin upon sin;
- 2 who walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked of my mouth, —to take refuge under the protection of Pharaoh, and trust in the shadow of Egypt!
- 3 For to you the protection of Pharaoh shall be a shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt a confusion.
- 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.
- 5 They were all ashamed of a people *that* did not profit them, nor were a help or profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.
- 6 —The burden of the beasts of the south: Through a land of trouble and anguish, whence come the lioness and lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to the people that shall not profit *them*.
- 7 For Egypt shall help in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I named her, Arrogance, that doeth nothing.
- 8 Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and record it in a book, that it may be for the time to come, as a witness for ever,
- 9 that this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Jehovah;

- 10 who say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things; speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits;
- 11 get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us!
- 12 Therefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel: Because ye reject this word, and confide in oppression and wilfulness, and depend thereon,
- 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a towering wall, whose breaking shall come suddenly in an instant.
- 14 And he shall break it as the breaking of a potter's vessel, that is broken in pieces unsparingly; and in the pieces of it there shall not be found a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to scoop water out of the cistern.
- 15 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be your strength; but ye would not.
- 16 And ye said, No, but we will flee upon horses, — therefore shall ye flee; and, We will ride upon the swift, —therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.
- 17 One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as a banner on a hill.
- 18 And therefore will Jehovah wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he lift himself up, that he may have mercy upon you; for Jehovah is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.
- 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion, at Jerusalem. Thou shalt weep no more; he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; as he heareth it, he will answer thee.
- 20 And the Lord will give you the bread of adversity, and the water of oppression; yet thy teachers shall not be hidden any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers.
- 21 And when ye turn to the right hand or when ye turn to the left, thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.
- 22 And ye shall defile the silver covering of your graven images, and the gold overlaying of your molten

- images; thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth: Out! shalt thou say unto it.
- 23 And he will give the rain of thy seed with which thou shalt sow the ground; and bread, the produce of the ground, and it shall be fat and rich. In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures;
- 24 and the oxen and the asses that till the ground shall eat salted provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.
- 25 And there shall be upon every high mountain and upon every hill that is lifted up, brooks *and* water-courses, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
- 26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the wound of their stroke.
- 27 Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from far, burning *with* his anger—a grievous conflagration; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a consuming fire;
- 28 and his breath as an overflowing torrent, which reacheth even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction, and *to put* a bridle into the jaws of the peoples, that causeth them to go astray.
- 29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a feast is sanctified; and joy of heart, as of one who goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel.
- 30 And Jehovah will cause the majesty of his voice to be heard, and will shew the lighting down of his arm with indignation of anger, and a flame of consuming fire, with waterflood and storm and hailstones.
- 31 For through the voice of Jehovah shall the Assyrian be broken down: he will smite *him* with the rod.
- 32 And wherever shall pass the appointed staff, which Jehovah shall lay upon him, it shall be with tambours and harps; and with tumultuous battles will he fight with it.
- 33 For Topheth is prepared of old; for the king also it is prepared: he hath made it deep and large; its pile is fire

and much wood; the breath of Jehovah, like a stream of
brimstone, doth kindle it.

- 31:1** Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, and depend on horses, and confide in chariots because *they are* many, and in horsemen because they are very strong; and who look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek Jehovah!
- 2** But he also is wise, and he bringeth evil, and recalleth not his words; and he will arise against the house of evildoers, and against the help of workers of iniquity.
- 3** And the Egyptians are men, and not •God, and their horses flesh, and not spirit; and Jehovah shall stretch forth his hand, and he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall, and they all shall perish together.
- 4** For thus hath Jehovah said unto me: Like as the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, is not afraid of their voice, nor giveth way before the multitude of them; so will Jehovah of hosts come down to war upon mount Zion, and on the hill thereof.
- 5** As birds with outstretched wings, so will Jehovah of hosts cover Jerusalem; covering, he will also deliver, passing over, he will rescue *it*.
- 6** Turn unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, ye children of Israel;
- 7** for in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your sinful hands have made unto you.
- 8** And Asshur shall fall by the sword, not of a great man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become tributary;
- 9** and for fear, he shall pass over to his rock, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner, saith Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

- 32:1** Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.
- 2** And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the storm; as brooks of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.
- 3** And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken;
- 4** and the heart of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
- 5** The vile man shall be no more called noble, nor the churl said to be bountiful:
- 6** for the vile man will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against Jehovah, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
- 7** The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.
- 8** But the noble deviseth noble things; and to noble things doth he stand.
- 9** Rise up, ye women that are at ease, hear my voice; ye careless daughters, give ear unto my speech.
- 10** In a year and *some* days shall ye be troubled, ye careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come.
- 11** Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and gird *sackcloth* on your loins!
- 12** They shall smite on the breasts *in lamentation* for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vineyards.
- 13** Upon the land of my people shall come up thistles *and* briars, yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city.
- 14** For the palace shall be deserted, the multitude of the city shall be forsaken; hill and watchtower shall be caves for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;
- 15** until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

- 16 And judgment shall inhabit the wilderness, and righteousness dwell in the fruitful field.
- 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.
- 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.
- 19 And it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.
- 20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.
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- 33:1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and that dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; when thou shalt make an end of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.
- 2 Jehovah, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be their arm every morning, yea, our salvation in the time of trouble.
- 3 At the noise of the tumult the peoples fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.
- 4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running of locusts shall they run upon it.
- 5 Jehovah is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with justice and righteousness;
- 6 and he shall be the stability of thy times, the riches of salvation, wisdom and knowledge: the fear of Jehovah shall be your treasure.
- 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without; the messengers of peace weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways are desolate, the wayfaring man ceaseth. He hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.
- 9 The land mourneth, it languisheth; Lebanon is ashamed, is withered; the Sharon is become as a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped.

- 10 Now will I arise, saith Jehovah; now will I be exalted, now will I lift up myself.
- 11 Ye shall conceive dry grass, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath shall devour you *as* fire.
- 12 And the peoples shall be *as* burnings of lime, *as* thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
- 13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might.
- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling hath surprised the hypocrites: Who among us shall dwell with the consuming fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting flames?
- 15 —He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from taking hold of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil:
- 16 he shall dwell on high, the fortresses of the rocks shall be his high retreat; bread shall be given him, his water shall be sure.
- 17 Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is far off.
- 18 Thy heart shall meditate on terror: Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?
- 19 Thou shalt no more see the fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst comprehend, of a stammering tongue that cannot be understood.
- 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes whereof shall never be pulled up, neither shall any of its cords be broken;
- 21 but there Jehovah is unto us glorious, —a place of rivers, of broad streams: no galley with oars shall go there, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
- 22 For Jehovah is our judge, Jehovah, our lawgiver, Jehovah, our king: he will save us.
- 23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they strengthen not the socket of their mast, they cannot spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven *their* iniquity.

