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EXTRACT FROM INTRODUCTORY NOTICE TO THE 1890 EDITION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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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THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH.

- 1:1** The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
- 2** to whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign;
- 3** it came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive, in the fifth month.
- 4** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 5** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I hallowed thee, I appointed thee a prophet unto the nations.
- 6** And I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.
- 7** But Jehovah said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to whomsoever I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
- 8** Be not afraid of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Jehovah.
- 9** And Jehovah put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
- 10** See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up, and to break down, and to destroy, and to overthrow, to build and to plant.
- 11** And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond-tree.
- 12** And Jehovah said unto me, Thou hast well seen; for I am watchful over my word to perform it.
- 13** And the word of Jehovah came to me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething-pot, and its face is from the north.
- 14** And Jehovah said unto me, Out of the north shall evil break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

- 15 For behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith Jehovah, and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah:
- 16 and I will pronounce my judgments against them for all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.
- 17 Thou, therefore, gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I shall command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I cause thee to be dismayed before them.
- 18 And I, behold, I appoint thee this day as a strong city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls, against the whole land; against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.
- 19 And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to deliver thee.
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- 2:1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
- 2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.
- 3 Israel was holiness unto Jehovah, the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him are guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith Jehovah.
- 4 Hear the word of Jehovah, house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
- 5 Thus saith Jehovah: What injustice have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and become vain?
- 6 And they said not, Where is Jehovah, that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and of pits, in a land of drought and of the shadow of death, in a land that no one passeth through, and where no man dwelleth?

- 7 And I brought you into a fruitful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof; and ye entered and defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
- 8 The priests said not, Where is Jehovah? and they that handled the law knew me not; and the shepherds transgressed against me; and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.
- 9 Therefore will I yet plead with you, saith Jehovah, and with your children's children will I plead.
- 10 For pass over to the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there have been such a thing.
- 11 Hath a nation changed *its* gods? and they are no gods; — but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.
- 12 Be astonished, ye heavens, at this, and shudder; be amazed very much, saith Jehovah.
- 13 For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, to hew them out cisterns, broken cisterns that hold no water.
- 14 Is Israel a bondman? Is he a home-born *slave*? Why is he become a spoil?
- 15 The young lions roared against him, they gave forth their voice, and they made his land desolate: his cities are burned, without inhabitant.
- 16 Even the children of Noph and Tahapanes have fed on the crown of thy head.
- 17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God, at the time he was leading thee in the way?
- 18 And now, what hast thou to do with the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Shihor? And what hast thou to do with the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the River?
- 19 Thine own wickedness chastiseth thee, and thy backslidings reprove thee: know then and see that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
- 20 For of old thou hast broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not serve. For upon every high hill,

and under every green tree, thou bowest down, playing the harlot.

- 21** And I, —I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate shoots of a strange vine unto me?
- 22** For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much potash, thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 23** How sayest thou, I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Baals? See thy way in the valley, acknowledge what thou hast done—a swift dromedary traversing her ways!
- 24** —a wild ass, used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in her desire! In her ardour, who shall turn her away? All they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.
- 25** Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst. But thou saidst, There is no hope; no, for I love strangers, and after them will I go.
- 26** As a thief is ashamed when he is found, so shall the house of Israel be ashamed—they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets—
- 27** saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth; for they have turned the back unto me, and not the face; and in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us!
- 28** Where then are thy gods that thou hast made for thyself? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for as the number of thy cities, are thy gods, O Judah.
- 29** Wherefore would ye contend with me? Ye all have transgressed against me, saith Jehovah.
- 30** In vain have I smitten your children: they received no correction. Your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
- 31** O generation, mark ye the word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel, or a land of thick darkness? Wherefore say my people, We have dominion; we will come no more unto thee?
- 32** Doth a virgin forget her ornaments, a bride her attire? But my people have forgotten me days without number.

- 33 How dost thou trim thy way to seek love! Therefore hast thou also accustomed thy ways to wickedness.
- 34 Yea, in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor, whom thou didst not encounter breaking in, but *it is found* upon all these.
- 35 And thou sayest, Indeed I am innocent; his anger will turn from me. Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee because thou sayest, I have not sinned.
- 36 Why dost thou gad about so much, and change thy way? Thou shalt also be brought to shame by Egypt, as thou wast brought to shame by Assyria.
- 37 Thou shalt indeed go forth from her with thy hands upon thy head; for Jehovah hath rejected those thou confidest in, and thou shalt not prosper by them.
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- 3:1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? Would not that land be utterly polluted? But thou hast committed fornication with many lovers; yet return to me, saith Jehovah.
- 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the heights and see, where hast thou not been lain with? In the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arab in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy fornications and with thy wickedness.
- 3 And the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; but thou hast a harlot's forehead, thou refusest to be ashamed.
- 4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?
- 5 Will he keep *his anger* for ever? Will he preserve it perpetually? Behold, thou hast spoken and hast done evil things, and thou art *so* determined.
- 6 And Jehovah said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel hath done? She hath gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath committed fornication.
- 7 And I said, After she hath done all these *things*, she will return unto me; but she returned not. And her sister Judah, the treacherous, saw *it*.

- 8 And I saw that when for all the causes wherein backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce, yet the treacherous Judah, her sister, feared not, but went and committed fornication also.
- 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her fornication that she polluted the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.
- 10 And even for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, saith Jehovah.
- 11 And Jehovah said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath shewn herself more just than treacherous Judah.
- 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Jehovah: I will not make my face dark upon you; for I am merciful, saith Jehovah; I will not keep *anger* for ever.
- 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God, and hast turned thy ways hither and thither to the strangers under every green tree; and ye have not hearkened to my voice, saith Jehovah.
- 14 Return, backsliding children, saith Jehovah; for I am a husband unto you, and I will take you, one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
- 15 And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, and they shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
- 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied in the land and become fruitful, in those days, saith Jehovah, they shall say no more, Ark of the covenant of Jehovah! neither shall it come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit *it*; neither shall it be done any more.
- 17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem; and they shall no more walk after the stubbornness of their evil heart.
- 18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel; and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land which I caused your fathers to inherit.
- 19 And as for me, I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee the pleasant land, the goodly inheritance of the hosts of the nations? And I said, Thou

- shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from following me.
- 20 Surely *as* a woman treacherously departeth from her companion, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah.
- 21 A voice is heard upon the heights, the weeping supplications of the children of Israel; for they have perverted their way, they have forgotten Jehovah their God.
- 22 —Return, backsliding children; I will heal your backslidings. ...Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art Jehovah our God.
- 23 Truly in vain *is salvation looked for* from the hills, *and* the multitude of mountains; truly in Jehovah our God is the salvation of Israel.
- 24 But shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
- 25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against Jehovah our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not hearkened to the voice of Jehovah our God.
- 4:1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Jehovah, return unto me; and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not be a wanderer;
- 2 —and thou shalt in truth, in justice, and in righteousness swear, *As* Jehovah liveth! and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.
- 3 For thus saith Jehovah to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: Break up for you a fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
- 4 Circumcise yourselves for Jehovah, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my fury come forth like fire and burn, and there be none to quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 5 Declare ye in Judah, and cause it to be heard in Jerusalem, and say, ...and blow the trumpet in the land, cry aloud and

- say, Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fenced cities.
- 6 Set up a banner toward Zion; take to flight, stay not! For I am bringing evil from the north, and a great destruction.
- 7 The lion is come up from his thicket, the destroyer of the nations is on his way; he is gone forth from his place, to make thy land desolate; thy cities shall be laid waste, without inhabitant.
- 8 For this, gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl! for the fierce anger of Jehovah is not turned away from us.
- 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall be amazed.
- 10 And I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.
- 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind *cometh* from the heights in the wilderness, on the way of the daughter of my people, not for fanning, nor for cleansing.
- 12 A wind more vehement than that shall come from me: now will I also pronounce judgments against them.
- 13 Behold, he cometh up as clouds, and his chariots are as a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are destroyed.
- 14 Wash thy heart, Jerusalem, from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?
- 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.
- 16 Inform the nations; behold, make Jerusalem to hear: Besiegers come from a far country, and raise their voice against the cities of Judah.
- 17 As keepers of a field are they against her round about; for she hath been rebellious against me, saith Jehovah.
- 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; this is thy wickedness, yea, it is bitter, yea, it reacheth unto thy heart.
- 19 My bowels! my bowels! I am in travail! *Oh*, the walls of my heart! My heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my

peace: for thou hearest, my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the clamour of war.

- 20 Destruction upon destruction is proclaimed; for the whole land is wasted: suddenly are my tents laid waste, my curtains, in a moment.
- 21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?
- 22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have no intelligence; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.
- 23 I beheld the earth, and lo, it was waste and empty; and the heavens, and they had no light.
- 24 I beheld the mountains, and lo, they trembled, and all the hills shook violently.
- 25 I beheld, and lo, man was not, and all the fowl of the heavens were fled.
- 26 I beheld, and lo, the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down, before Jehovah, before his fierce anger.
- 27 For thus saith Jehovah: The whole land shall be a desolation; but I will not make a full end.
- 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back therefrom.
- 29 At the noise of the horsemen and bowmen, every city fleeth; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken and no man dwelleth therein.
- 30 —And thou, wasted one, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rendest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair: *thy* lovers despise thee, they seek thy life.
- 31 For I hear a voice, as of a woman in travail, anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion: she moaneth, she spreadeth forth her hands, *saying*, Woe unto me! for my soul faileth because of murderers.

- 5:1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broadways thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that doeth justice, that seeketh fidelity; and I will pardon it.
- 2 And if they say, *As* Jehovah liveth! surely they swear falsely.
- 3 Jehovah, are not thine eyes upon fidelity? Thou hast smitten them, but they are not sore; thou hast consumed them, they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.
- 4 And I said, Surely these are the wretched ones, they are foolish; for they know not the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God.
- 5 I will go unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God; but these have altogether broken the yoke, have burst the bonds.
- 6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the evenings shall waste them; the leopard lurketh against their cities, every one that goeth out thence is torn in pieces: for their transgressions are multiplied, their backslidings are increased.
- 7 Wherefore should I pardon thee? Thy children have forsaken me, and swear by them that are not God. I have satiated them, and they have committed adultery, and they troop to the harlots' house.
- 8 *As* well fed horses, they roam about, every one neigheth after his neighbour's wife.
- 9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jehovah, and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 10 Go up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end; take away her battlements, for they are not Jehovah's.
- 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith Jehovah.
- 12 They have denied Jehovah, and say, He is not; and evil shall not come upon us, nor shall we see sword nor famine; and the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.
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- 14 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts: Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.
- 15 Behold, I bring a nation upon you from afar, house of Israel, saith Jehovah: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest thou what they say.
- 16 Their quiver is as an open sepulchre; they are all mighty men.
- 17 And they shall eat up thy harvest and thy bread, they shall eat up thy sons and thy daughters, they shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds, they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees; they shall destroy with the sword thy strong cities, wherein thou trustedst.
- 18 Nevertheless in those days, saith Jehovah, I will not make a full end with you.
- 19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore hath Jehovah our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say to them, As ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.
- 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,
- 21 Hear now this, O foolish and heartless people, who have eyes and see not; who have ears, and hear not.
- 22 Will ye not fear me? saith Jehovah. Will ye not tremble at my presence, who have set the sand a bound for the sea by a perpetual decree, and it shall not pass it? and its waves toss themselves, but they do not prevail; and they roar, yet can they not pass over it?
- 23 But this people hath a stubborn and a rebellious heart; they have turned aside and are gone.
- 24 And they say not in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God, that giveth rain, both the early and the latter, in its season; who preserveth unto us the appointed weeks of harvest.
- 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden from you what is good.
- 26 For among my people are found wicked *men*: they lay wait, as fowlers stoop down; they set a trap, they catch men.

- 27 As a cage full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and have enriched themselves.
- 28 They are become fat, they shine, yea, they surpass in deeds of wickedness; they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, and they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not adjudge.
- 29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 30 An appalling and horrible thing is committed in the land:
- 31 the prophets prophesy falsehood, and the priests rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so. But what will ye do in the end thereof?
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- 6:1 Flee for safety, ye children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a signal in Beth-haccerem; for evil appeareth out of the north, and a great destruction.
- 2 The comely and delicate one do I cut off, the daughter of Zion.
- 3 Shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.
- 4 Prepare war against her. Arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day hath declined, for the shadows of the evening are lengthening.
- 5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces.
- 6 For thus hath Jehovah of hosts said: Hew ye down trees, and cast a mound against Jerusalem. She is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.
- 7 As a well poureth forth her waters, so she poureth forth her wickedness: violence and destruction are heard in her; before me continually are grief and wounds.
- 8 Be thou instructed, Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from thee; lest I make thee a desolation, a land not inhabited.

- 9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: They shall thoroughly glean like a vine the remnant of Israel: turn back thy hand, as a grape-gatherer unto the baskets.
- 10 To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of Jehovah is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.
- 11 And I am full of the fury of Jehovah, I am weary with holding in. Pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken; the aged with him *that is* full of days.
- 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, *their* fields and wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah.
- 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest, every one dealeth falsely.
- 14 And they have healed the breach of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace! when there is no peace.
- 15 Are they ashamed that they have committed abomination? Nay, they are not at all ashamed, neither know they what it is to blush. Therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall stumble, saith Jehovah.
- 16 Thus saith Jehovah: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the ancient paths, which is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.
- 17 Also I have set watchmen over you: —Hearken ye to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.
- 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O assembly, what is among them.
- 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts; for they have not hearkened unto my words, and as to my law, they have rejected it.
- 20 To what purpose should there come to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt-offerings are not acceptable, nor are your sacrifices pleasing unto me.

- 21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall over them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.
- 22 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation is stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 23 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as a man for the battle, against thee, daughter of Zion.
- 24 We have heard the report thereof: our hands are grown feeble; anguish hath taken hold of us, pain as of a woman that travaileth.
- 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for *there is* the sword of the enemy, terror is on every side.
- 26 Daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and roll thyself in ashes: make mourning, *as* for an only son—bitter lamentation; for the spoiler cometh suddenly upon us.
- 27 I have set thee among my people as an assayer, a fortress, that thou mayest know and try their way.
- 28 They are all the most rebellious of rebels, going about with slander: they are bronze and iron; they are all corrupters.
- 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed by the fire; they have melted, and melted in vain; and the bad are not plucked away.
- 30 Reprobate silver shall they call them, for Jehovah hath rejected them.
- 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of Jehovah's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah.
3 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
4 Confide ye not in words of falsehood, saying, Jehovah's temple, Jehovah's temple, Jehovah's temple is this.