34:1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples: let the earth hear, and all its fulness; the world, and all that cometh forth of it.

2 For the wrath of Jehovah is against all the nations, and *his* fury against all their armies: he hath devoted them to destruction, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 And their slain shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up from their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of the heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fade away, as a leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as the withered *fruit* from the fig-tree.

5 For my sword is bathed in the heavens; behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my ban, to judgment.

6 The sword of Jehovah is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for Jehovah hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7 And the buffaloes shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For it is the day of Jehovah's vengeance, the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

9 And the torrents thereof shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone; yea, the land thereof shall become burning pitch:

10 it shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 And the pelican and the bittern shall possess it, and the great owl and the raven shall dwell in it. And he shall

stretch out upon it the line of waste, and the plummets of emptiness.

- 12** Of her nobles who should proclaim the kingdom, none are there; and all her princes shall be nought.
- 13** And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in her fortresses; and it shall be a dwelling-place of wild dogs, a court for ostriches.
- 14** And there shall the beasts of the desert meet with the jackals, and the wild goat shall cry to his fellow; the lilith also shall settle there, and find for herself a place of rest.
- 15** There shall the arrow-snake make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow; there also shall the vultures be gathered one with another.
- 16** Search ye in the book of Jehovah and read: not one of these shall fail, one shall not have to seek for the other; for my mouth, it hath commanded, and his Spirit, it hath gathered them.
- 17** For he himself hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them with the line: they shall possess it for ever; from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

- 35:1** The wilderness and the dry land shall be gladdened; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
- 2** It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and shouting: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of Jehovah, the excellency of our God.
- 3** Strengthen the weak hands and confirm the tottering knees.
- 4** Say to them that are of a timid heart, Be strong, fear not; behold your God: vengeance cometh, the recompense of God! He will come himself, and save you.
- 5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf be unstopped;

- 6 then shall the lame *man* leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and torrents in the desert.
- 7 And the mirage shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of wild dogs, where they lay down, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.
- 8 And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass through it; but it shall be for these. Those that go *this way*—even fools, —shall not err *therein*.
- 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall ravenous beast go up thereon, nor be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*.
- 10 And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
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- 36:1 And it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.
- 2 And the king of Assyria sent Rab-shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem, to king Hezekiah, with a strong force. And he stood by the aqueduct of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field.
- 3 Then came forth to him Eliakim the son of Hilkijah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the chronicler.
- 4 And Rab-shakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: What confidence is this in which thou trustest?
- 5 Thou sayest, but it is a word of the lips, *There is* counsel and strength for war. Now on whom dost thou rely, that thou hast revolted against me?
- 6 Behold, thou reliest upon the staff of that broken reed, upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it goes into his hand, and pierces it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that rely upon him.

- 7 And if thou say to me, We rely upon Jehovah our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?
- 8 And now engage, I pray thee, with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.
- 9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants? And thou reliest upon Egypt for chariots and for horsemen!
- 10 And now am I come up without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.
- 11 And Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rab-shakeh, Speak, we pray thee, to thy servants in Syriac, for we understand it; and speak not to us in the Jewish *language* in the ears of the people that are upon the wall.
- 12 And Rab-shakeh said, Is it to thy master and to thee that my master sent me to speak these words? Is it not to the men that sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?
- 13 And Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish *language*, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!
- 14 Thus says the king: Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you.
- 15 Neither let Hezekiah make you rely upon Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will certainly deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.
- 16 Hearken not to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: Make peace with me and come out to me; and eat every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink every one the waters of his own cistern;
- 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.
- 18 Let not Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

- 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?
- 20 Who are they among all the gods of these countries that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?
- 21 And they were silent, and answered him not a word; for the king's command was, saying, Answer him not.
- 22 And Eliakim the son of Hilkijah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the chronicler, came to Hezekiah, with their garments rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.
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- 37:1 And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his garments, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah.
- 2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.
- 3 And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of reviling; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.
- 4 It may be Jehovah thy God will hear the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jehovah thy God hath heard. Therefore lift up a prayer for the remnant that is left.
- 5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
- 6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jehovah: Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
- 7 Behold, I will put a spirit into him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.
- 8 And Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

- 9 And he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He has come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,
- 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: Let not thy God, upon whom thou reliest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
- 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all countries, destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?
- 12 Have the gods of the nations which my fathers have destroyed delivered them, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Thelassar?
- 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?
- 14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up into the house of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah.
- 15 And Hezekiah prayed to Jehovah, saying,
- 16 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, who sittest *between* the cherubim, thou, the Same, thou alone art the God of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made the heavens and the earth.
- 17 Incline thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open, Jehovah, thine eyes, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who hath sent to reproach the living God.
- 18 Of a truth, Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the lands, and their countries,
- 19 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; and they have destroyed them.
- 20 And now, Jehovah our God, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art Jehovah, thou only.
- 21 And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,

- 22 this is the word which Jehovah hath spoken against him: The virgin-daughter of Zion despiseth thee, laugheth thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem shaketh her head at thee.
- 23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted the voice? Against the Holy One of Israel hast thou lifted up thine eyes on high.
- 24 By thy servants thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the recesses of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, the choice of its cypresses; and I will enter into its furthest height, *into* the forest of its fruitful field.
- 25 I have digged and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the streams of Matsor.
- 26 Hast thou not heard that long ago I did it, and that from ancient days I formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest lay waste fortified cities *into* ruinous heaps.
- 27 And their inhabitants were powerless, they were dismayed and put to shame; they were *as* the grass of the field and the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and grain blighted before it be grown up.
- 28 But I know thine abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me.
- 29 Because thy raging against me and thine arrogance is come up into mine ears, I will put my ring in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will make thee go back by the way by which thou camest.
- 30 And this *shall be* the sign unto thee: there shall be eaten this year such as groweth of itself; and in the second year that which springeth of the same; but in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof.
- 31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward;
- 32 for out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they that escape: the zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.

- 33 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.
- 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith Jehovah.
- 35 And I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
- 36 And an angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand. And when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead bodies.
- 37 And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and abode at Nineveh.
- 38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.
- 38:1 In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus saith Jehovah: Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
- 2 And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Jehovah,
- 3 and said, Ah, Jehovah, remember, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept much.
- 4 And the word of Jehovah came to Isaiah, saying,
- 5 Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of David thy father: I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add to thy days fifteen years.
- 6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.
- 7 And this *shall be* the sign to thee from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do this thing that he hath spoken:

- 8 behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which hath gone down with the sun on the dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned on the dial ten degrees, by which it had gone down.
- 9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:
- 10 I said, In the meridian of my days I shall go to the gates of Sheol: I am deprived of the rest of my years.
- 11 I said, I shall not see Jah, Jah in the land of the living. With those who dwell where all has ceased to be, I shall behold man no more.
- 12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent. I have cut off like a weaver my life. He separateth me from the thrum: —from day to night thou wilt make an end of me.
- 13 I kept still until the morning; ...as a lion, so doth he break all my bones. From day to night thou wilt make an end of me.
- 14 Like a swallow *or* a crane, so did I chatter; I mourned as a dove; mine eyes failed *with looking* upward: Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me.
- 15 What shall I say? He hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*. I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.
- 16 Lord, by these things *men* live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit; and thou hast recovered me, and made me to live.
- 17 Behold, instead of peace I had bitterness upon bitterness; but thou hast in love delivered my soul from the pit of destruction; for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
- 18 For not Sheol shall praise thee, nor death celebrate thee; they that go down into the pit do not hope for thy truth.
- 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.
- 20 Jehovah was *purposed* to save me. —And we will play upon my stringed instruments all the days of our life, in the house of Jehovah.
- 21 Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.

- 22 And Hezekiah had said, What is the sign that I shall go up into the house of Jehovah?
- 39:1 At that time Merodach-Baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent a letter and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick and had recovered.
- 2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver and the gold, and the spices and the fine oil, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found amongst his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not shew them.
- 3 Then came the prophet Isaiah to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from whence came they to thee? And Hezekiah said, They came from a far country to me, from Babylon.
- 4 And he said, What have they seen in thy house? And Hezekiah said, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewn them.
- 5 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Jehovah of hosts:
- 6 Behold, days come when all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah.
- 7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.
- 8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast spoken. And he said, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.
- 40:1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- 2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her time of suffering is accomplished, that her iniquity

is pardoned; for she hath received of Jehovah's hand double for all her sins.

- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of Jehovah, make straight in the desert a highway for our God!
- 4 Every valley shall be raised up, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken.
- 6 A voice saith, Cry. And he saith, What shall I cry? — All flesh is grass, and all the comeliness thereof as the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, for the breath of Jehovah bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.
- 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God abideth for ever.
- 9 O Zion, that bringest glad tidings, get thee up into a high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest glad tidings, lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
- 10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with might, and his arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompence before him.
- 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd: he will gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom; he will gently lead those that give suck.
- 12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out the heavens with *his* span, and grasped the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance, and the hills in scales?
- 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of Jehovah, and, *as* his counsellor, hath taught him?
- 14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* gave him intelligence, and instructed him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed him the way of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the nations are esteemed as a drop of the bucket, and as the fine dust on the scales; behold, he taketh up the isles as an atom.

- 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.
- 17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are esteemed by him less than a cipher, and vanity.
- 18 To whom then will ye liken •God? and what likeness will ye compare unto him?
- 19 The workman casteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains *for it*.
- 20 He that is impoverished, so that he hath no offering, chooseth a tree that doth not rot; he seeketh unto him a skilled workman to prepare a graven image that shall not be moved.
- 21 —Do ye not know? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood the foundation of the earth?
- 22 *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a gauze curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in;
- 23 that bringeth the princes to nothing, that maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
- 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely are they sown, scarcely hath their stock taken root in the earth, but he also bloweth upon them and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble.
- 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see! Who hath created these things, bringing out their host by number? He calleth them all by name; through the greatness of his might and strength of power, not one faileth.
- 27 Why sayest thou, Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from Jehovah, and my right is passed away from my God?
- 28 Dost thou not know, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not nor tireth? There is no searching of his understanding.
- 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.

- 30 Even the youths shall faint and shall tire, and the young men shall stumble and fall;
- 31 but they that wait upon Jehovah shall renew *their* strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not tire; they shall walk, and not faint.
- 41:1 Keep silence before me, islands; and let the peoples renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us draw near together to judgment.
- 2 Who raised up from the east him whom righteousness calleth to its foot? He gave the nations before him, and caused him to have dominion over kings; he gave them as dust to his sword, as driven stubble to his bow.
- 3 He pursued them, he passed on in safety, by a way he had never come with his feet.
- 4 Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I, Jehovah, the first; and with the last, I *am* HE.
- 5 The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth trembled: they drew near, and came.
- 6 They helped every one his neighbour, and *each* said to his brother, Take courage.
- 7 And the artizan encouraged the founder, he that smootheth *with* the hammer him that smiteth on the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good; and he fasteneth it with nails, that it be not moved.
- 8 But thou, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my friend
- 9 —thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from the extremities thereof, and to whom I said, Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee and not rejected thee,
- 10 —Fear not, for I *am* with thee; be not dismayed, for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

- 11** Lo, all that are incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they that strive with thee shall be as nothing, and shall perish.
- 12** Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them—they that contend with thee; they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.
- 13** For I, Jehovah, thy God, hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
- 14** Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith Jehovah, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
- 15** Behold, I have made of thee a new sharp threshing instrument having double teeth: thou shalt thresh and beat small the mountains, and shalt make the hills as chaff;
- 16** thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; and thou shalt rejoice in Jehovah, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17** The afflicted and the needy seek water, and there is none; their tongue faileth for thirst: I, Jehovah, will answer them, *I*, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
- 18** I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness into a pool of water, and the dry land into water-springs.
- 19** I will give in the wilderness the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and oleaster; I will set in the desert the cypress, pine, and box-tree together;
- 20** that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.
- 21** Produce your cause, saith Jehovah; bring forward your arguments, saith the King of Jacob.
- 22** Let them bring them forward, and declare to us what shall happen: shew the former things, what they are, that we may give attention to them, and know the end of them; —or let us hear things to come:
- 23** declare the things that are to happen hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods; yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be astonished, and behold it together.

- 24 Behold, ye are less than nothing, and your work is of nought; an abomination is he that chooseth you. ...
- 25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come, —from the rising of the sun, he who will call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as on mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.
- 26 Who hath declared *it* from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *It is right?* Indeed, there is none that declareth; no, none that sheweth; no, none that heareth your words.
- 27 The first, *I said* to Zion, Behold, behold them! and to Jerusalem, I will give one that bringeth glad tidings.
- 28 And I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, —and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
- 29 Behold, they are all vanity, their works are nought, their molten images are wind and emptiness.
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- 42:1 Behold my servant whom I uphold, mine elect *in whom* my soul delighteth! I will put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the nations.
- 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment according to truth.
- 4 He shall not faint nor be in haste, till he have set justice in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
- 5 Thus saith •God, Jehovah, he that created the heavens and stretched them out, he that spread forth the earth and its productions, he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- 6 I, Jehovah, have called thee in righteousness, and will take hold of thy hand; and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations,
- 7 to open the blind eyes, to bring forth the prisoner from the prison, them that sit in darkness out of the house of restraint.