- 5 But if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if
ye really do justice between a man and his neighbour,
6 if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,
and shed no innocent blood in this place, neither walk after
other gods to your hurt;
7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that
I gave to your fathers from of old even for ever.
8 Behold, ye confide in words of falsehood that cannot profit.
9 What? steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear
falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other
gods whom ye know not...
10 then ye come and stand before me, in this house which is
called by my name, and say, We are delivered, —in order
to do all these abominations!
11 Is this house, which is called by my name, a den of robbers
in your eyes? Even I, behold, I have seen it, saith Jehovah.
12 For go now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I
caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to
it, for the wickedness of my people Israel.
13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith
Jehovah, and I spoke unto you, rising up early and speaking,
and ye heard not, and I called you, and ye answered not;
14 I will even do unto the house which is called by my name,
wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and
to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh;
15 and I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all
your brethren, all the seed of Ephraim.
16 And thou, pray not for this people, neither lift up cry nor
prayer for them, and make not intercession to me; for I will
not hear thee.
17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah, and in
the streets of Jerusalem?
18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire,
and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of
heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods,
that they may provoke me to anger.
19 Is it I whom they provoke to anger? saith Jehovah; is it not
themselves, to the shame of their own face?
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, mine anger
and my fury shall be poured out upon this place; upon man,
and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the

fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

- 21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt-offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh.
- 22 For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them concerning burnt-offerings and sacrifices, in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt;
- 23 but I commanded them this thing, saying, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.
- 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.
- 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt, unto this day, have I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them;
- 26 but they have not hearkened unto me, nor inclined their ear; and they have hardened their neck: they have done worse than their fathers.
- 27 And thou shalt speak all these words unto them, but they will not hearken unto thee; and thou shalt call unto them, but they will not answer thee.
- 28 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation which hath not hearkened unto the voice of Jehovah their God, nor received correction; fidelity is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.
- 29 Cut off thy hair, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the heights; for Jehovah hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.
- 30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith Jehovah; they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.
- 31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not, neither did it come up into my mind.
- 32 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith Jehovah, when it shall no more be said, Topheth, and Valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter; for they shall bury in Topheth, till there be no place.

- 33 And the carcases of this people shall be food for the fowl of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall scare *them* away.
- 34 And I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall become a waste.
- 8:1 At that time, saith Jehovah, they shall bring forth the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves;
- 2 and they shall spread them out to the sun and to the moon and to all the host of the heavens, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the ground.
- 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, in all the places whither I have driven those that remain, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: Do *men* fall, and not rise up? Doth one turn away, and not return?
- 5 Why hath this people of Jerusalem slidden back with a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
- 6 I hearkened and heard: they speak not what is right; there is no man who repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Every one turneth to his course, like a horse rushing into the battle.
- 7 Even a stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed times, and the turtle-dove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of Jehovah.
- 8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of Jehovah is with us? Behold, certainly the lying pen of the scribes hath made it falsehood.

- 9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected Jehovah's word; and what wisdom is in them?
- 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, their fields to those that shall possess *them*; for every one, from the least even unto the greatest, is given to covetousness; from the prophet even unto the priest, every one dealeth falsely.
- 11 And they have healed the breach of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace! when there is no peace.
- 12 Are they ashamed that they have committed abomination? Nay, they are not at all ashamed, and they know not how to blush. Therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall stumble, saith Jehovah.
- 13 I will utterly take them away, saith Jehovah: there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig-tree; and the leaf is faded: and I will give them up to those that shall pass over them.
- 14 Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fenced cities, and let us be silent there: for Jehovah our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against Jehovah.
- 15 Peace is looked for, and there is no good; a time of healing, and behold, terror.
- 16 The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: the whole land trembleth at the sound of the neighing of his steeds, and they come, and devour the land, and all it contains, the city and those that dwell therein.
- 17 For behold, I send among you serpents, vipers against which there is no charm, and they shall bite you, saith Jehovah.
- 18 My comfort in my sadness! my heart is faint in me!
- 19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, from a very far country: Is not Jehovah in Zion? Is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, with foreign vanities?
- 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.
- 21 —For the breach of the daughter of my people am I crushed; I go mourning; astonishment hath taken hold of me.

- 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? Why then is there no dressing applied for the healing of the daughter of my people?
- 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eye a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
- 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a traveller's lodging-place, that I might leave my people, and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
- 3 And they bend their tongue, their bow of falsehood, and not for fidelity are they valiant in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith Jehovah.
- 4 Take ye heed every one of his friend, and confide not in any brother; for every brother only supplanteth, and every friend goeth about with slander.
- 5 And they act deceitfully every one with his neighbour, and speak not the truth: they teach their tongue to speak falsehood, they weary themselves with perverse dealing.
- 6 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith Jehovah.
- 7 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how else could I do for the daughter of my people?
- 8 Their tongue is a murderous arrow; it speaketh deceit. *A man* speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth his ambush.
- 9 Shall I not visit them for these *things*? saith Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 10 For the mountains will I take up weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness, a lamentation; for they are burnt up, so that none passeth through them; and the voice of the cattle is not heard. Both the fowl of the heavens and the beasts are fled; they are gone.
- 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.
- 12 Who is a wise man, that he may understand this? and he to whom the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken, that he may

declare it? Why is the land perished, burnt up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through?

- 13 And Jehovah saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not hearkened unto my voice, nor walked in it,
- 14 but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baals, as their fathers taught them;
- 15 therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed this people with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink,
- 16 and will scatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.
- 17 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come, and send for the skilful women, that they may come;
- 18 and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids pour forth waters.
- 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled, sorely put to shame! For we have forsaken the land, for they have cast down our dwellings.
- 20 Hear then the word of Jehovah, ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and each one her companion lamentation.
- 21 For death is come up through our windows, is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from the street, the young men from the broadways.
- 22 Speak, Thus saith Jehovah: Yea, the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the reaper, and there shall be none to gather.
- 23 Thus saith Jehovah: Let not the wise glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his might; let not the rich glory in his riches:
- 24 but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* Jehovah, who exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith Jehovah.
- 25 Behold, days are coming, saith Jehovah, when I will visit all *them that are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;

- 26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners *of their beard* cut off, that dwell in the wilderness: for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.
- 10:1 Hear the word that Jehovah speaketh unto you, house of Israel.
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah: Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are dismayed at them.
- 3 For the statutes of the peoples are vanity; for *it is* a tree cut out of the forest, worked with a chisel by the hands of the artizan;
- 4 they deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.
- 5 They are as a palm-column of turned work, and they speak not; they are carried, for they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.
- 6 There is none like unto thee, Jehovah; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.
- 7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? For to thee doth it appertain; for among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.
- 8 But they are one and all senseless and foolish; the teaching of vanities is a stock.
- 9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artizan and of the hands of the founder; blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of skilful *men*.
- 10 But Jehovah Elohim is truth; he is the living God, and the King of eternity. At his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations cannot abide his indignation.
- 11 Thus shall ye say unto them: The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.

- 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his understanding.
- 13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the end of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries.
- 14 Every man is become brutish, bereft of knowledge; every founder is put to shame by the graven image, for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 15 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 16 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for it is he that hath formed all *things*, and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: Jehovah of hosts is his name.
- 17 Gather up thy baggage out of the land, O inhabitress of the fortress.
- 18 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will this time sling out the inhabitants of the land, and will distress them, that they may be found.
- 19 Woe is me, for my wound! My stroke is hard to heal, and I had said, Yea, this is *my* grief, and I will bear it.
- 20 My tent is despoiled, and all my cords are broken; my children are gone forth from me, and they are not; there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
- 21 For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not sought Jehovah; therefore have they not acted wisely, and all their flock is scattered.
- 22 The voice of a rumour! Behold, it cometh, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling-place of jackals.
- 23 I know, Jehovah, that the way of man is not his own; it is not in a man that walketh to direct his steps.
- 24 Jehovah, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
- 25 Pour out thy fury upon the nations that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name; for they have eaten up Jacob, yea, they have eaten him up and consumed him, and have laid waste his dwelling-place.

- 11:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant; and speak ye unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
3 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant
4 which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Hearken unto my voice and do them, according to all that I command you; so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
5 that I may perform the oath that I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. And I answered and said, Amen, Jehovah!
6 And Jehovah said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: Hear the words of this covenant, and do them.
7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers, in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Hearken unto my voice.
8 But they have not hearkened, nor inclined their ear, but have walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart; and I have brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do, and they have not done.
9 And Jehovah said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they have gone after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will bring evil upon them, from which they shall not be able to escape; and they will cry unto me, and I will not hearken unto them.
12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry unto the gods unto whom they have burned incense; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

- 13 For *as* the number of thy cities, are thy gods, O Judah; and *as* the number of the streets of Jerusalem, have ye set up altars to the Shame, altars to burn incense unto Baal.
- 14 And thou, pray not for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.
- 15 What hath my beloved to do in my house, seeing that the more part practise their evil devices, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.
- 16 Jehovah had called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair, of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and its branches are broken.
- 17 For Jehovah of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done for themselves, to provoke me to anger in burning incense unto Baal.
- 18 And Jehovah hath given me knowledge, and I know *it*; then thou shewedst me their doings.
- 19 And I was like a tame lamb *that* is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that they devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
- 20 But thou, Jehovah of hosts, who judgest righteously, who triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.
- 21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophesy not in the name of Jehovah, that thou die not by our hand,
- 22 —therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;
- 23 and there shall be no remnant of them; for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, in the year of their visitation.
- 12:1 Righteous art thou, Jehovah, when I plead with thee; yet will I speak with thee of *thy* judgments. Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they at ease that deal very treacherously?

- 2 Thou hast planted them, they also have taken root: they advance, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, but far from their reins.
- 3 But thou, Jehovah, knowest me; thou hast seen me, and proved my heart toward thee. Drag them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter.
- 4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of all the fields wither? Because of the wickedness of them that dwell therein, the beasts and the birds perish; for they say, He will not see our end.
- 5 If thou hast run with footmen, and they have wearied thee, how wilt thou then contend with horses? And if in a land of peace thou thinkest thyself in security, how wilt thou then do in the swelling of the Jordan?
- 6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee, even they have cried aloud after thee. Believe them not, though they speak good *words* unto thee.
- 7 I have forsaken my house, I have cast off my heritage, I have given the beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
- 8 My heritage is become unto me as a lion in the forest; it hath raised its voice against me: therefore have I hated it.
- 9 My heritage is unto me *as* a speckled bird of prey; the birds of prey round about are against her. Go, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour.
- 10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness:
- 11 they have made it a desolation; desolate, it mourneth unto me: the whole land is made desolate, for no man layeth it to heart.
- 12 Spoilers are come upon all heights in the wilderness; for the sword of Jehovah devoureth from one end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh hath peace.
- 13 They have sown wheat, and they reap thorns; they have put themselves to pain, *and* do not profit. Be ye therefore ashamed of your revenues, because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.
- 14 Thus saith Jehovah against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel

to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall come to pass, after I have plucked them up, I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them back, each one to his inheritance, and each one to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, *As* Jehovah liveth—even as they taught my people to swear by Baal—they shall be built up in the midst of my people.

17 And if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith Jehovah.

13:1 Thus said Jehovah unto me: Go and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins; but dip it not in water.

2 And I bought a girdle according to the word of Jehovah, and put it upon my loins.

3 And the word of Jehovah came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as Jehovah had commanded me.

6 And it came to pass at the end of many days, that Jehovah said unto me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 And I went to the Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and behold, the girdle was spoiled, it was good for nothing.

8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith Jehovah: After this manner will I spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and go after other gods, to serve them and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle which is good for nothing.

11 For as a girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the

whole house of Judah, saith Jehovah; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

- 12 And thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Every skin shall be filled with wine. And they will say unto thee, Do we not very well know that every skin shall be filled with wine?
- 13 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, and the kings that sit for David upon his throne, and the priests and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
- 14 And I will dash them one against another, both the fathers and the sons together, saith Jehovah; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy so as not to destroy them.
- 15 Hear ye, and give ear, be not lifted up; for Jehovah hath spoken.
- 16 Give glory to Jehovah your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the mountains of twilight; and ye shall look for light, but he will turn it into the shadow of death, and make *it* gross darkness.
- 17 And if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because Jehovah's flock is gone into captivity.
- 18 Say unto the king and to the queen: Humble yourselves, sit down low; for from your heads shall come down the crown of your magnificence.
- 19 The cities of the south are shut up, and there is none to open *them*; all Judah is carried away captive: it is wholly carried away captive.
- 20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north. Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?
- 21 What wilt thou say when he shall visit thee, since thou thyself hast trained them to be princes in chief over thee? Shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?
- 22 And if thou say in thy heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, *and* thy heels have suffered violence.

- 23 Can an Ethiopian change his skin, or a leopard his spots?
Then may ye also do good, who are accustomed to do evil.
- 24 And I will scatter them as stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.
- 25 This shall be thy lot, thy measured portion from me, saith Jehovah; because thou hast forgotten me, and confided in falsehood.
- 26 Therefore will I also turn thy skirts over thy face, and thy shame shall be seen.
- 27 Thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy fornication, on the hills, in the fields, —thine abominations, have I seen. Woe unto thee, Jerusalem! Wilt thou not be made clean? after how long a time yet?
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- 14:1 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.
- 2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish, they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem goeth up.
- 3 And their nobles send their little ones for water: they come to the pits, they find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are ashamed, they are confounded, and have covered their heads.
- 4 Because the ground is chapt, for there hath been no rain on the earth, the ploughmen are ashamed, they cover their heads.
- 5 For the hind also calveth in the field, and forsaketh *its young*, because there is no grass.
- 6 And the wild asses stand on the heights, they snuff up the wind like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.
- 7 Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou act for thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many—we have sinned against thee.
- 8 Thou hope of Israel, its Saviour in the time of trouble, why wilt thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a traveller that turneth aside to stay a night?
- 9 Why wilt thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? Yet thou, Jehovah, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name: leave us not.

- 10** Thus saith Jehovah to this people: Even so have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet; and Jehovah hath no delight in them: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.
- 11** And Jehovah said unto me, Pray not for this people for their good.
- 12** When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer up burnt-offering and oblation, I will not accept them: for I will consume them by sword, and by famine, and by pestilence.
- 13** And I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; for I will give you assured peace in this place.
- 14** And Jehovah said unto me, The prophets prophesy falsehood in my name; I have not sent them, neither have I commanded them, nor spoken unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.
- 15** Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, and who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and by famine shall those prophets be consumed;
- 16** and the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, because of the famine and the sword; and there shall be none to bury them, them, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters; and I will pour their wickedness upon them.
- 17** And thou shalt say this word unto them: Let mine eyes run down with tears, night and day, and not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.
- 18** If I go forth into the field, behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, behold them that pine away with famine! For both prophet and priest shall go about into a land that they know not.
- 19** —Hast thou then utterly rejected Judah? Doth thy soul loathe Zion? Why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? Peace is looked for, and there is no good, — and a time of healing, and behold terror!
- 20** Jehovah, we acknowledge our wickedness, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee.