- 8 I am Jehovah, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth will I cause you to hear them.
- 10 Sing unto Jehovah a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the isles and their inhabitants.
- 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains:
- 12 let them give glory unto Jehovah, and declare his praise in the islands.
- 13 Jehovah will go forth as a mighty man, he will stir up jealousy like a man of war: he will cry, yea, he will shout; he will shew himself mighty against his enemies.
- 14 Long time have I holden my peace; I have been still, I have restrained myself: I will cry like a woman that travaileth; I will blow and pant at once.
- 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
- 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not, in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
- 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be covered with shame, that confide in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.
- 18 —Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
- 19 Who is blind, but my servant? and deaf, as my messenger whom I sent? Who is blind as he in whom I have trusted, and blind as Jehovah's servant,
- 20 —seeing many things, and thou observest not? With opened ears, he heareth not.
- 21 Jehovah had delight *in him* for his righteousness' sake: he hath magnified the law, and made it honourable.
- 22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and hidden in prison-houses; they

are become a prey, and none delivereth, —a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this, *who* will hearken and hear what is to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not Jehovah, he against whom we have sinned? And they would not walk in his ways, neither did they hearken unto his law.

25 And he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he took it not to heart.

43:1 But now thus saith Jehovah, that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I *am* Jehovah thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee; and I will give men for thee, and peoples for thy life.

5 Fear not, for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the end of the earth,

7 every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory: I have formed him, yea, I have made him.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them declareth this,

or causeth us to hear former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, *It is truth.*

- 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* HE: before me there was no •God formed, neither shall there be after me.
- 11 I, I *am* Jehovah; and besides me there is no saviour.
- 12 It is I that have declared, and have saved, and have shewed, when there was no strange *god* among you; and ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, that I *am* •God.
- 13 Yea, since the day was, I *am* HE, and there is none that delivereth out of my hand: I will work, and who shall hinder it?
- 14 Thus saith Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought all of them down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.
- 15 I *am* Jehovah, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.
- 16 Thus saith Jehovah, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters,
- 17 who bringeth forth chariot and horse, army and power—they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched as tow:
- 18 —Remember not the former things, neither consider the ancient things:
- 19 behold, I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth: shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the waste.
- 20 The beast of the field shall glorify me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I will give waters in the wilderness, rivers in the waste, to give drink to my people, my chosen.
- 21 This people have I formed for myself: they shall shew forth my praise.
- 22 —But thou hast not called upon me, Jacob; for thou hast been weary of me, O Israel:
- 23 thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt-offerings, neither hast thou glorified me with thy

sacrifices. I have not caused thee to toil with an oblation, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast made me to toil with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 —I, I *am* He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and I will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance, let us plead together; rehearse thine own *cause*, that thou mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy mediators have rebelled against me.

28 And I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the ban, and Israel to reproaches.

44:1 And now hear, Jacob, my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 thus saith Jehovah, that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, who helpeth thee, Fear not, Jacob, my servant, and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

4 And they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the water-courses.

5 One shall say, I am Jehovah's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall write with his hand: *I am* Jehovah's, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts: I *am* the first, and I *am* the last, and beside me there is no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the coming things, and those that shall happen, let them declare unto them.

8 Fear not, neither be afraid. Have I not caused thee to hear from that time, and have declared it? and ye are

my witnesses. Is there a †God beside me? yea, there is no Rock: I know not any.

- 9 They that form a graven image are all of them vanity, and their delectable things are of no profit; and they are their own witnesses: they see not, nor know; —that they may be ashamed.
- 10 Who hath formed a •god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?
- 11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen are but men. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up: they shall fear, they shall be ashamed together.
- 12 The iron-smith *hath* a chisel, and he worketh in the coals, and he fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with his strong arm; —but he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he hath not drunk water, and he is faint.
- 13 The worker in wood stretcheth out a line; he marketh it out with red chalk; he formeth it with sharp tools, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of man: that it may remain in the house.
- 14 When he heweth him down cedars, he taketh also a holm-oak and a terebinth—he chooseth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth a pine, and the rain maketh *it* grow.
- 15 And it shall be for a man to burn, and he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself; he kindleth it also, and baketh bread; he maketh also a •god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.
- 16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh, he roasteth roast, and is satisfied; yea, he is warm, and saith, Aha, I am become warm, I have seen the fire.
- 17 And with the remainder thereof he maketh a •god, his graven image; he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me, for thou art my •god.
- 18 They have no knowledge, and understand not; for he hath plastered their eyes, that they may not see; and their hearts, that they may not understand.

- 19 And none taketh it to heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire, and have also baked bread upon the coals thereof, I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*, and with the rest thereof shall I make an abomination? shall I bow down to a block of wood?
- 20 He feedeth on ashes; a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?
- 21 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for thou art my servant; I have formed thee: thou art my servant, Israel; thou shalt not be forgotten of me.
- 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
- 23 Sing, ye heavens; for Jehovah hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, the forest, and every tree therein! For Jehovah hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.
- 24 Thus saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb: I *am* Jehovah, the maker of all things; who alone stretched out the heavens, who did spread forth the earth by myself;
- 25 —he that frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;
- 26 that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built up, and I will raise up their ruins;
- 27 that saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers;
- 28 that saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and he shall perform all my pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

- 45:1 Thus saith Jehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him—and I will loose the loins of kings; to open before him the two-leaved doors, and the gates shall not be shut:
- 2 I will go before thee, and make the elevated places plain; I will break in pieces the brazen doors, and cut asunder the bars of iron;
- 3 and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places; that thou mayest know that I, Jehovah, who call thee by name, *am* the God of Israel.
- 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have called thee by thy name; I surnamed thee, though thou didst not know me;
- 5 I *am* Jehovah, and there is none else; there is no God beside me: I girded thee, and thou hast not known me;
- 6 —that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the going down, that there is none beside me. I *am* Jehovah, and there is none else;
- 7 forming the light and creating darkness, making peace and creating evil: I, Jehovah, do all these things.
- 8 Drop down, *ye* heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and with it let righteousness spring up. I, Jehovah, have created it.
- 9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let a potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that formeth it, What makest thou? Or thy work, He hath no hands?
- 10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? Or to *his* mother, What hast thou brought forth?
- 11 Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the things to come; concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me.
- 12 It is I that have made the earth, and created man upon it; it is I, my hands, that have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.
- 13 It is I that have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways straight: he shall build my city,

and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith Jehovah of hosts.

- 14 Thus saith Jehovah: The wealth of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall walk after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall bow down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely •God is in thee; and there is none else, no other God. ...
- 15 Verily thou art a •God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. ...
- 16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they shall go away in confusion together, the makers of idols.
- 17 Israel shall be saved by Jehovah with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded, unto the ages of ages.
- 18 For thus saith Jehovah who created the heavens, God himself who formed the earth and made it, he who established it, —not as waste did he create it: he formed it to be inhabited: —I *am* Jehovah, and there is none else.
- 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain: I *am* Jehovah, speaking righteousness, declaring things which are right.
- 20 Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations. They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a •god that cannot save.
- 21 Declare and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath caused this to be heard from ancient time? *who* hath declared it long ago? Is it not I, Jehovah? And there is no God else beside me; a just •God and a Saviour, there is none besides me.
- 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* •God, and there is none else.
- 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 Only in Jehovah, shall one say, have I righteousness and strength. To him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In Jehovah shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

46:1 Bel is bowed down, Nebo bendeth; their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things ye carried are laid on, a burden to the weary *beast*.

2 They bend, they are bowed down together; they could not deliver the burden, and themselves are gone into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, ye who have been borne from the belly, who have been carried from the womb:

4 Even to old age, I *am* HE, and unto hoary hairs I will carry *you*: It is I that have made, and I will bear, and I will carry, and will deliver.

5 To whom will ye liken me and make me equal, or compare me, that we may be like?

6 —They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance; they hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a •god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him on the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place; there he standeth, he doth not remove from his place: yea, one crieth unto him, and he answereth not; he saveth him not out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men; call it to mind, ye transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old; for I *am* •God, and there is none else; I *am* God, and there is none like me;

10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. Yea, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

- 12 Hearken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that are far from righteousness:
- 13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not delay; and I will give salvation in Zion, *and* unto Israel my glory.
- 47:1 Come down and sit in the dust, virgin-daughter of Babylon! Sit on the ground, —*there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
- 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove thy veil, lift up the train, uncover the leg, pass over rivers:
- 3 thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will meet none *to stay me*. ...
- 4 Our Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. ...
- 5 Sit silent, and get thee into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no more be called, Mistress of kingdoms.
- 6 I was wroth with my people, I polluted mine inheritance, and gave them into thy hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the aged didst thou very heavily lay thy yoke;
- 7 and thou saidst, I shall be a mistress for ever; so that thou didst not take these things to heart, thou didst not remember the end thereof.
- 8 And now hear this, thou voluptuous one, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thy heart, It is I, and there is none but me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know loss of children:
- 9 yet these two things shall come upon thee in a moment, in one day, loss of children and widowhood; they shall come upon thee in full measure for the multitude of thy sorceries, for the great abundance of thine enchantments.
- 10 For thou hast confided in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge,

it hath seduced thee; and thou hast said in thy heart, It is I, and there is none but me.

- 11** But evil shall come upon thee—thou shalt not know from whence it riseth; and mischief shall fall upon thee, which thou shalt not be able to ward off; and desolation that thou suspectest not shall come upon thee suddenly.
- 12** Stand now with thine enchantments and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to turn them to profit, if so be thou mayest cause terror.
- 13** Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the interpreters of the heavens, the observers of the stars, who predict according to the new moons what shall come upon thee, stand up, and save thee.
- 14** Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.
- 15** Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, they that trafficked with thee from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his own quarter; there is none to save thee.

- 48:1** Hear ye this, house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of Jehovah, and make mention of the God of Israel, not in truth, nor in righteousness.
- 2** For they are named after the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel: Jehovah of hosts is his name.
- 3** I have declared the former things long ago; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I caused them to be heard: I wrought suddenly, and they came to pass.
- 4** Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass,
- 5** so I have long ago declared *them* to thee; before they came to pass I caused thee to hear *them*; lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my

graven image, or my molten image hath commanded them.

- 6 Thou heardest, see all this; —and ye, will not ye declare *it*? I have caused thee to hear new things from this time, and things hidden, and that thou knewest not:
- 7 they are created now, and not long ago; and before this day thou hast not heard them, lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.
- 8 Yea, thou heardest not, yea, thou knewest not, yea, from of old thine ear was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldest ever deal treacherously, and thou wast called a transgressor from the womb.
- 9 For my name's sake I will defer mine anger, and *for* my praise will I refrain as to thee, that I cut thee not off.
- 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
- 11 For mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do *it*; for how should *my name* be profaned? and I will not give my glory unto another.
- 12 Hearken unto me, Jacob, and *thou* Israel, my called. I *am* HE; I, the first, and I, the last.
- 13 Yea, my hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spread abroad the heavens: I call unto them, they stand up together.
- 14 All ye, gather yourselves together, and hear: which among them hath declared these things? He whom Jehovah hath loved shall execute his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.
- 15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him; I have brought him, and his way shall be prosperous.
- 16 Come near unto me, hear ye this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord Jehovah hath sent me, and his Spirit.
- 17 Thus saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* Jehovah thy God, who teacheth thee for *thy* profit, who leadeth thee in the way that thou shouldest go.
- 18 Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then would thy peace have been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea;

- 19 and thy seed would have been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof: their name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.
- 20 Go ye forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing; declare, cause this to be heard, utter it to the end of the earth; say ye, Jehovah hath redeemed his servant Jacob.
- 21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; yea, he clave the rock, and the waters gushed out.
- 22 There is no peace, saith Jehovah, unto the wicked.
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- 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples from afar. Jehovah hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
- 2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword, he hath concealed me under the shadow of his hand, and he hath made me a polished shaft: in his quiver hath he hidden me.
- 3 And he said unto me, Thou art my servant, Israel, in whom I will glorify myself.
- 4 —And I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and in vain; nevertheless my judgment is with Jehovah, and my work with my God.
- 5 And now, saith Jehovah, that formed me from the womb to be his servant, that I should bring Jacob again to him; (though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorified in the eyes of Jehovah, and my God shall be my strength;)
- 6 —and he saith, It is a small thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I have even given thee for a light of the nations, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.
- 7 Thus saith Jehovah, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to the servant of rulers: Kings shall

see and arise, princes, and they shall worship, because of Jehovah who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who hath chosen thee.

- 8 Thus saith Jehovah: In a time of acceptance have I answered thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the land, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;
- 9 saying to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pasture shall be on all bare hills.
- 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them will lead them, and by the springs of water will he guide them.
- 11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be raised up.
- 12 Behold, these shall come from afar; and behold, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.
- 13 Shout, ye heavens; and be joyful, thou earth; and break forth into singing, ye mountains: for Jehovah hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted ones.
- 14 But Zion said, Jehovah hath forsaken me, and the Lord hath forgotten me.
- 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Even these forget, but I will not forget thee.
- 16 Lo, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls are continually before me.
- 17 Thy sons shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that laid thee waste shall go forth from thee.
- 18 Lift up thine eyes round about and behold: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee. As I live, saith Jehovah, thou shalt indeed clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and bind them on as a bride doth.
- 19 For *in* thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy destroyed land, thou shalt even now be too straitened

- by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
- 20 The children of thy bereavement shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too narrow for me: make room for me, that I may dwell.
- 21 And thou shalt say in thy heart, Who hath borne me these, seeing I had lost my children and was desolate, an exile, and driven about? and who hath brought up these? behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?
- 22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring thy sons in *their* bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried upon the shoulder.
- 23 And kings shall be thy nursing-fathers, and their princesses thy nursing-mothers: they shall bow down to thee with the face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet. And thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah; for they shall not be ashamed who wait on me.
- 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty? and shall he that is rightfully captive be delivered?
- 25 For thus saith Jehovah: Even the captive of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; and I will strive with him that striveth with thee, and I will save thy children.
- 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with new wine. And all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 50:1 Thus saith Jehovah: Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, through your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.
- 2 Wherefore did I come, and there was no man? I called, and there was none to answer? Is my hand at all shortened that I cannot redeem, or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make

rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because there is no water, and die for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord Jehovah hath given me the tongue of the instructed, that I should know how to succour by a word him that is weary. He wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the instructed.