- 21 For thy name's sake, do not spurn *us*, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with *us*.
- 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou HE, Jehovah, our God? And we wait upon thee; for thou hast made all these things.
- 15:1 And Jehovah said unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, my soul *would* not *turn* toward this people. Send *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth.
- 2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jehovah: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity.
- 3 For I will visit them with four kinds *of punishments*, saith Jehovah: the sword to slay, and dogs to tear, and the fowl of the heavens, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and to destroy.
- 4 And I will give them over to be driven hither and thither amongst all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.
- 5 For who shall have pity upon thee, Jerusalem? and who shall bemoan thee? and who shall turn aside to ask after thy welfare?
- 6 Thou hast cast me off, saith Jehovah, thou art gone backward; and I have stretched out my hand against thee, and will destroy thee: I am become weary of repenting.
- 7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave of children *and* destroy my people: they have not returned from their ways.
- 8 Their widows are increased to me more than the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them, against the mother of the young men, a spoiler at noonday; I have caused anguish and terror to fall upon her suddenly.
- 9 She that hath borne seven languisheth, she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it is yet day; she is

put to shame and confounded. And the residue of them will I give up to the sword before their enemies, saith Jehovah.

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole land! I have not lent on usury, nor have they lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

11 Jehovah said, Verily I will set thee free for *thy* good; verily I will cause the enemy to meet thee kindly in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Will iron break? iron from the north? and bronze?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, and in all thy borders; and I will make *them* to pass with thine enemies into a land that thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger; it shall burn upon you.

15 Jehovah, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; in thy long-suffering take me not away: know that for thy sake I bear reproach.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and thy words were unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by thy name, O Jehovah, God of hosts.

17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor exulted: I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable? It refuseth to be healed. Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a treacherous *spring*, as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: If thou return, then will I bring thee again, thou shalt stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth. Let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a strong brazen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, to save thee and to deliver thee, saith Jehovah;

21 yea, I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16:1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

- 2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, and thou shalt not have sons nor daughters in this place.
- 3 For thus saith Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bear them, and concerning their fathers that beget them in this land:
- 4 They shall die of painful deaths; they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground, and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine, and their carcases shall be food for the fowl of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth.
- 5 For thus saith Jehovah: Enter not into the house of wailing, neither go to lament or bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith Jehovah, the loving-kindness and the tender mercies.
- 6 Both great and small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried; and none shall lament for them, or cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them.
- 7 Nor shall they break *bread* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall they give them the cup of consolations to drink for their father or for their mother.
- 8 And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them, to eat and to drink.
- 9 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
- 10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt declare unto this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against us? and what is our iniquity? and what is our sin which we have committed against Jehovah our God?
- 11 then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
- 12 and you, ye have done still worse than your fathers; and there ye are walking every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, not to hearken unto me:

- 13 and I will cast you forth out of this land, into a land that ye know not, ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night: because I will shew you no favour.
- 14 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, *As* Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- 15 but, *As* Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them. For I will bring them again into their land, which I gave unto their fathers.
- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Jehovah, and they shall fish them; and afterwards will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them, from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not concealed from my face, neither is their iniquity hidden from before mine eyes.
- 18 But first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have profaned my land with the carcases of their detestable things, and with their abominations have they filled mine inheritance.
- 19 Jehovah, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of distress, unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and they shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited falsehood *and* vanity; and in these things there is no profit.
- 20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no-gods?
- 21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.
- 17:1 The sin of Judah is written with a style of iron, with the point of a diamond, engraven upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;
- 2 whilst their children remember their altars and their Asherahs, by the green trees, upon the high hills.
- 3 My mountain in the field, thy substance, all thy treasures will I give for a spoil, —thy high places, because of sin throughout thy borders.

- 4 And of thyself thou shalt let go thine inheritance which I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in a land that thou knowest not; for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, —it shall burn for ever.
- 5 Thus saith Jehovah: Cursed is the man that confideth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Jehovah.
- 6 And he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but he shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited.
- 7 Blessed is the man that confideth in Jehovah, and whose confidence Jehovah is.
- 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out its roots by the stream, and he shall not see when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and in the year of drought he shall not be careful, neither shall he cease to yield fruit.
- 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurable; who can know it?
- 10 I Jehovah search the heart, I try the reins, even to give each one according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.
- 11 *As* the partridge sitteth on *eggs* it hath not laid, *so* is he that getteth riches and not by right: in the midst of his days shall he leave them, and at his end shall be a fool.
- 12 A throne of glory, *set* on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.
- 13 Thou hope of Israel, Jehovah! all that forsake thee shall be ashamed. They that depart from me shall be written in the earth; because they have forsaken Jehovah, the fountain of living waters.
- 14 Heal me, Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.
- 15 Behold, these say unto me, Where is the word of Jehovah? let it then come!
- 16 But as for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd in following thee, neither have I desired the fatal day, thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face.
- 17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my refuge in the day of evil.

- 18 Let them be ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be ashamed; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and break them with a double breaking.
- 19 Thus hath Jehovah said unto me: Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
- 20 and say unto them, Hear the word of Jehovah, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates;
- 21 thus saith Jehovah: Take heed to your souls, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, and bring nothing in through the gates of Jerusalem;
- 22 and carry forth no burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do any work; but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers,
- 23 but they hearkened not, neither inclined their ear, but hardened their neck, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.
- 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, and to hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;
- 25 then shall there enter in, through the gates of this city, kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall be inhabited for ever.
- 26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill-country, and from the south, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and oblations, and incense, and bringing thanksgiving unto the house of Jehovah.
- 27 But if ye will not hearken unto me, to hallow the sabbath day and not to bear a burden and enter in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

- 18:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
2 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.
3 And I went down to the potter's house; and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.
4 And the vessel that he made was marred, as clay, in the hand of the potter; and he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make.
5 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
6 House of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith Jehovah. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in my hand, house of Israel.
7 At the moment that I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to break down, and to destroy,
8 if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, then I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
9 And at the moment that I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant,
10 if it do evil in my sight, that it hearken not unto my voice, then I will repent of the good wherewith I said I would benefit them.
11 And now, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I prepare evil against you, and devise a device against you: turn ye then every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.
12 But they say, There is no hope; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will each one do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart.
13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ask ye now among the nations, Who hath heard such things? The virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.
14 Shall the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Shall the cool flowing waters coming from afar be dried up?
15 For my people hath forgotten me: they burn incense to vanity; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, the ancient paths, to walk in by-paths of a way not cast up;

- 16 to make their land an astonishment, a perpetual hissing: every one that passeth by shall be astonished, and shake his head.
- 17 As with an east wind will I scatter them before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.
- 18 And they said, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor word from the prophet. Come and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.
- 19 Jehovah, give heed to me, and listen to the voice of those that contend with me.
- 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy wrath from them.
- 21 Therefore give up their children to the famine, and deliver them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of children and be widows; and let their men be swept off by death, their young men be smitten by the sword in battle.
- 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have digged a pit to take me, and have hidden snares for my feet.
- 23 And thou, Jehovah, knowest all their counsel against me to slay me. Forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee: deal with them in the time of thine anger.
- 19:1 Thus saith Jehovah: Go and buy a potter's earthen flagon, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests;
- 2 and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the pottery-gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,
- 3 and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle;

- 4 because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place *from me*, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;
- 5 and they have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire as burnt-offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it up into my mind:
- 6 therefore behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor Valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter.
- 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of them that seek their life, and their carcasses will I give as food to the fowl of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth.
- 8 And I will make this city an astonishment and a hissing; every one that passeth by shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.
- 9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat everyone the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the straitness wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.
- 10 And thou shalt break the flagon in the sight of the men that go with thee,
- 11 and shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again. And they shall bury in Topheth, till there be no place to bury.
- 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith Jehovah, and to the inhabitants thereof, and make this city as Topheth.
- 13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be as the place of Topheth, defiled, all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.
- 14 And Jeremiah came from Topheth, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Jehovah's house, and said to all the people,

- 15 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her cities all the evil that I have spoken against it; for they have hardened their necks, not to hear my words.
- 20:1 And Pashur the son of Immer, the priest—and he was chief officer in the house of Jehovah—heard Jeremiah prophesy these things.
- 2 And Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Jehovah.
- 3 And it came to pass the next day, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks; and Jeremiah said unto him, Jehovah hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabib.
- 4 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall see *it*; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall smite them with the sword.
- 5 And, I will give all the wealth of this city, and all its gains, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.
- 6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thy house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there thou shalt be buried, thou and all thy friends to whom thou hast prophesied falsehood.
- 7 Jehovah, thou hast enticed me, and I was enticed; thou hast laid hold of me, and hast prevailed; I am become a derision the whole day: every one mocketh me.
- 8 For as oft as I speak, I cry out; I proclaim violence and spoil; for the word of Jehovah is become unto me a reproach and a derision all the day.
- 9 And I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name: but it was in my heart as a burning fire

shut up in my bones; and I became wearied with holding in, and I could not.

10 For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side: Report, and we will report it. All my familiars are watching for my stumbling: Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him; and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But Jehovah is with me as a mighty terrible one; therefore my persecutors shall stumble and shall not prevail; they shall be greatly ashamed, for they have not prospered: it shall be an everlasting confusion that shall not be forgotten.

12 And thou, Jehovah of hosts, who triest the righteous, who seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

13 Sing ye unto Jehovah, praise Jehovah, for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born; let not the day wherein my mother bore me be blessed!

15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad!

16 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew, and repented not; and let him hear a cry in the morning, and a shouting at noonday,

17 because he slew me not from the womb. Or would that my mother had been my grave, and her womb always great *with me!*

18 Wherefore came I forth from the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed in shame?

21:1 The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,

2 Inquire, I pray thee, of Jehovah for us; for Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that Jehovah will deal with us according to all his marvellous works, that he may go up from us.

3 And Jeremiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:

- 4 Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you, outside the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.
- 5 And I myself will fight against you with a stretched-out hand, and with a strong arm, and in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.
- 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.
- 7 And afterwards, saith Jehovah, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life, and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword: he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.
- 8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
- 9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and deserteth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.
- 10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith Jehovah: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
- 11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, hear ye the word of Jehovah.
- 12 House of David, thus saith Jehovah: Judge with justice in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go forth like fire and burn, and there be none to quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 13 Behold, I am against thee, inhabitress of the valley, the rock of the plain, saith Jehovah; ye that say, Who shall come down against us, or who shall enter into our dwellings?
- 14 And I will visit you according to the fruit of your doings, saith Jehovah; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

- 22:1 Thus saith Jehovah: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
- 2 and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people who enter in through these gates.
- 3 Thus saith Jehovah: Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place.
- 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in through the gates of this house kings sitting in the place of David upon his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, — he, and his servants, and his people.
- 5 But if ye will not hear these words, I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, that this house shall become a waste.
- 6 For thus saith Jehovah concerning the house of the king of Judah: Thou art a Gilead unto me, the summit of Lebanon: verily I will make thee a wilderness, cities not inhabited.
- 7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down the choice of thy cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.
- 8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath Jehovah done thus unto this great city?
- 9 And they shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.
- 10 Weep not for the dead, neither bemoan him; *but* weep sore for him that goeth away, for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.
- 11 For thus saith Jehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went forth out of this place: He shall not return thither any more;
- 12 for he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.
- 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his upper chambers by injustice; that taketh his

neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not his earning;

- 14 that saith, I will build me a wide house, and spacious upper chambers; and he cutteth out for himself windows; and it is wainscoted with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
- 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou viest with the cedar? Did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice? Then it was well with him.
- 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith Jehovah.
- 17 But thine eyes and thy heart are only on thine extortion, and on the blood of the innocent, to shed it, and on oppression and on violence, to do it.
- 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah: They shall not lament for him, Ah, my brother! or, Ah, sister! They shall not lament for him, Ah, lord! or Ah, his glory!
- 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, dragged along and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
- 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and give forth thy voice in Bashan, and cry from *the heights* of Abarim: for all thy lovers are destroyed.
- 21 I spoke unto thee in thy prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy way from thy youth, that thou hearkenedst not unto my voice.
- 22 The wind shall feed on all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity; surely, then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.
- 23 Thou inhabitress of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how pitiful shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, pain as of a woman in travail!
- 24 *As* I live, saith Jehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, were a signet upon my right hand, yet will I pluck thee thence;
- 25 and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them before whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.
- 26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

- 27 And into the land whereunto they lift up their souls to return, thither shall they not return.
- 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken vase? a vessel wherein is no delight? Wherefore are they thrown out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?
- 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah!
- 30 Thus saith Jehovah: Write this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.
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- 23:1 Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith Jehovah.
- 2 Therefore thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel concerning the shepherds that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Jehovah.
- 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their pastures; and they shall be fruitful and shall multiply.
- 4 And I will raise up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, saith Jehovah.
- 5 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, when I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, who shall reign as king, and act wisely, and shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell in safety; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, Jehovah our Righteousness.
- 7 Therefore behold, days are coming, saith Jehovah, that they shall no more say, *As* Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- 8 but, *As* Jehovah liveth, who brought up and who led back the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

- 9 Concerning the prophets: My heart within me is broken; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome; because of Jehovah, and because of the words of his holiness.
- 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of execration the land mourneth. The pastures of the wilderness are dried up; for their course is evil, and their force is not right.
- 11 For both prophet and priest are profane: even in my house have I found their wickedness, saith Jehovah.
- 12 Therefore their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them in the year of their visitation, saith Jehovah.
- 13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
- 14 And in the prophets of Jerusalem have I seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in falsehood, and strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none doth return from his wickedness. They are all become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
- 15 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.
- 16 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they lead you to vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, not out of the mouth of Jehovah.
- 17 They say constantly unto them that despise me, Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace. And they say unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his heart, No evil shall come upon you.
- 18 For who hath stood in the council of Jehovah, so that he hath perceived and heard his word? who hath hearkened to his word and listened?
- 19 Behold, a tempest of Jehovah, fury is gone forth, yea, a whirling storm: it shall whirl down upon the head of the wicked.
- 20 The anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have executed, and until he have performed the purposes of his heart: at the end of the days ye shall understand it clearly.

- 21 I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
- 22 But if they had stood in my council, and had caused my people to hear my words, then would they have turned them from their evil way and from the wickedness of their doings.
- 23 Am I a God at hand, saith Jehovah, and not a God afar off?
- 24 Can any hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill the heavens and the earth? saith Jehovah.
- 25 I have heard what the prophets say, who prophesy falsehood in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
- 26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, and who are prophets of the deceit of their own heart?
- 27 who think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour: as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
- 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell the dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith Jehovah.
- 29 Is not my word like a fire, saith Jehovah; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?
- 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.
- 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that use their tongues, and say, He hath said.
- 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith Jehovah, and that tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies and by their boasting; and I have not sent them, nor commanded them; and they profit not this people at all, saith Jehovah.
- 33 And when this people, or a prophet, or a priest, ask thee, saying, What is the burden of Jehovah? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even cast you off, saith Jehovah.
- 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of Jehovah, I will even punish that man and his house.