5 The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not away back.

6 I gave my back to smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 But the Lord Jehovah will help me: therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me: who will contend with me? let us stand together; who is mine adverse party? let him draw near unto me.

9 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Behold, they all shall grow old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth Jehovah, that hearkeneth to the voice of his servant? he that walketh in darkness, and hath no light, —let him confide in the name of Jehovah, and stay himself upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and among the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of my hand: ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51:1 Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek Jehovah: look unto the rock *whence* ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye were digged.

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bore you; for I called him when he was alone, and blessed him, and multiplied him.

- 3 For Jehovah shall comfort Zion, he shall comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah: gladness and joy shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of song.
- 4 Listen unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will establish my judgment for a light of the peoples.
- 5 My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples: the isles shall wait for me, and in mine arm shall they trust.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall grow old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
- 7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of men, and be not afraid of their revilings.
- 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.
- 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of Jehovah; awake, as in the days of old, *as in* the generations of passed ages. Is it not thou that hath hewn Rahab in pieces, *and* pierced the monster?
- 10 Is it not thou that dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?
- 11 So the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- 12 I, *even* I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou fearest a man that shall die, and the son of man that shall become as grass;
- 13 and forgettest Jehovah thy Maker, who hath stretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and thou art afraid continually all the day because of

the fury of the oppressor, when he prepareth to destroy?
And where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 He that is bowed down shall speedily be loosed, and he shall not die in the pit, nor shall his bread fail.

15 And I am Jehovah thy God, who raiseth the sea, so that its waves roar: Jehovah of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and covered thee with the shadow of my hand, to plant the heavens, and to lay the foundations of the earth, and to say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 Arouse thyself, arouse thyself, stand up, Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of Jehovah the cup of his fury. Thou hast drunk, hast drained out the goblet-cup of bewilderment:

18 —there is none to guide her among all the children that she hath brought forth; neither is there any to take her by the hand of all the children that she hath brought up.

19 These two *things* are come unto thee; who will bemoan thee? —desolation and destruction, and famine and sword: how shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy children have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as an oryx in a net: they are full of the fury of Jehovah, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

22 thus saith thy Lord, Jehovah, and thy God, who pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I take out of thy hand the cup of bewilderment, the goblet-cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23 and I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; who have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over; and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street to them that went over.

52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

- 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, captive daughter of Zion.
- 3 For thus saith Jehovah: Ye have sold yourselves for nought, and ye shall be redeemed without money.
- 4 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and Assyria oppressed them without cause;
- 5 and now, what have I here, saith Jehovah, that my people hath been taken away for nought? They that rule over them make them to howl, saith Jehovah; and continually all the day is my name scorned.
- 6 Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* HE, that saith, Here am I.
- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that announceth glad tidings, that publisheth peace; that announceth glad tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
- 8 —The voice of thy watchmen, they lift up the voice, they sing aloud together; for they shall see eye to eye, when Jehovah shall bring again Zion.
- 9 Break forth, sing aloud together, waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah comforteth his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 Jehovah hath made bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- 11 —Depart, depart, go out from thence, touch not what is unclean; go out of the midst of her, be ye clean, that bear the vessels of Jehovah.
- 12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for Jehovah will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear-guard.
- 13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted and be lifted up, and be very high.
- 14 As many were astonished at thee—his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the children of men
- 15 —so shall he astonish many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him: for what had not been told them

shall they see, and what they had not heard shall they consider.

- 53:1** Who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed?
- 2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender sapling, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form nor lordliness, and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3** He is despised and left alone of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and like one from whom *men* hide their faces; —despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4** Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; and we, we did regard him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6** All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all.
- 7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, but he opened not his mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and was as a sheep dumb before her shearers, and he opened not his mouth.
- 8** He was taken from oppression and from judgment; and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- 9** And *men* appointed his grave with the wicked, but he was with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, neither was there guile in his mouth.
- 10** Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath subjected *him* to suffering. When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see a seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand.

- 11 He shall see of *the fruit of* the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant instruct many in righteousness; and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore will I assign him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong: because he hath poured out his soul unto death, and was reckoned with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- 54:1 Exult, thou barren, that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and shout for joy, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith Jehovah.
- 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.
- 3 For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess nations, and they shall make desolate cities to be inhabited.
- 4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.
- 5 For thy Maker is thy husband: Jehovah of hosts is his name, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: the God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- 6 For Jehovah hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and as a wife of youth, that hath been refused, saith thy God.
- 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.
- 8 In the outpouring of wrath have I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting loving-kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer.
- 9 For this is *as* the waters of Noah unto me, since I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over

the earth: so have I sworn that I will no more be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my loving-kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith Jehovah, that hath mercy on thee.

11 *Thou* afflicted, tossed with tempest, not comforted! Behold, I will set thy stones in antimony, and lay thy foundations with sapphires;

12 and I will make thy battlements of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of precious stones.

13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of Jehovah, and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever gathereth together against thee shall fall because of thee.

16 Behold, it is I who have created the smith that bloweth in the fire of coal, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the destroyer to ravage.

17 No weapon that is prepared against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that riseth against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of Jehovah; and their righteousness is of me, saith Jehovah.

55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price!

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which* is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the sure mercies of David.

- 4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the peoples, a prince and commander to the peoples.
- 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation thou knowest not, and a nation *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of Jehovah thy God, and the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.
- 6 Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.
- 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah.
- 9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
- 11 so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall do that which I please, and it shall accomplish that for which I send it.
- 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress, and instead of the nettle shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.
- 56:1 Thus saith Jehovah: Keep ye judgment and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

- 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth fast to it; that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
- 3 And let not the son of the alien, that hath joined himself to Jehovah, speak saying, Jehovah hath entirely separated me from his people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree;
- 4 for thus saith Jehovah: Unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast to my covenant,
- 5 even unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.
- 6 Also the sons of the alien, that join themselves to Jehovah, to minister unto him and to love the name of Jehovah, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast to my covenant;
- 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar: for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.
- 8 The Lord Jehovah, who gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith: Yet will I gather *others* to him, with those of his that are gathered.
- 9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, all ye beasts in the forest.
- 10 His watchmen are all of them blind, they are without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs that cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber:
- 11 and the dogs are greedy, they know not to be satisfied, and these are shepherds that know not how to discern: they all turn to their own way, every one for his gain, even to the last of them:
- 12 Come, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

- 57:1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from before the evil.
- 2 He entereth into peace: they rest in their beds, *each one* that hath walked in his uprightness.
- 3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.
- 4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? Against whom do ye make a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? Are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,
- 5 inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?
- 6 Among the smooth *stones* of the torrent is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured out a drink-offering, thou hast offered an oblation. Shall I be comforted myself as to these things?
- 7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither didst thou go up to offer sacrifice.
- 8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for apart from me, thou hast uncovered thyself, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and hast made agreement with them; thou lovedst their bed, thou sawest their nakedness.
- 9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst multiply thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers afar off, and didst debase thyself unto Sheol.
- 10 Thou wast wearied by the multitude of thy ways; *but* thou saidst not, It is of no avail. Thou didst find a quickening of thy strength; therefore thou wast not sick *of it*.
- 11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor taken it to heart? Have not I even of long time held my peace, and thou fearest me not?
- 12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; and they shall not profit thee.
- 13 When thou criest, let them that are gathered by thee deliver thee! But a wind shall carry them all away, a

breath shall take them; but he that putteth his trust in me shall inherit the land, and possess my holy mountain.

- 14 And it shall be said, Cast up, cast up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-blocks out of the way of my people.
- 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, and whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy *place*, and with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- 16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit would fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.
- 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on backslidingly in the way of his heart.
- 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him; and I will lead him, and will restore comforts unto him and to those of his that mourn.
- 19 I create the fruit of the lips: peace, peace to him *that is* afar off, and to him *that is* nigh, saith Jehovah; and I will heal him.
- 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, which cannot rest, and whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
- 21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

- 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and declare unto my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins.
- 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that doeth righteousness, and hath not forsaken the ordinance of their God; they ask of me the ordinances of righteousness, they take delight in approaching to God:
- 3 —Wherefore have we fasted, and thou seest not; have afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find what pleaseth *you*, and exact all your labours.

- 4 Behold, ye have fasted for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye do not at present fast, to cause your voice to be heard on high.
- 5 Is such the fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul, —that he should bow down his head as a bulrush, and spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? Wilt thou call this a fast, and a day acceptable to Jehovah?
- 6 Is not this the fast which I have chosen: to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, and to send forth free the crushed, and that ye break every yoke?
- 7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring to thy house the needy wanderers; when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
- 8 Then shall thy light break forth as the dawn, and thy health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee, the glory of Jehovah shall be thy rearguard.
- 9 Then shalt thou call, and Jehovah will answer; thou shalt cry, and he will say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger and the unjust speech,
- 10 and thou proffer thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in the darkness, and thine obscurity be as midday;
- 11 and Jehovah will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and strengthen thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a water-spring, whose waters deceive not.
- 12 And they *that come* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations *that have remained* from generation to generation; and thou shalt be called, Repairer of the breaches, restorer of frequented paths.
- 13 If thou turn back thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy *day* of Jehovah, honourable; and thou honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *idle* words;

14 then shalt thou delight thyself in Jehovah, and I will cause thee to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken.

- 59:1 Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear;
- 2 but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he doth not hear.
- 3 For your hands are stained with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips speak lies, your tongue muttereth unrighteousness:
- 4 none calleth for justice, none pleadeth in truthfulness. They trust in vanity, and speak falsehood; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
- 5 They hatch serpents' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.
- 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.
- 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths;
- 8 the way of peace they know not, and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made their paths crooked: whoso goeth therein knoweth not peace.
- 9 Therefore is justice far from us, and righteousness overtaketh us not: we wait for light, and behold darkness; for brightness, *but* we walk in obscurity.
- 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at midday as in the twilight; amongst the flourishing we are as the dead.
- 11 We roar all like bears, and mourn grievously like doves: we look for judgment, and there is none; for salvation, *but* it is far from us.

- 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and our iniquities, we know them:
- 13 in transgressing and lying against Jehovah, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
- 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and righteousness standeth afar off; for truth stumbleth in the street, and uprightness cannot enter.
- 15 And truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. And Jehovah saw *it*, and it was evil in his sight that there was no judgment.
- 16 And he saw that there was no man, and he wondered that there was no intercessor; and his arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness, it sustained him.
- 17 And he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.
- 18 According to deeds, so will he repay: fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.
- 19 And they shall fear the name of Jehovah from the west, and from the rising of the sun, his glory. When the adversary shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah will lift up a banner against him.
- 20 And the Redeemer will come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah.
- 21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and for ever.
- 60:1 Arise, shine! for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee.

- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen on thee.
- 3 And the nations shall walk by thy light, and kings by the brightness of thy rising.
- 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons come from afar, and thy daughters are carried upon the side.
- 5 Then thou shalt see, and shalt be brightened, and thy heart shall throb, and be enlarged; for the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover thee, young camels of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall publish the praises of Jehovah.
- 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall serve thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will beautify the house of my magnificence.
- 8 Who are these that come flying as a cloud, and as doves to their dove-cotes?
- 9 For the isles shall await me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of Jehovah thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, for he hath glorified thee.
- 10 And the sons of the alien shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee. For in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.
- 11 And thy gates shall stand open continually: (they shall not be shut day nor night,) that the wealth of the nations may be brought unto thee, and that their kings may be led *to thee*.
- 12 For the nation and the kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; and those nations shall be utterly wasted.
- 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the cypress, pine, and box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
- 14 And the children of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall

bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of Jehovah, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Instead of thy being forsaken and hated, so that no one went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy from generation to generation.

16 And thou shalt suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that I, Jehovah, *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17 For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron; and I will make thine officers peace, and thy rulers righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but Jehovah shall be thine everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for Jehovah shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall possess the land for ever—the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the smallest a mighty nation: I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time.