- 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother: What hath Jehovah answered? and, What hath Jehovah spoken?
- 36 And the burden of Jehovah shall ye mention no more; for every man's own word shall be his burden: for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts, our God.
- 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet: What hath Jehovah answered thee? and, What hath Jehovah spoken?
- 38 But since ye say, The burden of Jehovah, therefore thus saith Jehovah: Because ye say this word, The burden of Jehovah, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of Jehovah;
- 39 therefore behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, far from my face, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers.
- 40 And I will bring everlasting reproach upon you, and everlasting shame, that shall not be forgotten.
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- 24:1 Jehovah shewed me, and behold, two baskets of figs, set before the temple of Jehovah, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive from Jerusalem, Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, and the craftsmen and smiths, and had brought them to Babylon.
- 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten for badness.
- 3 And Jehovah said unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs: the good figs very good; and the bad very bad, which cannot be eaten for badness.
- 4 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 5 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard for good them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans;
- 6 and I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them and not

pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Jehovah; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten for badness, surely, thus saith Jehovah: So will I make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt.

9 And I will give them over to be driven hither and thither unto all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them;

10 and I will send among them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, until they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25:1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah (that is, the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon),

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, the king of Judah, even unto this day, these three and twenty years, the word of Jehovah hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened.

4 And Jehovah hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear,

5 when they said, Turn again now every one from his evil way, and from the wickedness of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jehovah hath given unto you and to your fathers from of old even for ever.

6 And go not after other gods, to serve them and to worship them; and provoke me not to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

- 7 But ye have not hearkened unto me, saith Jehovah; that ye might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands, to your own hurt.
- 8 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Because ye have not listened to my words,
- 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Jehovah, and *I will send* to Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual wastes.
- 10 And I will cause to perish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.
- 11 And this whole land shall become a waste, an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will visit on the king of Babylon and on that nation, saith Jehovah, their iniquity, and on the land of the Chaldeans, and I will make it perpetual desolations.
- 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.
- 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.
- 15 For thus hath Jehovah the God of Israel said unto me: Take the cup of the wine of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations to whom I send thee to drink it.
- 16 And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.
- 17 And I took the cup at Jehovah's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom Jehovah had sent me:
- 18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a waste, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;
- 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

- 20 and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gazah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
- 21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon;
- 22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles that are beyond the sea;
- 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have the corners *of their beard* cut off;
- 24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert;
- 25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;
- 26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.
- 27 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, and be drunken, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword that I will send among you.
- 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from thy hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Ye shall certainly drink.
- 29 For behold, I begin to bring evil on the city that is called by my name, and should ye be altogether unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 30 And thou, prophesy unto them all these words, and say unto them, Jehovah will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar upon his dwelling-place, he will give a shout, as they that tread *the vintage*, against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 31 The noise shall come to the end of the earth: for Jehovah hath a controversy with the nations, he entereth into judgment with all flesh; as for the wicked, he will give them up to the sword, saith Jehovah.
- 32 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great storm shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth.

- 33 And the slain of Jehovah shall *be* at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.
- 34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the dust*, noble ones of the flock: for the days of your slaughter are accomplished, and I will disperse you; and ye shall fall like a precious vessel.
- 35 And refuge shall perish from the shepherds, and escape from the noble ones of the flock.
- 36 There shall be a voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the noble ones of the flock: for Jehovah layeth waste their pasture;
- 37 and the peaceable enclosures shall be desolated, because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.
- 38 He hath forsaken his covert as a young lion; for their land is a desolation because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.
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- 26:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, came this word from Jehovah, saying,
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah: Stand in the court of Jehovah's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Jehovah's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them: diminish not a word.
- 3 Peradventure they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the wickedness of their doings.
- 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: If ye will not hearken unto me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,
- 5 to hearken unto the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent unto you, even rising early and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkened,
- 6 —then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.
- 7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

- 8 And it came to pass when Jeremiah had ended speaking all that Jehovah had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, Thou shalt certainly die.
- 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.
- 10 And the princes of Judah heard these things; and they went up from the king's house unto the house of Jehovah, and sat in the entry of the new gate of Jehovah.
- 11 And the priests and the prophets spoke unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die, for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.
- 12 And Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.
- 13 And now, amend your ways and your doings, and hearken to the voice of Jehovah your God; and Jehovah will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.
- 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand; do unto me as seemeth good and right in your eyes:
- 15 only know for certain that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth Jehovah hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
- 16 And the princes and all the people said unto the priests and to the prophets, This man is not worthy to die; for he hath spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God.
- 17 And there rose up certain of the elders of the land and spoke to all the congregation of the people, saying,
- 18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Zion shall be ploughed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
- 19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? Did he not fear Jehovah, and supplicate Jehovah, and Jehovah repented him of the evil that he had pronounced

against them? And we should be doing a great evil against our souls.

- 20** And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim: and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah;
- 21** and Jehoiakim the king, and all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, and the king sought to put him to death; but Urijah heard it, and he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt.
- 22** And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him, into Egypt;
- 23** and they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king; and he slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the children of the people.
- 24** —Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

- 27:1** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, came this word to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
- 2** Thus hath Jehovah said unto me: Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck;
- 3** and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah.
- 4** And give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters:
- 5** I have made the earth, man and beast that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give them unto whom it seemeth right in mine eyes.
- 6** And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him.

- 7 And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his land also come, when many nations and great kings shall reduce him to servitude.
- 8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I visit, saith Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.
- 9 And ye, hearken not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak unto you saying: Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon.
- 10 For they prophesy falsehood unto you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.
- 11 But the nation that bringeth its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serveth him, will I let remain still in its own land, saith Jehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.
- 12 And I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
- 13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah hath spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?
- 14 And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy falsehood unto you.
- 15 For I have not sent them, saith Jehovah, yet they prophesy falsely in my name; in order that I should drive you out, and that ye should perish, ye, and the prophets who prophesy unto you.
- 16 And I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of Jehovah's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy falsehood unto you.
- 17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city become a waste?

- 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of Jehovah be with them, let them now make intercession to Jehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.
- 19 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city,
- 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, along with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;
- 21 yea, thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem:
- 22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day of my visiting them, saith Jehovah; then I will bring them up, and restore them to this place.
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- 28:1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of Jehovah, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,
- 2 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- 3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of Jehovah's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon;
- 4 and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah that went to Babylon, saith Jehovah: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- 5 And the prophet Jeremiah spoke unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of Jehovah.
- 6 And the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen, may Jehovah do so! may Jehovah perform thy words which thou hast

prophesied, to bring again from Babylon, into this place, the vessels of Jehovah's house, and all them of the captivity!

- 7 Nevertheless, hear, I pray thee, this word which I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people:
- 8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old, prophesied also concerning many countries and concerning great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.
- 9 The prophet that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, shall be known as the prophet whom Jehovah hath really sent.
- 10 And the prophet Hananiah took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.
- 11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: So will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.
- 12 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, after that the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
- 13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast broken the yokes of wood, and thou hast made in their place yokes of iron.
- 14 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.
- 15 And the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah, Hear now, Hananiah: Jehovah hath not sent thee; and thou makest this people to trust in falsehood.
- 16 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, for thou hast spoken revolt against Jehovah.
- 17 And the prophet Hananiah died in the same year in the seventh month.

- 29:1** And these are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon
- 2 (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem);
- 3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkijah (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, unto Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying,
- 4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon:
- 5 Build houses, and dwell in them, and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- 6 Take wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there, and be not diminished.
- 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto Jehovah for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.
- 8 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets that are in your midst, nor your diviners deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams, which ye like to dream.
- 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith Jehovah.
- 10 For thus saith Jehovah: When seventy years shall be accomplished for Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in bringing you back to this place.
- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you in your latter end a hope.
- 12 And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you;
- 13 and ye shall seek me and find me, for ye shall search for me with all your heart,
- 14 and I will be found of you, saith Jehovah. And I will turn your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations,

and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith Jehovah; and I will bring you again into the place whence I have caused you to be carried away captive.

- 15 If ye say, Jehovah hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;
16 yea, thus saith Jehovah concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;
17 thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will send against them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like the vile figs, that cannot be eaten for badness.
18 And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will give them over to be driven hither and thither into all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I will drive them:
19 because they have not hearkened to my words, saith Jehovah, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising early and sending; but ye have not hearkened, saith Jehovah.
20 But ye, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon, hear the word of Jehovah.
21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsehood unto you in my name: Behold, I will give them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall smite them before your eyes.
22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah that are in Babylon, saying, Jehovah make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;
23 because they have committed infamy in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken words of falsehood in my name, which I had not commanded them: and I *am* he that knoweth, and *am* witness, saith Jehovah.
24 And thou shalt speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,
25 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the

- people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
- 26** Jehovah hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that there should be officers *in* the house of Jehovah, over every madman and self-made prophet, that thou shouldest put him in the stocks and in the shackles.
- 27** And now, why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you?
- 28** Forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, It will be long; build houses, and dwell *in them*, and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- 29** —And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of the prophet Jeremiah.
- 30** And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
- 31** Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in falsehood;
- 32** therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he see the good that I will do for my people, saith Jehovah; because he hath spoken revolt against Jehovah.
- 30:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
- 2** Thus speaketh Jehovah the God of Israel, saying, Write thee in a book all the words that I have spoken unto thee.
- 3** For behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, when I will turn the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.
- 4** And these are the words that Jehovah hath spoken concerning Israel and concerning Judah;
- 5** for thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, there is fear, and no peace.
- 6** Ask ye now, and see, whether a male doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail; and all faces are turned into paleness?

- 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
- 8 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more reduce him to servitude.
- 9 But they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.
- 10 And thou, my servant Jacob, fear not, saith Jehovah; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for behold, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.
- 11 For I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee; yet of thee will I not make a full end, but I will correct thee with judgment, and will not hold thee altogether guiltless.
- 12 For thus saith Jehovah: Thy bruise is incurable, thy wound is grievous.
- 13 There is none to plead thy cause, to bind up *thy wound*; thou hast no healing medicines.
- 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not. For I have smitten thee with the stroke of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of thine iniquity: thy sins are manifold.
- 15 Why criest thou because of thy bruise? thy sorrow is incurable; for the greatness of thine iniquity, *because* thy sins are manifold, I have done these things unto thee.
- 16 Therefore all that devour thee shall be devoured, and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be for a spoil; and all they that prey upon thee will I give to be a prey.
- 17 For I will apply a bandage unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith Jehovah; for they have called thee an outcast: This is Zion that no man seeketh after.
- 18 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will turn the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his habitations; and the city shall be built upon her own heap; and the palace shall be inhabited after the manner thereof.
- 19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they

shall not be diminished; and I will honour them, and they shall not be small.

20 And their sons shall be as aforetime; and their assembly shall be established before me; and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to approach, and he shall draw near unto me. For who is this that engageth his heart to draw near unto me? saith Jehovah.

22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, a tempest of Jehovah, fury is gone forth, a sweeping storm: it shall whirl down upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have executed, and until he have performed the purposes of his heart. At the end of the days ye shall consider it.

31:1 At that time, saith Jehovah, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith Jehovah: The people *that were* left of the sword have found grace in the wilderness, *even* Israel, when I go to give him rest.

3 Jehovah hath appeared from afar unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

4 I will build thee again, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel! Thou shalt again be adorned with thy tambours, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Thou shalt again plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat the fruit.

6 For there shall be a day, when the watchmen upon mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise, and let us go up to Zion, unto Jehovah our God.

7 For thus saith Jehovah: Sing aloud *with* gladness for Jacob, and shout at the head of the nations; publish ye, praise ye, and say, Jehovah, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth; *and* among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that

travailleth with child together: a great assemblage shall they return hither.

- 9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk by water-brooks, in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble; for I will be a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.
- 10 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye nations, and declare *it* to the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd his flock.
- 11 For Jehovah hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of one stronger than he.
- 12 And they shall come and sing aloud upon the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of Jehovah, for corn, and for new wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul shall be as a watered garden, and they shall not languish any more at all.
- 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into gladness, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice after their sorrow.
- 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith Jehovah.
- 15 Thus saith Jehovah: A voice hath been heard in Ramah, the wail of very bitter weeping, —Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are not.
- 16 Thus saith Jehovah: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for there is a reward for thy work, saith Jehovah; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.
- 17 And there is hope for thy latter end, saith Jehovah, and thy children shall come again to their own border.
- 18 I have indeed heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*: Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised as a bullock not trained: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art Jehovah my God.
- 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after I knew myself, I smote upon *my* thigh. I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, for I bear the reproach of my youth.

- 20 Is Ephraim a dear son unto me? is he a child of delights? For whilst I have been speaking against him, I do constantly remember him still. Therefore my bowels are troubled for him: I will certainly have mercy upon him, saith Jehovah.
- 21 Set up waymarks, make for thyself signposts; set thy heart toward the highway, the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
- 22 How long wilt thou wander about, thou backsliding daughter? For Jehovah hath created a new thing on the earth, a woman shall encompass a man.
- 23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: They shall again use this speech, in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall turn their captivity: Jehovah bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, mountain of holiness!
- 24 And therein shall dwell Judah, and all the cities thereof together, the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks.
- 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and every languishing soul have I replenished.
- 26 —Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.
- 27 Behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah *with* the seed of man and the seed of beast.
- 28 And it shall come to pass, as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to overthrow, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them to build, and to plant, saith Jehovah.
- 29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge:
- 30 for every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
- 31 Behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:
- 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day of my taking them by the hand, to lead them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah.
- 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in

their inward parts, and will write it in their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will pardon their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

35 Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for light by day, the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for light by night, who stirreth up the sea so that the waves thereof roar, —Jehovah of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith Jehovah: If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off the whole seed of Israel, for all that they have done, saith Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the city shall be built to Jehovah, from the tower of Hananeel unto the corner-gate.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth before it unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn toward Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the torrent Kidron, unto the corner of the horse-gate toward the east, shall be holy unto Jehovah: it shall not be plucked up, nor overthrown any more for ever.

32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah: that year was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 And the king of Babylon's army was then besieging Jerusalem; and the prophet Jeremiah was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why dost thou prophesy and say, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

- 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans; for he shall certainly be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;
- 5 and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith Jehovah: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper?
- 6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 7 Behold, Hanameel, the son of Shallum thine uncle, shall come unto thee, saying, Buy for thyself my field which is in Anathoth; for thine is the right of redemption, to buy *it*.
- 8 And Hanameel, mine uncle's son, came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of Jehovah, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine: buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of Jehovah.
- 9 And I bought of Hanameel, mine uncle's son, the field which is in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, seventeen shekels of silver.
- 10 And I subscribed the writing, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed the money in the balances.
- 11 And I took the writing of the purchase, that which was sealed *according to* the law and the statutes, and that which was open;
- 12 and I gave the writing of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Nerijah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that had subscribed the writing of purchase, before all the Jews that were sitting in the court of the guard.
- 13 And I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,
- 14 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these writings, this writing of the purchase, both that which is sealed and this writing which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may remain many days.
- 15 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be purchased in this land.
- 16 And after I had given the writing of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Nerijah, I prayed unto Jehovah saying,

- 17 Alas, Lord Jehovah! Behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and stretched-out arm; there is nothing too hard for thee:
- 18 who shewest mercy unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them, thou, the great, the mighty •God, —Jehovah of hosts is his name;
- 19 great in counsel and mighty in work, whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the children of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:
- 20 who hast displayed signs and wonders unto this day, in the land of Egypt and in Israel and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day.
- 21 And thou broughtest forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt by signs, and by wonders, and by a powerful hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terror;
- 22 and didst give them this land, which thou hadst sworn unto their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- 23 And they came in and possessed it: but they hearkened not unto thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do; so that thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them.
- 24 Behold the mounds, they are come unto the city for taking it; and the city is given over into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, by the sword, and the famine, and the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and behold, thou seest *it*.
- 25 And thou, Lord Jehovah, thou hast said unto me, Buy for thyself the field for money, and take witnesses; —and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
- 26 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
- 27 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?
- 28 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.
- 29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come in and set fire to this city, and shall burn it, and the houses upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and

poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have been doing only evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith Jehovah.