61:1 The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me, because Jehovah hath anointed me to announce glad tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 to proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

- 3 to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, that beauty should be given unto them instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness: that they might be called terebinths of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified.
- 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the places desolate from generation to generation.
- 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your ploughmen and your vinedressers.
- 6 But as for you, ye shall be called priests of Jehovah; it shall be said of you: Ministers of our God. Ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and into their glory shall ye enter.
- 7 Instead of your shame *ye shall have* double; instead of confusion they shall celebrate with joy their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double; everlasting joy shall be unto them.
- 8 For I, Jehovah, love judgment, I hate robbery with wrong; and I will give their recompence in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9 And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are a seed that Jehovah hath blessed.
- 10 I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with the priestly turban, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as a garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

- 62:1** For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be still, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a torch that burneth.
- 2** And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah will name.
- 3** And thou shalt be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
- 4** Thou shalt no more be termed, Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed, Desolate: but thou shalt be called, My delight is in her, and thy land, Married; for Jehovah delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.
- 5** For *as* a young man marieth a virgin, shall thy sons marry thee; and with the joy of the bridegroom over the bride, shall thy God rejoice over thee.
- 6** I have set watchmen upon thy walls, Jerusalem; all the day and all the night they shall never hold their peace: ye that put Jehovah in remembrance, keep not silence,
- 7** and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8** Jehovah hath sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength, I will indeed no more give thy corn *to be* food for thine enemies; and the sons of the alien shall not drink thy new wine, for which thou hast laboured;
- 9** for they that have garnered it shall eat it, and praise Jehovah; and they that have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.
- 10** Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a banner for the peoples.
- 11** Behold, Jehovah hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompence before him.
- 12** And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of Jehovah; and thou shalt be called, The sought out, The city not forsaken.

- 63:1** Who is this that cometh from Edom, with deep-red garments from Bozrah, this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? —I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
- 2** —Wherefore is redness in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat?
- 3** I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples not a man was with me; and I have trodden them in mine anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their blood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all mine apparel.
- 4** For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed had come.
- 5** And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: and mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.
- 6** And I have trodden down the peoples in mine anger, and made them drunk in my fury; and their blood have I brought down to the earth.
- 7** I will record the loving-kindnesses of Jehovah, the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah hath bestowed upon us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel which he hath bestowed upon them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.
- 8** And he said, They are indeed my people, children that will not lie; and he became their Saviour.
- 9** In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them and carried them all the days of old.
- 10** But they rebelled and grieved his holy Spirit: and he turned to be their enemy; himself, he fought against them.
- 11** But he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people: Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he that put his holy Spirit within him,

- 12 his glorious arm leading them by the right hand of Moses, dividing the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name,
- 13 —who led them through the depths, like a horse in the wilderness, *and* they stumbled not?
- 14 As cattle go down into the valley, the Spirit of Jehovah gave them rest; so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.
- 15 Look down from the heavens, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory! Where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy tender mercies? Are they restrained toward me?
- 16 For thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, Jehovah, art our Father; our Redeemer, from everlasting, is thy name.
- 17 Why, O Jehovah, hast thou made us to err from thy ways, hast hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.
- 18 Thy holy people have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.
- 19 We have become *like those* over whom thou never barest rule, those not called by thy name.
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- 64:1 Oh, that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, —that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,
- 2 —as fire kindleth brushwood, as the fire causeth water to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations might tremble at thy presence!
- 3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, and the mountains flowed down at thy presence.
- 4 Never have *men* heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor hath eye seen a God beside thee, who acteth for him that waiteth for him.
- 5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth to do righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: (behold, thou

wast wroth, and we have sinned:) in those is perpetuity, and we shall be saved.

6 And we are all become as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have carried us away;

7 and there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hidden thy face from us, and hast caused us to melt away through our iniquities.

8 And now, Jehovah, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

9 Be not wroth very sore, O Jehovah, neither remember iniquity for ever. Behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt up with fire, and all our precious things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou restrain thyself in presence of these things, Jehovah? Wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

65:1 I am sought out of them that inquired not *for me*, I am found of them that sought me not; I have said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

2 I have stretched out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, who walk in a way not good, after their own thoughts;

3 the people that provoke me to anger continually to my face, sacrificing in gardens and burning incense upon the bricks;

4 who sit down among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things *is in* their vessels;

- 5 who say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.
- 6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,
- 7 your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Jehovah, who have burned incense upon the mountains, and outraged me upon the hills; and I will measure their former work into their bosom.
- 8 Thus saith Jehovah: As the new wine is found in the cluster, and it is said, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy *them* all.
- 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah a possessor of my mountains; and mine elect shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.
- 10 And the Sharon shall be a fold for flocks, and the valley of Achor a couching-place of the herds, for my people that have sought me.
- 11 But ye who forsake Jehovah, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, and fill up mixed wine unto Meni:
- 12 I will even assign you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down in the slaughter; because I called, and ye did not answer, I spoke, and ye did not hear; but ye did what was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delight not.
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, my servants shall eat, and ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, and ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, and ye shall be ashamed;
- 14 behold, my servants shall sing aloud for gladness of heart, and ye shall cry out for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.
- 15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto mine elect; for the Lord Jehovah will slay thee, and will call his servants by another name:
- 16 so that he who blesseth himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the land shall swear by the God of truth: because the

former troubles shall be forgotten, and because they shall be hidden from mine eyes.

17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create. For behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice over Jerusalem, and will joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thenceforth an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not completed his days; for the youth shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof:

22 they shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for terror; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah.

66:1 Thus saith Jehovah: The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what is the house that ye will build unto me? and what is the place of my rest?

2 Even all these things hath my hand made, and all these things have been, saith Jehovah. But to this man will I look: to the afflicted and contrite in spirit, and who trembleth at my word.

- 3 He that slaughtereth an ox, smiteth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, breaketh a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *it is as* swine's blood; he that presenteth a memorial of incense, *is as* he that blesseth an idol. As they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations,
- 4 I also will choose their calamities, and will bring their fears upon them; because I called, and none answered, I spoke, and they did not hear, but did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delight not.
- 5 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let Jehovah be glorified, and let us see your joy! but they shall be ashamed.
- 6 A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Jehovah that rendereth recompence to his enemies!
- 7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child.
- 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Can a land be made to bring forth in one day? shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her sons.
- 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jehovah; I who cause to bring forth, shall I shut *the womb*? saith thy God.
- 10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all ye that love her; rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn over her:
- 11 because ye shall suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; because ye shall drink out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.
- 12 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing torrent; and ye shall suck, ye shall be carried upon the side, and be dandled upon the knees.
- 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
- 14 And ye shall see *this*, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of

Jehovah shall be known toward his servants, and he will have indignation toward his enemies.

- 15 For behold, Jehovah will come with fire, and his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
- 16 For by fire and by his sword will Jehovah enter into judgment with all flesh: and the slain of Jehovah shall be many.
- 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one in the midst; that eat swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall perish together, saith Jehovah.
- 18 And I, —their works and their thoughts *are before me*. ...*The time* cometh for the gathering of all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.
- 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow; to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory: and they shall declare my glory among the nations.
- 20 And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations as an oblation unto Jehovah, upon horses, and in chariots, and in covered waggons, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain, to Jerusalem, saith Jehovah, as the children of Israel bring an oblation in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah.
- 21 And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith Jehovah.
- 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before me, saith Jehovah, so shall your seed and your name remain.
- 23 And it shall come to pass from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, saith Jehovah.
- 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorrence unto all flesh.