31 For this city hath been to me *a provocation* of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face; and though I taught them, rising early and teaching, they hearkened not to receive instruction.

34 And they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it;

35 and they have built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause to pass through *the fire* their sons and their daughters unto Molech: which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore Jehovah, the God of Israel, saith thus concerning this city, whereof ye say, It hath been given over into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence:

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries whither I have driven them, in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me all *their* days, for the good of them, and of their children after them.

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not draw back from them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their heart, that they may not turn aside from me.

- 41 And I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land with my whole heart and with my whole soul.
- 42 For thus saith Jehovah: Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have spoken concerning them.
- 43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
- 44 *Men* shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the writings, and seal them, and take witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the south: for I will turn their captivity, saith Jehovah.
- 33:1 And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah the doer of it, Jehovah that formeth it to establish it, Jehovah is his name:
- 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and I will shew thee great and hidden things, which thou knowest not.
- 4 For thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down because of the mounds and because of the sword:
- 5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but to fill them with the dead bodies of the men whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.
- 6 Behold, I will apply a healing dressing to it and cure, and I will heal them, and will reveal unto them an abundance of peace and truth.
- 7 And I will turn the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel, and will build them, as at the beginning.
- 8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me, and I will pardon all their

iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

- 9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear of all the good that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.
- 10 Thus saith Jehovah: In this place of which ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast! in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,
- 11 there shall again be heard the voice of mirth and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that say, Give ye thanks unto Jehovah of hosts; for Jehovah is good, for his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever, —of them that bring thanksgiving unto the house of Jehovah. For I will turn the captivity of the land as in the beginning, saith Jehovah.
- 12 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: In this place which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, there shall again be a habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.
- 13 In the cities of the hill-country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that counteth *them*, saith Jehovah.
- 14 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will perform the good word which I have spoken unto the house of Israel and unto the house of Judah.
- 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety. And this is the name wherewith she shall be called: Jehovah our Righteousness.
- 17 For thus saith Jehovah: There shall never fail to David a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;
- 18 neither shall there fail to the priests the Levites a man before me to offer up burnt-offerings, and to burn oblations, and to do sacrifice continually.

- 19 And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying,
20 Thus saith Jehovah: If ye can break my covenant *in respect* of the day, and my covenant *in respect* of the night, so that there should not be day and night in their season,
21 *then* shall also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites, the priests, my ministers.
22 As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.
23 And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying,
24 Hast thou not seen what this people have spoken, saying, The two families that Jehovah had chosen, he hath even cast them off? And they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.
25 Thus saith Jehovah: If my covenant of day and night *stand* not, if I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and the earth,
26 *then* will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so as not to take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will turn their captivity, and will have mercy on them.
- 34:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth under his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities thereof, saying,
2 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt certainly be taken, and given into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and his mouth shall speak with thy mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.
4 Only, hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah. Thus saith Jehovah as to thee: Thou shalt not die by the sword;

- 5 thou shalt die in peace, and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings that were before thee, so shall they burn for thee; and they will lament for thee, Ah, lord! for I have spoken the word, saith Jehovah.
- 6 And the prophet Jeremiah spoke all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah, in Jerusalem.
- 7 And the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these were amongst the cities of Judah, the fenced cities that were left.
- 8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people that were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them:
- 9 that every man should let his bondman, and every man his bondmaid, the Hebrew and the Hebrewess, go free, that none should exact service of them, *that is*, of a Jew his brother.
- 10 And all the princes and all the people that had entered into the covenant obeyed, every man letting his bondman and every man his bondmaid go free, that none should exact service of them any more: they obeyed, and let *them* go.
- 11 But afterwards they turned, and caused the bondmen and the bondmaids whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for bondmen and for bondmaids.
- 12 And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
- 13 Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,
- 14 At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother, a Hebrew, who hath sold himself unto thee; when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee. But your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.
- 15 And you, ye had this day turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:
- 16 but ye have turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his bondman, and every man his bondmaid,

whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and ye have brought them into subjection, to be unto you for bondmen and for bondmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith Jehovah, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will give you over to be driven hither and thither among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, —the calf which they cut in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 —the princes of Judah and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, that passed between the parts of the calf;

20 them will I give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their carcasses shall be food for the fowl of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I command, saith Jehovah, and I will cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

35:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, saying,

2 Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak with them, and bring them into the house of Jehovah, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 And I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man

of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold.

- 5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink wine.
- 6 And they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, ye nor your sons for ever;
- 7 neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor shall ye have *any*; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents, that ye may live many days in the land where ye sojourn.
- 8 And we have hearkened unto the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters,
- 9 and not to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed;
- 10 but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.
- 11 And it came to pass when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come and let us go into Jerusalem because of the army of the Chaldeans, and because of the army of Syria; and we dwell at Jerusalem.
- 12 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
- 13 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken unto my words? saith Jehovah.
- 14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they have drunk none, for they have obeyed their father's commandment. But I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking, and ye have not hearkened unto me.
- 15 And I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them; and ye shall dwell in the land that I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear nor hearkened unto me.

- 16 Yea, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me;
- 17 therefore thus saith Jehovah the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them, because I have spoken unto them, but they have not hearkened, and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.
- 18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his injunctions, and have done according unto all that he hath commanded you;
- 19 therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, There shall not fail to Jonadab the son of Rechab a man to stand before me, for ever.
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- 36:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, *that* this word came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
- 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.
- 3 It may be the house of Judah will hear all the evil that I purpose to do unto them, that they may return every man from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
- 4 And Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Nerijah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.
- 5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up, I cannot go into the house of Jehovah; but go thou in,
- 6 and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah in the ears of the people in the house of Jehovah upon the fast day; and thou shalt also read them in the ears of all Judah that come from their cities.

- 7 It may be they will present their supplication before Jehovah, and that they will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the fury that Jehovah hath pronounced against this people.
- 8 And Baruch the son of Nerijah did according to all that the prophet Jeremiah commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in Jehovah's house.
- 9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before Jehovah, for all the people in Jerusalem, and for all the people that came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.
- 10 And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of the house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.
- 11 And Micah the son of Gemariah the son of Shaphan heard out of the book all the words of Jehovah;
- 12 and he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber, and behold, all the princes were sitting there: Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.
- 13 And Micah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read in the book in the ears of the people.
- 14 And all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cush, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thy hand the roll in which thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. And Baruch the son of Nerijah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.
- 15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. And Baruch read *it* in their ears.
- 16 And it came to pass, when they heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said unto Baruch, We will certainly report to the king all these words.
- 17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words from his mouth?

- 18 And Baruch said unto them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.
- 19 And the princes said unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; that none may know where ye are.
- 20 And they went in unto the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king.
- 21 And the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll, and he fetched it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes that stood beside the king.
- 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter-house in the ninth month, and with the fire-pan burning before him.
- 23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four columns, he cut it with the scribe's knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the pan until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the pan.
- 24 And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king nor any of his servants that heard all these words.
- 25 Moreover, Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.
- 26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Jehovah hid them.
- 27 And after that the king had burned the roll, and the words that Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying,
- 28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.
- 29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from it man and beast?
- 30 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David;

and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will visit their iniquity upon him, and upon his seed, and upon his servants; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; and they have not hearkened.

32 And Jeremiah took another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Nerijah; and he wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the book that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37:1 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon having made him king in the land of Judah.

2 And neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, hearkened unto the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto Jehovah our God for us.

4 And Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison.

5 And Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they went up from Jerusalem.

6 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

7 Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith Jehovah: Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans are certainly gone away from us; for they are not gone.

- 10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.
- 11 And it came to pass when the army of the Chaldeans was gone up from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,
- 12 that Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to have his portion there among the people.
- 13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Thou art deserting to the Chaldeans.
- 14 And Jeremiah said, It is false: I am not deserting to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him; and Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.
- 15 And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in the place of confinement in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.
- 16 When Jeremiah was come into the dungeon and into the vaults, and Jeremiah had remained there many days,
- 17 king Zedekiah sent and took him out. And the king asked of him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is; and he said, Thou shalt be given into the hand of the king of Babylon.
- 18 And Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in the prison?
- 19 And where are your prophets that prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?
- 20 And now hear, I pray thee, my lord, O king: let my supplication, I pray thee, come before thee; and cause me not to return into the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.
- 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard, and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. And Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard.

- 38:1** And Shepatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah: He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; and he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.
- 3 Thus saith Jehovah: This city shall certainly be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall take it.
- 4 And the princes said unto the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to death; for why should he weaken the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking to them according to these words? for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.
- 5 And king Zedekiah said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he that can do a thing against you.
- 6 Then they took Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchijah the son of Hammelech, which was in the court of the guard, and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire.
- 7 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon—now the king was sitting in the gate of Benjamin,
- 8 —and Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying,
- 9 My lord, O king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he will die by reason of the famine in the place where he is; for there is no more bread in the city.
- 10 And the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.
- 11 And Ebed-melech took the men under his order, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took

thence old shreds and worn-out clothes, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

- 12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put, I pray, *these* old shreds and rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.
- 13 And they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and brought him up out of the dungeon; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
- 14 And king Zedekiah sent and took the prophet Jeremiah unto him, into the third entry that is in the house of Jehovah; and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing: hide nothing from me.
- 15 And Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not certainly put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me.
- 16 And king Zedekiah swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* Jehovah liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.
- 17 And Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, Thus saith Jehovah the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If thou wilt freely go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house.
- 18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.
- 19 And king Zedekiah said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that have deserted to the Chaldeans, lest they give me over into their hand, and they mock me.
- 20 And Jeremiah said, They shall not give *thee* over. Hearken, I beseech thee, unto the voice of Jehovah, in that which I speak unto thee; so shall it be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.
- 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word which Jehovah hath shewn me:
- 22 Behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes; and they shall say, Thy familiar friends have set

- thee on, and have prevailed over thee; thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back.
- 23** And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand; for thou shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon, and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.
- 24** And Zedekiah said unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.
- 25** And if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; and what hath the king said unto thee?
- 26** then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.
- 27** —And all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. And they withdrew quietly from him; for the matter was not reported.
- 28** And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.
- 39:1** And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.
- 2** In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth of the month, the city was broken into;
- 3** and all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate: Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebu, Sarsechim, chief chamberlain, Nergal-sharezer, chief magian, and all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.
- 4** And it came to pass when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls; and he went out the way of the plain.

- 5 And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and they took him, and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, unto Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he pronounced judgment upon him.
- 6 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes, and the king of Babylon slaughtered all the nobles of Judah;
- 7 and he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with chains of brass, to carry him to Babylon.
- 8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.
- 9 And Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard carried away captive into Babylon the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the deserters that had deserted to him, with the rest of the people that were left.
- 10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard left *certain* of the people, the poor who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.
- 11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had given charge concerning Jeremiah by Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard, saying,
- 12 Take him, and keep an eye upon him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.
- 13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard sent, and Nebushazban, chief chamberlain, and Nergal-sharezer, chief magian, and all the king of Babylon's princes,
- 14 even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should conduct him away home. And he dwelt among the people.
- 15 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
- 16 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good, and they shall come to pass before thy face in that day.

- 17 And I will deliver thee in that day, saith Jehovah; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid;
- 18 for I will certainly save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thou shalt have thy life for a prey; for thou hast put thy confidence in me, saith Jehovah.
- 40:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him, being bound in chains, among all the captivity of Jerusalem and Judah, that were carried away captive to Babylon.
- 2 And the captain of the body-guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, Jehovah thy God pronounced this evil upon this place,
- 3 and Jehovah hath brought *it about* and done according as he said; for ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not hearkened unto his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.
- 4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains that are upon thy hand. If it seem good in thy sight to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will keep mine eye upon thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me to Babylon, forbear. See, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and right in thy sight to go, thither go.
- 5 And while he had not yet given answer; *he said*, Yea, go back to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath appointed over the cities of Judah, and abide with him in the midst of the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth right in thy sight to go. And the captain of the body-guard gave him provisions and a present, and let him go.
- 6 And Jeremiah came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and abode with him among the people that remained in the land.
- 7 And all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children,

and of the poor of the land, of them that had not been carried away captive to Babylon.

- 8 And they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah; even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.
- 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
- 10 And as for me, behold, I dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, who will come unto us; and ye, gather wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities which ye have taken.
- 11 Likewise all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon and in Edom, and that were in all the lands, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant in Judah, and that he had appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;
- 12 and all the Jews returned out of all the places whither they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.
- 13 And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah unto Mizpah,
- 14 and said unto him, Dost thou indeed know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to smite thee to death? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.
- 15 And Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will smite Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and no man shall know it: why should he take thy life, and all they of Judah who are gathered unto thee be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?
- 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

- 41:1** And it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and *one* of the king's chief men, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam unto Mizpah, and there they ate bread together, in Mizpah.
- 2 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.
- 3 And Ishmael smote all the Jews that were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, the men of war.
- 4 And it came to pass the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,
- 5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves; with oblations and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of Jehovah.
- 6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went; and it came to pass when he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.
- 7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, he and the men that were with him, slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit.
- 8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Do not kill us, for we have hidden stores in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and did not kill them among their brethren.
- 9 And the pit into which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain by the side of Gedaliah was the one which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.
- 10 And Ishmael carried away captive all the remnant of the people that were in Mizpah, the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried

them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

11 And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done;

12 and they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are at Gibeon.

13 And it came to pass when all the people that were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad.

14 And all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon;

17 and they departed, and dwelt at Geruth-Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they feared them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had smitten Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

42:1 And all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

2 came near and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication come before thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God, for all this remnant (for we are left a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us);

3 that Jehovah thy God may shew us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we should do.

- 4 And Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard; behold, I will pray unto Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass *that* whatsoever thing Jehovah shall answer you, I will declare it unto you: I will keep nothing back from you.
- 5 And they said to Jeremiah, Jehovah be a true and faithful witness amongst us, if we do not even according to all the word for which Jehovah thy God shall send thee to us.
- 6 Whether it be good or whether it be evil, we will hearken unto the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us when we hearken unto the voice of Jehovah our God.
- 7 And it came to pass at the end of ten days, that the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah.
- 8 And he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest,
- 9 and said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, to whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him:
- 10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not overthrow *you*, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up; for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.
- 11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid: be not afraid of him, saith Jehovah; for I will be with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
- 12 And I will grant mercies to you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.
- 13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land; so as not to hearken unto the voice of Jehovah your God,
- 14 saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger for bread; and there will we dwell;
- 15 —and now, therefore, hear the word of Jehovah, ye remnant of Judah: thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: If ye really set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there,
- 16 then it shall come to pass, that the sword which ye fear shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, shall follow hard after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

- 17 And it shall be that all the men that have set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.
- 18 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: As mine anger and my fury have been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt; and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach, and ye shall see this place no more.
- 19 Jehovah hath said concerning you, the remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt. Know certainly that I have admonished you this day.
- 20 For ye deceived yourselves in your own souls, when ye sent me unto Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us unto Jehovah our God; and according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.
- 21 And I have this day declared *it* to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your God, nor anything for which he hath sent me unto you.
- 22 And now know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn.
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- 43:1 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had ended speaking unto all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, with which Jehovah their God had sent him to them—all these words,
- 2 —then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there;
- 3 but Baruch the son of Nerijah is setting thee on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.
- 4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah to abide in the land of Judah;

- 5 but Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations whither they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah;
- 6 men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Nerijah;
- 7 and they came into the land of Egypt: for they hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah. And they came as far as Tahpanhes.
- 8 And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
- 9 Take great stones in thy hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the Jews,
- 10 and say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones which I have hidden, and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
- 11 And he shall come and smite the land of Egypt: such as are for death to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.
- 12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive; and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.
- 13 And he shall break the pillars of Beth-shemesh, which is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.
- 44:1** The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who dwelt in the land of Egypt, who dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

- 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and behold they are, this day, a waste, and no man dwelleth therein,
- 3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense to serve other gods which they knew not, they, *nor* ye, nor your fathers.
- 4 And I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing which I hate!
- 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.
- 6 And my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are become a waste, a desolation, as at this day.
- 7 And now thus saith Jehovah the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Wherefore commit ye great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of Judah, to leave you no remnant;
- 8 provoking me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye are come to sojourn, that ye should be cut off, and that ye should be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?
- 9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
- 10 They are not humbled unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes which I set before you and before your fathers.
- 11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.
- 12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to enter into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed: in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine, from the least even unto the greatest; they shall die

by the sword and by the famine, and they shall be an execration, an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 And I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence;

14 and none of the remnant of Judah, that have come into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, so as to return into the land of Judah, whither they have a desire to return to dwell there; for none shall return but such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assemblage, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of Jehovah, we will not hearken unto thee,

17 but we will certainly do every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink-offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and we had plenty of bread, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off burning incense to the queen of the heavens, and pouring out drink-offerings to her, we have wanted everything, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of the heavens and poured out drink-offerings to her, did we make for her cakes to portray her, and pour out drink-offerings to her, without our husbands?

20 And Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people that had given him that answer, saying,

21 Is it not the incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes and the people of the land, that Jehovah remembered, and that came into his mind?

22 And Jehovah could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations that ye had committed; and your land is become a waste, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as at this day.

- 23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not hearkened unto the voice of Jehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil hath come upon you, as at this day.
- 24 And Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt.
- 25 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, We will certainly perform our vows which we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her. Ye will certainly establish your vows, and entirely perform your vows.
- 26 Therefore hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith Jehovah, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, *As* the Lord Jehovah liveth.
- 27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.
- 28 And they that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, a very small company; and all the remnant of Judah, that have come into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine or theirs.
- 29 And this shall be the sign unto you, saith Jehovah, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall certainly stand against you for evil:
- 30 thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will give Pharaoh-Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

- 45:1** The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Nerijah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, saying,
- 2** Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning thee, Baruch:
 - 3** Thou didst say, Woe unto me! for Jehovah hath added grief to my sorrow; I am weary with my sighing, and I find no rest.
 - 4** Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, what I have built do I overthrow, and what I have planted I pluck up, even this whole land.
 - 5** And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not; for behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith Jehovah; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou shalt go.
- 46:1** The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.
- 2** Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-Necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah.
 - 3** Make ready buckler and shield, and draw near to battle!
 - 4** Harness the horses, and mount ye horsemen, and stand forth with helmets; polish the spears, put on the coats of mail!
 - 5** Why do I see them dismayed, turned away back? And their mighty ones are beaten down, and take to flight, and look not back? Terror *is* on every side, saith Jehovah.
 - 6** Let not the swift flee away, neither let the mighty man escape! —Toward the north, hard by the river Euphrates, they have stumbled and fallen.
 - 7** Who is this *that* riseth up as the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers?
 - 8** It is Egypt that riseth up as the Nile, and *his* waters toss themselves like the rivers; and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

- 9 Go up, ye horses, and drive furiously, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Phut that handle the shield, and the Ludim that handle the bow *and* bend it.
- 10 For this is the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may be avenged of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be sated and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country, by the river Euphrates.
- 11 Go up to Gilead, and fetch balm, O virgin-daughter of Egypt! In vain shalt thou multiply remedies: there is no healing for thee.
- 12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the earth; for the mighty man stumbleth against the mighty, they are both fallen together.
- 13 The word that Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, concerning the coming of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to smite the land of Egypt:
- 14 Declare in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph, and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword devoureth round about thee.
- 15 Why are thy valiants swept away? They stood not, for Jehovah did thrust them down.
- 16 He made many to stumble, yea, one fell upon another; and they said, Arise, and let us return to our own people and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.
- 17 There did they cry, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath let the time appointed go by.
- 18 *As I live*, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts, surely as Tabor among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.
- 19 Thou, inhabitress, daughter of Egypt, furnish for thyself a captive's baggage, for Noph shall be a desolation and shall be ruined, so that none shall dwell therein.
- 20 Egypt is a very fair heifer; the gad-fly cometh, it cometh from the north.
- 21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like fatted bullocks; for they also have turned back, they have fled away together, they did not stand; for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their visitation.

- 22 Her voice shall go like a serpent's; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.
- 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith Jehovah, though it be impenetrable; for they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable.
- 24 The daughter of Egypt is put to shame; she is delivered into the hand of the people of the north.
- 25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saith, Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, and her gods, and her kings; yea, Pharaoh and them that confide in him.
- 26 And I will give them into the hand of those that seek their life, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; but afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith Jehovah.
- 27 But thou, my servant Jacob, fear not, neither be dismayed, Israel: for behold, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.
- 28 Fear thou not, my servant Jacob, saith Jehovah: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee with judgment, and I will not hold thee altogether guiltless.
- 47:1 The word of Jehovah that came to the prophet Jeremiah concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh smote Gazah.
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl,
- 3 at the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his steeds, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels: fathers shall not look back for *their* children, from feebleness of hands;
- 4 because of the day that cometh to lay waste all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper that

remaineth; for Jehovah will lay waste the Philistines, the remnant of the island of Capthor.

- 5 Baldness is come upon Gazah; Ashkelon is cut off, the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?
- 6 Alas! sword of Jehovah, how long wilt thou not be quiet? Withdraw into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.
- 7 How shouldest thou be quiet? —For Jehovah hath given it a charge: against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore, there hath he appointed it.

- 48:1** Concerning Moab. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled; Kirjathaim is put to shame, it is taken; Misgab is put to shame and dismayed.
- 2 Moab's praise is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: Come, and let us cut her off from *being* a nation. Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be cut down; the sword shall pursue thee.
 - 3 A voice of crying from Horonaim; wasting and great destruction!
 - 4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.
 - 5 For by the ascent of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the descent of Horonaim is heard the anguish of the cry of destruction.
 - 6 Flee, save your lives, and be like a shrub in the wilderness.
 - 7 For because thou hast confided in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shalt be taken, and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together.
 - 8 And the waster shall come upon every city, that not a city shall escape; and the valley shall perish, and the plateau shall be destroyed: as Jehovah hath said.
 - 9 Give wings unto Moab, that she may flee and get away; and the cities thereof shall become a desolation, without inhabitant.
 - 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah negligently, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood!
 - 11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and hath settled on his lees; he hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel,

neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste hath remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

- 12 Therefore behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that I will send unto him pourers that shall pour him off, and shall empty his vessels, and break in pieces his flagons.
- 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their confidence.
- 14 How do ye say, We are mighty, and men of valour for the war?
- 15 Moab is laid waste, and his cities are gone up *in smoke*, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.
- 17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful rod!
- 18 Come down from *thy* glory and sit in the drought, O inhabitress, daughter of Dibon; the spoiler of Moab is come up against thee, thy strongholds hath he destroyed.
- 19 Stand by the way, and watch, inhabitress of Aroer; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What is done?
- 20 Moab is put to shame; for he is broken down: howl and cry; tell it in Arnon, that Moab is laid waste.
- 21 And judgment is come upon the country of the plateau; upon Holon, and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath;
- 22 and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim;
- 23 and upon Kirjathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon;
- 24 and upon Kerijoth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.
- 25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith Jehovah.
- 26 Make him drunken, for he magnified himself against Jehovah; and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
- 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? Was he found among thieves, that as oft as thou didst speak of him, thou didst shake the head?

- 28 Leave the cities, and dwell in the rocks, ye inhabitants of Moab, and be like the dove, that maketh her nest in the sides of the cave's mouth.
- 29 We have heard of the arrogance of Moab, —*he is* very proud; —his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.
- 30 I know his wrath, saith Jehovah; his pratings are vain: they do not as *they say*.
- 31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir-heres shall there be moaning.
- 32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with more than the weeping of Jaazer: thy shoots passed over the sea, they reached to the sea of Jaazer. The spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.
- 33 And joy and gladness is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: they shall no more tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting.
- 34 Because of the cry from Heshbon, unto Elaleh, unto Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar unto Horonaim, *unto* Eglath-shelishijah: for even the waters of Nimrim shall become desolations.
- 35 And I will cause to cease in Moab, saith Jehovah, him that offereth in the high place, and him that burneth incense to his gods.
- 36 Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres; because the abundance that he hath gotten is perished.
- 37 For every head is bald, and every beard clipped; upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.
- 38 It is wholly lamentation upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the public places thereof; for I have broken Moab, like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith Jehovah.
- 39 They howl, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! And Moab shall be a derision and a terror to all that are round about him.
- 40 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread forth his wings over Moab.
- 41 Kerijoth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and at that day the heart of the mighty men of Moab shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

- 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against Jehovah.
- 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith Jehovah.
- 44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon her, upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith Jehovah.
- 45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon powerless; for a fire hath come forth from Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and hath consumed the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the sons of tumult.
- 46 Woe to thee, Moab! The people of Chemosh is undone; for thy sons are taken away in captivity, and thy daughters are captives.
- 47 But I will turn the captivity of Moab at the end of the days, saith Jehovah. Thus far is the judgement of Moab.
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- 49:1 Concerning the children of Ammon. Thus saith Jehovah: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? Why is Malcam heir of Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof?
- 2 Therefore behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that I will cause the clamour of war to be heard in Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall be a desolate heap; and her towns shall be burned with fire; and Israel shall possess them that possessed him, saith Jehovah.
- 3 Howl, Heshbon! for Ai is laid waste; cry, daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth, lament and run to and fro within the enclosures: for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together.
- 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys? Thy valley shall flow down, O backsliding daughter, that trusteth in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come against me?
- 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts, from all that are about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall assemble the fugitives.

- 6 And afterwards I will turn the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith Jehovah.
- 7 Concerning Edom. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Is there no more wisdom in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom spent?
- 8 Flee, turn back, dwell deep down, ye inhabitants of Dedan! For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I visit him.
- 9 If grape-gatherers had come to thee, would they not have left a gleaning? If thieves by night, they would destroy only till they had enough.
- 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, that he is unable to hide himself: his seed is wasted, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not.
- 11 Leave thine orphans, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.
- 12 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and thou indeed, shouldest thou be altogether unpunished? Thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink.
- 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.
- 14 I have heard a rumour from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations: —Gather yourselves together, and come against her and rise up for the battle.
- 15 For behold, I have made thee small among the nations, despised among men.
- 16 Thy terribleness, the pride of thy heart, hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill. Though thou shouldest make thy nest high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah.
- 17 And Edom shall be an astonishment: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss, because of all the plagues thereof.
- 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and their neighbour cities, saith Jehovah, no one shall dwell there, neither shall a son of man sojourn therein.
- 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan against the strong habitation; for I will make

them suddenly run away from it; and who is a chosen *man* whom I shall appoint over her? For who is like me? and who will assign me a time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

- 20** Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, which he hath taken against Edom, and his purposes which he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: The little ones of the flock shall certainly draw them away; he shall certainly make their habitation desolate for them.
- 21** The earth quaketh at the sound of their fall; there is a cry, the sound whereof is heard in the Red sea.
- 22** Behold, he shall come up, and fly as an eagle, and spread forth his wings against Bozrah; and at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
- 23** Concerning Damascus. Hamath is put to shame, and Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is distress on the sea; it cannot be quiet.
- 24** Damascus is grown feeble: she turneth herself to flee, and terror hath seized on her; trouble and sorrows have taken hold of her as of a woman in travail.
- 25** How is not the town of praise forsaken, the city of my joy!
- 26** Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all the men of war be cut off in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 27** And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad.
- 28** Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote. Thus saith Jehovah: Arise, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.
- 29** Their tents and their flocks shall they take; their curtains and all their vessels, and their camels, shall they carry away for themselves; and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side!
- 30** Flee, wander very far, dwell deep down, ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith Jehovah; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.
- 31** Arise, get you up against the nation at ease, that dwelleth securely, saith Jehovah, which hath neither gates nor bars: they dwell alone.

- 32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil; and I will scatter to every wind them that have the corners *of their beard* cut off, and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith Jehovah.
- 33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling-place of jackals, a desolation for ever. No one shall dwell there, neither shall a son of man sojourn therein.
- 34 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
- 35 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.
- 36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds, from the four ends of the heavens, and I will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.
- 37 And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, my fierce anger, saith Jehovah; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.
- 38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence king and princes, saith Jehovah.
- 39 But it shall come to pass at the end of the days, I will turn the captivity of Elam, saith Jehovah.
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- 50:1 The word that Jehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet.
- 2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and lift up a banner; publish, conceal not! Say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed: her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed.
- 3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: both man and beast are fled; they are gone.
- 4 In those days, and at that time, saith Jehovah, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping as they go, and shall seek Jehovah their God.

- 5 They shall inquire concerning Zion, with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to Jehovah, in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.
- 6 My people are lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they turned them away on the mountains: they went from mountain to hill, they forgot their resting-place.
- 7 All that found them devoured them, and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the habitation of righteousness, even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers.
- 8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flock.
- 9 For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon, an assemblage of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her: from thence shall she be taken. Their arrows shall be as those of a mighty expert man: none shall return empty.
- 10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all the spoilers thereof shall be satiated, saith Jehovah.
- 11 For ye rejoiced, for ye triumphed, ye plunderers of my heritage; for ye have been wanton as the heifer at grass, and neighed as steeds.
- 12 Your mother hath been sorely put to shame; she that bore you hath been covered with reproach: behold, *she is become* hindmost of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
- 13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah, it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate; every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and shall hiss, because of all her plagues.
- 14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against Jehovah.
- 15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand; her ramparts are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for this is the vengeance of Jehovah. Take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

- 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest. For fear of the oppressing sword let them turn every one to his people, and let them flee every one to his own land.
- 17 Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.
- 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will visit the king of Babylon and his land, like as I have visited the king of Assyria.
- 19 And I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and in Gilead.
- 20 In those days, and at that time, saith Jehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon those whom I leave remaining.
- 21 Go up against the land of double rebellion, against it, and against the inhabitants of visitation; waste and utterly destroy after them, saith Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.
- 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and great destruction.
- 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!
- 24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou, Babylon, art also taken, and thou wast not aware; thou art found, and also caught, for thou hast contended with Jehovah.
- 25 Jehovah hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for this is a work for the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, in the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come ye against her from every quarter, open her storehouses; pile her up like sheaves, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.
- 27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.
- 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God, the vengeance of his temple.

- 29 Call together the archers against Babylon, all those that bend the bow: encamp against her round about; let there be no escaping: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath acted proudly against Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel.
- 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets; and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith Jehovah.
- 31 Behold, I am against thee, proud one, saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts; for thy day is come, the time that I visit thee:
- 32 and the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; yea, I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all that are round about him.
- 33 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah were together oppressed; and all that took them captives held them fast: they refused to let them go.
- 34 Their Redeemer is strong; Jehovah of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 35 The sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith Jehovah, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men;
- 36 the sword is upon the liars, and they shall become fools; the sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed;
- 37 the sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her, and they shall become as women; the sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed:
- 38 a drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of graven images, and they are mad after frightful idols.
- 39 Therefore wild beasts of the desert with jackals shall dwell there, and ostriches shall dwell therein; and it shall be no more inhabited for ever, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.
- 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and their neighbour cities, saith Jehovah, no one shall dwell there, neither shall a son of man sojourn therein.

- 41 Behold, a people cometh from the north, and a great nation. And many kings shall arise from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 42 They lay hold of bow and spear; they are cruel, and will not shew mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses—set in array like a man for the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.
- 43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands wax feeble; trouble hath taken hold of him, pangs as of a woman in travail.
- 44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan against the strong habitation; for I will make him suddenly run away from it; and who is a chosen *man* whom I may appoint over her? For who is like me? and who will assign me a time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?
- 45 Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, which he hath taken against Babylon, and his purposes which he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: The little ones of the flock shall certainly draw them away; he shall certainly make their habitation desolate for them.
- 46 At the sound of the taking of Babylon the earth hath quaked, and the cry is heard among the nations.
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- 51:1 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the heart of those that rise against me, a destroying wind;
- 2 and I will send unto Babylon strangers, who shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.
- 3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his coat of mail; and spare not her young men: destroy utterly all her host.
- 4 And the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.
- 5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of Jehovah of hosts; for their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.

- 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; be ye not cut off in her iniquity: for this is the time of Jehovah's vengeance: he shall render unto her a recompence.
- 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in Jehovah's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore have the nations become mad.
- 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and ruined. Howl over her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.
- 9 We have treated Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country; for her judgment reacheth unto the heavens, and is lifted up to the skies.
- 10 Jehovah hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God.
- 11 Sharpen the arrows; take the shields. Jehovah hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; for his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it; for this is the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of his temple.
- 12 Lift up a banner towards the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for Jehovah hath both devised and done that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 Thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, the measure of thy rapacity.
- 14 Jehovah of hosts hath sworn by himself, I will assuredly fill thee with men, as with caterpillars; and they shall raise a shout against thee.
- 15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his understanding.
- 16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the end of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 17 Every man is become brutish, so as to have no knowledge; every founder is put to shame by the graven image, for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 18 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

- 19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for it is he that hath formed all things: and *Israel* is the rod of his inheritance: Jehovah of hosts is his name.
- 20 Thou art my maul, *my* weapons of war: and with thee I will break in pieces the nations, and I will with thee destroy kingdoms;
- 21 and with thee I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee I will break in pieces the chariot and its driver;
- 22 and with thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;
- 23 and with thee will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces governors and rulers.
- 24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea, in your sight, all their evil which they have done in Zion, saith Jehovah.
- 25 Behold, I am against thee, mount of destruction, saith Jehovah, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burning mountain.
- 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; for thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith Jehovah.
- 27 Lift up a banner in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare nations against her; call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the bristly caterpillars.
- 28 Prepare nations against her, the kings of the Medes, their governors and all their rulers, yea, all the land of their dominion.
- 29 And the land trembleth and is in pain; for the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon do stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.
- 30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to fight, they are sitting in the fortresses; their might hath failed, they are become as women: they have set her dwelling places on fire; her bars are broken.

- 31** Courier runneth to meet courier, and messenger to meet messenger, to announce to the king of Babylon that his city is taken from end to end;
- 32** and the passages are seized, and the reedy places are burnt with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.
- 33** For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor, at the time of its being trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her.
- 34** Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel; he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.
- 35** The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitress of Zion say; and, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.
- 36** Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her spring dry.
- 37** And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant.
- 38** They shall roar together like young lions, growl as lions' whelps.
- 39** When they are heated, I will prepare their drink, and I will make them drunken, that they may exult, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith Jehovah.
- 40** I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.
- 41** How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth seized! How is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!
- 42** The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of its waves.
- 43** Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land wherein no one dwelleth, neither doth a son of man pass thereby.
- 44** And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth what he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon is fallen.

- 45 Go ye out of the midst of her, my people, and deliver every man his soul from the fierce anger of Jehovah!
- 46 lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; for a rumour shall come *one* year, and after that a rumour in *another* year, and violence in the earth, ruler against ruler.
- 47 Therefore behold, days are coming when I will punish the graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.
- 48 And the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, shall shout aloud over Babylon; for out of the north the spoilers shall come against her, saith Jehovah.
- 49 As Babylon caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.
- 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go, stand not still: remember Jehovah from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.
- 51 —We are put to shame, for we have heard reproach; confusion hath covered our face: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of Jehovah's house.
- 52 —Therefore behold, days come, saith Jehovah, that I will punish her graven images; and throughout her land the wounded shall groan.
- 53 Though Babylon should mount up to the heavens, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith Jehovah.
- 54 The sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans;
- 55 for Jehovah spoileth Babylon, and he will destroy out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like great waters, the noise of their voice resoundeth.
- 56 For the spoiler is come against her, against Babylon, and her mighty men are taken; their bows are broken in pieces; for Jehovah, the •God of recompences, will certainly requite.
- 57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her governors, and her rulers, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- 58 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly laid bare, and her high gates shall be burned

with fire; so that the peoples will have laboured in vain, and the nations for the fire: and they shall be weary.

- 59** The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Nerijah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief chamberlain.
- 60** And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon.
- 61** And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, see that thou read all these words;
- 62** and say, Jehovah, thou hast spoken concerning this place, that thou wilt cut it off, so that none shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.
- 63** And it shall be, when thou hast ended reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates;
- 64** and shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise, because of the evil that I will bring upon it: and they shall be weary. Thus far the words of Jeremiah.

- 52:1** Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
- 2** And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
- 3** For, because the anger of Jehovah was against Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- 4** And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem; and they encamped against it, and built turrets against it round about.
- 5** And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

- 6 In the fourth month, on the ninth of the month, the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.
- 7 And the city was broken into: and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were near the city round about); and they went the way toward the plain.
- 8 And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.
- 9 And they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon, unto Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he pronounced judgment upon him.
- 10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; and he slaughtered also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.
- 11 And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with chains of brass; and the king of Babylon carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.
- 12 And in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, which was in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzar-adan, captain of the body-guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, came unto Jerusalem;
- 13 and he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; and every great *man's* house he burned with fire.
- 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the body-guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.
- 15 And Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard carried away captive of the poorest sort of the people, and the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the deserters that had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.
- 16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard left of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.
- 17 And the brazen pillars that were in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of Jehovah, the Chaldeans broke up, and carried all the brass thereof to Babylon.

- 18 The pots also, and the shovels, and the knives, and the bowls, and the cups, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, they took away.
- 19 And the basons and the censers, and the bowls, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and the cups, and the goblets, that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, the captain of the body-guard took away.
- 20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brazen oxen that formed the bases, which king Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah: for the brass of all these vessels there was no weight.
- 21 And as to the pillars: the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a line of twelve cubits encompassed it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow.
- 22 And the capital upon it was brass, and the height of the one capital *was* five cubits; and the network and the pomegranates, upon the capital round about, all of brass; and similarly for the second pillar, and the pomegranates.
- 23 And there were ninety-six pomegranates on the *four* sides; all the pomegranates upon the network were a hundred round about.
- 24 And the captain of the body-guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.
- 25 And out of the city he took a eunuch that was set over the men of war, and seven men of them that were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the captain of the host, who enrolled the people of the land. And sixty men of the people of the land that were found in the midst of the city.
- 26 And Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah;
- 27 and the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his land.
- 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand and twenty-three Jews;
- 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar *he carried away captive* from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons;

- 30** in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar, Nebuzar-adan the captain of the body-guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand six hundred.
- 31** And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, *that* Evil-Merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison;
- 32** and he spoke kindly unto him, and set his seat above the seat of the kings that were with him in Babylon.
- 33** And he changed his prison garments; and he ate bread before him continually all the days of his life;
- 34** and his allowance was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

- 1:1** How doth the city sit solitary *that* was full of people! She that was great among the nations is become as a widow; the princess among the provinces is become tributary!
- 2** She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she hath no comforter; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.
- 3** Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwelleth among the nations, she findeth no rest: all her pursuers have overtaken her within the straits.
- 4** The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly: all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are in grief; and as for her, she is in bitterness.
- 5** Her adversaries have become the head, her enemies prosper; for Jehovah hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the adversary.
- 6** And from the daughter of Zion all her splendour is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture; and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
- 7** In the days of her affliction and of her wanderings, since her people fell into the hand of an adversary, and none did help her, Jerusalem remembereth all her precious things which she had in the days of old: the adversaries have seen her, they mock at her ruin.
- 8** Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore is she removed as an impurity: all that honoured her despise her because they have seen her nakedness; and she sigheth, and turneth backward.
- 9** Her impurity was in her skirts, she remembered not her latter end; and she came down wonderfully: she hath no comforter. Jehovah, behold my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself.

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- 10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her precious things; for she hath seen the nations enter into her sanctuary, concerning whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.
- 11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their precious things for food to revive *their* soul. See, Jehovah, and consider, for I am become vile.
- 12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, whom Jehovah hath afflicted in the day of his fierce anger.
- 13 From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them; he hath spread a net for my feet; he hath turned me back; he hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day.
- 14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, they are come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fail; the Lord hath delivered me into hands out of which I am not able to rise up.
- 15 The Lord hath cast down all my mighty men in the midst of me; he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men; the Lord hath trodden as a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.
- 16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water: for the comforter that should revive my soul is far from me; my children are desolate, for the enemy hath prevailed.
- 17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands; there is none to comfort her; Jehovah hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him; Jerusalem is as an impurity among them.
- 18 Jehovah is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment. Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my sorrow. My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
- 19 I called for my lovers, they have deceived me; my priests and mine elders have expired in the city, while they sought them food to revive their soul.
- 20 See, Jehovah, for I am in distress, my bowels are troubled; my heart is turned within me, for I have grievously rebelled: without, the sword hath bereaved *me*, within, it is as death.

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- 21 They have heard that I sigh: I have no comforter: all mine enemies have heard of my calamity; they are glad that thou hast done it. Thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.
- 22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.
- 2:1 How hath the Lord in his anger covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud! He hath cast down from the heavens unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger.
- 2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the dwellings of Jacob, and hath not spared; he hath thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah: he hath brought *them* down to the ground; he hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.
- 3 He hath cut off in fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath withdrawn his right hand from before the enemy; and he burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, devouring round about.
- 4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy; he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and hath slain all that was pleasant to the eye: in the tent of the daughter of Zion, he hath poured out his fury like fire.
- 5 The Lord is become as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel; he hath swallowed up all her palaces; he hath destroyed his strongholds, and hath multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.
- 6 And he hath violently cast down his enclosure as a garden; he hath destroyed his place of assembly: Jehovah hath caused set feast and sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger king and priest.
- 7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath rejected his sanctuary; he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces: they have made a noise in the house of Jehovah, as on the day of a set feast.
- 8 Jehovah hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out the line, he hath not

withdrawn his hand from destroying; and he hath made the rampart and the wall to lament: they languish together.

- 9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations: the law is no *more*; her prophets also find no vision from Jehovah.
- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, they keep silence; they have cast dust upon their heads, they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their head to the ground.
- 11 Mine eyes are consumed with tears, my bowels are troubled; my liver is poured upon the earth, because of the ruin of the daughter of my people; because infant and suckling swoon in the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city; when they pour out their soul into their mothers' bosom.
- 13 What shall I take to witness for thee? what shall I liken unto thee, daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, virgin daughter of Zion? For thy ruin is great as the sea: who will heal thee?
- 14 Thy prophets have seen vanity and folly for thee; and they have not revealed thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee burdens of falsehood and causes of expulsion.
- 15 All that pass by clap *their* hands at thee; they hiss and shake their head at the daughter of Jerusalem: Is this the city which they called, The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
- 16 All thine enemies open their mouth against thee, they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed *her* up; this is forsooth the day that we looked for: we have found, we have seen *it*.
- 17 Jehovah hath done what he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word which he had commanded from the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not spared, and he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee; he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.
- 18 Their heart cried unto the Lord. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a torrent day and night: give thyself no respite; let not the apple of thine eye rest.

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- 19 Arise, cry out in the night, in the beginning of the watches; pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, who faint from hunger at the top of all the streets.
- 20 See, Jehovah, and consider to whom thou hast done this! Shall the women eat their fruit, the infants that they nursed? Shall priest and prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?
- 21 The child and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword: thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, thou hast not spared.
- 22 Thou hast called up, as on the day of a set feast, my terrors on every side; and in the day of Jehovah's anger there was none that escaped or remained: those that I have nursed and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.
- 3:1 I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
- 2 Me hath he led, and brought into darkness, and not into light.
- 3 Surely against me hath he turned again and again his hand all the day.
- 4 My flesh and my skin hath he wasted away, he hath broken my bones.
- 5 He hath built against me, and encompassed *me* with gall and toil.
- 6 He hath made me to dwell in dark places as those that have been long dead.
- 7 He hath hedged me about that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.
- 8 Even when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.
- 9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.
- 10 He is unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, a lion in secret places.
- 11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate.
- 12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

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- 13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.
- 14 I am become a derision to all my people; their song all the day.
- 15 He hath sated me with bitterness, he hath made me drunk with wormwood.
- 16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.
- 17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I have forgotten prosperity.
- 18 And I said, My strength is perished, and my hope in Jehovah.
- 19 Remember thou mine affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and the gall.
- 20 My soul hath *them* constantly in remembrance, and is humbled in me.
- 21 —This I recall to heart, therefore have I hope.
- 22 It is of Jehovah's loving-kindness we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not;
- 23 they are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
- 24 Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
- 25 Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.
- 26 It is good that one should both wait, and that in silence, for the salvation of Jehovah.
- 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth:
- 28 He sitteth solitary and keepeth silence, because he hath laid it upon him;
- 29 he putteth his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope;
- 30 he giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him; he is filled full with reproach.
- 31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever;
- 32 but if he have caused grief, he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses:
- 33 for he doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.
- 34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,
- 35 to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
- 36 to wrong a man in his cause, —will not the Lord see it?

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- 37 Who is he that saith, and there cometh to pass, what the Lord hath not commanded?
- 38 Out of the mouth of the Most High doth not there proceed evil and good?
- 39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
- 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah.
- 41 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto •God in the heavens.
- 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.
- 43 Thou hast covered thyself with anger, and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not spared.
- 44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that prayer should not pass through.
- 45 Thou hast made us the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
- 46 All our enemies have opened their mouth against us.
- 47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, devastation and ruin.
- 48 Mine eye runneth down with streams of water for the ruin of the daughter of my people.
- 49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,
- 50 till Jehovah look down and behold from the heavens.
- 51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.
- 52 They that are mine enemies without cause have chased me sore like a bird.
- 53 They have cut off my life in a pit, and cast a stone upon me.
- 54 Waters streamed over my head; I said, I am cut off.
- 55 I called upon thy name, Jehovah, out of the lowest pit.
- 56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my sighing, at my cry.
- 57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not.
- 58 Lord, thou hast pleaded the cause of my soul, thou hast redeemed my life.
- 59 Jehovah, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.
- 60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance, all their imaginations against me.

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- 61** Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah, all their imaginations against me;
- 62** the lips of those that rise up against me and their meditation against me all the day.
- 63** Behold thou their sitting down and their rising up: I am their song.
- 64** Render unto them a recompence, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands;
- 65** give them obduracy of heart, thy curse unto them;
- 66** pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Jehovah.
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- 4:1** How is the gold become dim! the most pure gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary poured out at the top of all the streets!
- 2** The sons of Zion, so precious, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
- 3** Even the jackals offer the breast, they give suck to their young; the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4** The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask bread, no man breaketh it unto them.
- 5** They that fed delicately are desolate in the streets; they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dung-hills.
- 6** And the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the reward of the sin of Sodom, which was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were violently laid upon her.
- 7** Her Nazarites were purer than snow, whiter than milk; they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their figure was as sapphire.
- 8** Their visage is darker than blackness, they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their bones, it is withered, it is become like a stick.
- 9** The slain with the sword are happier than the slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

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- 10 The hands of pitiful women have boiled their own children: they were their meat in the ruin of the daughter of my people.
- 11 Jehovah hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath consumed the foundations thereof.
- 12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should enter into the gates of Jerusalem.
- 13 *It is* for the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, who have shed the blood of the righteous in the midst of her.
- 14 They wandered about blind in the streets; they were polluted with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.
- 15 They cried unto them, Depart! Unclean! Depart! depart, touch not! When they fled away, and wandered about, it was said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn *there*.
- 16 The face of Jehovah hath divided them; he will no more regard them. They respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the aged.
- 17 Our eyes still failed for our vain help; in our watching, we have watched for a nation that did not save.
- 18 They hunted our steps, that we could not go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.
- 19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens; they chased us hotly upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah, was taken in their pits; of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.
- 21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz: the cup shall pass also unto thee; thou shalt be drunken, and make thyself naked.
- 22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity. He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

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- 5:1** Remember, O Jehovah, what is come upon us; consider, and see our reproach.
- 2** Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.
- 3** We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.
- 4** Our water have we to drink for money, our wood cometh unto us for a price.
- 5** Our pursuers are on our necks: we are weary, we have no rest.
- 6** We have given the hand to Egypt, *and* to Asshur, to be satisfied with bread.
- 7** Our fathers have sinned, *and* they are not; and we bear their iniquities.
- 8** Bondmen rule over us: there is no deliverer out of their hand.
- 9** We have to get our bread at the risk of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness.
- 10** Our skin gloweth like an oven, because of the burning heat of the famine.
- 11** They have ravished the women in Zion, the maids in the cities of Judah.
- 12** Princes were hanged up by their hand; the faces of elders were not honoured.
- 13** The young men have borne the mill, and the youths have stumbled under the wood.
- 14** The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.
- 15** The joy of our heart hath ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.
- 16** The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, for we have sinned!
- 17** For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes have grown dim,
- 18** Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate: foxes walk over it.
- 19** Thou, Jehovah, dwellest for ever; thy throne is from generation to generation.
- 20** Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, dost thou forsake us so long time?
- 21** Turn thou us unto thee, Jehovah, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

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- 22** Or is it that thou hast utterly rejected us? Wouldest thou be exceeding wroth against us?

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

- 1:1** Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- 2** On the fifth of the month, (it was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,)
- 3** the word of Jehovah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of Jehovah was there upon him.
- 4** And I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the look of glowing brass, out of the midst of the fire.
- 5** Also out of the midst thereof, the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.
- 6** And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings.
- 7** And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled as the look of burnished brass.
- 8** And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings:
- 9** their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.
- 10** And the likeness of their faces was the face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle.
- 11** And their faces and their wings were parted above; two *wings* of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

- 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the Spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went.
- 13 And as for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, as the appearance of torches: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright; and out of the fire went forth lightning.
- 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.
- 15 And I looked at the living creatures, and behold, one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, toward their four faces.
- 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was as the look of a chrysolite; and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
- 17 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not when they went.
- 18 As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and they four had their rims full of eyes round about.
- 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
- 20 Whithersoever the Spirit was to go, they went, thither would *their* spirit go; and the wheels were lifted up along with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 21 When those went, they went; and when those stood, they stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 22 And there was the likeness of an expanse over the heads of the living creature, as the look of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.
- 23 And under the expanse were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side their bodies.
- 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the

- Almighty, a tumultuous noise, as the noise of a host:
when they stood, they let down their wings;
- 25** and there was a voice from above the expanse that was over their heads. When they stood, they let down their wings.
- 26** And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.
- 27** And I saw as the look of glowing brass, as the appearance of fire, within it round about; from the appearance of his loins and upward, and from the appearance of his loins and downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.
- 28** As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.
- 2:1** And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee.
- 2** And the Spirit entered into me when he spoke unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard him that spoke unto me.
- 3** And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me unto this very day;
- 4** and these children are impudent and hard-hearted: I am sending thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 5** And they, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear—for they are a rebellious house—yet shall they know that there hath been a prophet among them.
- 6** And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, and be not afraid of their words; for briars and thorns are with thee, and thou dwellest among scorpions: be not afraid

- of their words, and be not dismayed at their faces; for they are a rebellious house.
- 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear; for they are rebellious.
- 8 And thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
- 9 And I looked, and behold, a hand was put forth toward me; and behold, a roll of a book therein.
- 10 And he spread it out before me; and it was written within and without; and there were written in it lamentations, and mourning, and woe.
- 3:1 And he said unto me, Son of man, eat what thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto the house of Israel.
- 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.
- 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll which I give thee. And I ate, and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.
- 4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
- 5 For thou art not sent to a people of strange language, and of difficult speech, *but* to the house of Israel;
- 6 not to many peoples of strange language and of difficult speech, whose words thou canst not understand: had I sent thee to them, would they not hearken unto thee?
- 7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee, for none of them will hearken unto me. For all the house of Israel are hard of forehead and stiff of heart.
- 8 Behold, I have made thy face hard against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads.
- 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead. Fear them not, neither be dismayed at them, for they are a rebellious house.

- 10 And he said unto me, Son of man, all my words which I shall speak unto thee, receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears;
- 11 and go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, —whether they will hear or whether they will forbear.
- 12 And the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed be the glory of Jehovah from his place!
- 13 —and the sound of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great rushing.
- 14 And the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.
- 15 And I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river Chebar, and I sat where they sat; and I sat there astonished among them seven days.
- 16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 17 Son of man, I have appointed thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, and thou shalt hear the word from my mouth, and give them warning from me.
- 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt certainly die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, that he may live: the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand.
- 19 But if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
- 20 And when a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and do what is wrong, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous acts which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand.
- 21 And if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall certainly live, for he hath taken warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

- 22 And the hand of Jehovah was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the valley, and there I will talk with thee.
- 23 And I arose, and went forth into the valley, and behold, the glory of Jehovah stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.
- 24 And the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spoke with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thy house.
- 25 And thou, son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee therewith, and thou shalt not go out among them.
- 26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.
- 27 And when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.
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- 4:1 And thou, son of man, take thee a brick, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it a city, —Jerusalem:
- 2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast a mound against it, and set camps against it, and place battering-rams against it round about.
- 3 And take thou unto thee an iron plate, and put it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it: this shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
- 4 And thou, lie upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: the number of the days that thou liest upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.
- 5 And I have appointed thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

- 6 And when thou hast accomplished them, thou shalt lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.
- 7 And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.
- 8 And behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thyself from one side to the other, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.
- 9 And thou, take unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, *according to* the number of the days that thou liest upon thy side: three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
- 10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.
- 11 And thou shalt drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
- 12 And thou shalt eat it *as* barley-cake, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man.
- 13 And Jehovah said, So shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean among the nations whither I will drive them.
- 14 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! behold, my soul hath not been defiled, and from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or of that which is torn; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.
- 15 And he said unto me, See, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.
- 16 And he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:
- 17 because bread and water shall fail them, and they shall be astonished one with another, and waste away in their iniquity.

- 5:1** And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife; a barber's razor shalt thou take; and cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard: and thou shalt take balances to weigh, and divide the *hair*.
- 2** A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a knife; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.
- 3** And thou shalt take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts;
- 4** and thou shalt take of these again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire: from it shall a fire come forth against all the house of Israel.
- 5** Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This is Jerusalem: I have set her in the midst of the nations, and the countries are round about her.
- 6** And she hath rebelled against my judgments in wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for mine ordinances have they refused; and my statutes, they have not walked in them.
- 7** Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye have been turbulent more than the nations that are round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept mine ordinances, nor *even* have done according to the ordinances of the nations that are round about you;
- 8** therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations;
- 9** and I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.
- 10** Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter to all the winds.

- 11 Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, verily because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also withdraw mine eye, and it shall not spare, nor will I have any pity.
- 12 A third part of thee shall die by the pestilence, and shall be consumed by the famine in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.
- 13 And mine anger shall be accomplished, and I will satisfy my fury upon them, and I will comfort myself; and they shall know that I Jehovah have spoken in my jealousy, when I have accomplished my fury upon them.
- 14 And I will make thee a waste and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.
- 15 And it shall be a reproach, and a taunt, an instruction, and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments upon thee in anger, and in fury, and in furious rebukes: I, Jehovah, have spoken.
- 16 When I send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for *their* destruction, which I send to destroy you, then will I increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread.
- 17 And I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, which shall bereave thee of children; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee: I, Jehovah, have spoken.
- 6:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
3 and say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the water-courses and to the valleys:

- Behold, I, *even I*, do bring a sword upon you, and will destroy your high places.
- 4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols;
- 5 and I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
- 6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.
- 7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have some escaped from the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.
- 9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they have been carried captives, when I shall have broken their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols; and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed, in all their abominations.
- 10 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.
- 11 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the abominations of the iniquities of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.
- 12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that is left, and is besieged, shall die by the famine: and I will accomplish my fury upon them.
- 13 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when their slain shall be among their idols, round about their altars, upon every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick

terebinth, the places where they offered sweet savour to all their idols.

14 And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness of Diblath, in all their dwellings; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

2 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto the land of Israel: An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now is the end upon thee; and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will bring upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

5 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: An evil, an only evil! behold, it is come.

6 The end is come, the end is come; it awaketh against thee: behold, it cometh.

7 The doom is come unto thee, inhabitant of the land; the time is come, the day is near, —tumult, and not the joyous cry from the mountains.

8 Now will I soon pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee; and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will bring upon thee all thine abominations.

9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will render unto thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that it is I, Jehovah, that smite.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the doom is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride is full blown.

11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: nothing of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth, nor of the magnificence in the midst of them.

- 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for fierce anger is upon all the multitude thereof.
- 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, even though he were yet alive amongst the living: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof; it shall not be revoked; and none shall through his iniquity assure his life.
- 14 They have blown the trumpet and made all ready, but none goeth to the battle; for my fierce anger is upon all the multitude thereof.
- 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die by the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.
- 16 And they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one for his iniquity.
- 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall melt into water.
- 18 And they shall gird on sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.
- 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an impurity: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of Jehovah's wrath; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their belly; for it hath been the stumbling-block of their iniquity.
- 20 And he set in majesty his beautiful ornament; but they made therein the images of their abominations *and* of their detestable things: therefore have I made it an impurity unto them.
- 21 And I will give it into the hands of strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it.
- 22 And I will turn my face from them; and they shall profane my secret *place*; and the violent shall enter into it, and profane it.
- 23 Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

- 24 Therefore will I bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses; and I will make the pride of the strong to cease; and their sanctuaries shall be profaned.
- 25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, but there shall be none.
- 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; and they shall seek a vision from a prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.
- 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with dismay, and the hands of the people of the land shall tremble: I will do unto them according to their way, and with their judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

- 8:1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, on the fifth of the month, that *as* I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell there upon me.
- 2 And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the look of glowing brass.
- 3 And he stretched forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entry of the inner gate that looketh toward the north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.
- 4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the valley.
- 5 And he said unto me, Son of man, lift up now thine eyes toward the north. And I lifted up mine eyes toward the north, and behold, northward of the gate of the altar, this image of jealousy in the entry.
- 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? the great abominations that the house of Israel

commit here, to cause *me* to go far off from my sanctuary? And yet again thou shalt see great abominations.

- 7 And he brought me to the entry of the court, and I looked, and behold, a hole in the wall.
- 8 And he said unto me, Son of man, dig now through the wall; and I digged through the wall, and behold, a door.
- 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.
- 10 And I went in and looked, and behold, every form of creeping thing and abominable beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.
- 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censor in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.
- 12 And he said unto me, Hast thou seen, son of man, what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every one in his chambers of imagery? for they say, Jehovah seeth us not; Jehovah hath forsaken the land.
- 13 And he said unto me, Yet again thou shalt see great abominations which they do.
- 14 And he brought me to the entry of the gate of Jehovah's house that was toward the north; and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
- 15 And he said unto me, Seest thou, son of man? Thou shalt yet again see greater abominations than these.
- 16 And he brought me into the inner court of Jehovah's house, and behold, at the entry of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Jehovah and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.
- 17 And he said unto me, Seest thou, son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here, that they yet fill the land with violence, and keep provoking me afresh to anger? And behold, they put the branch to their nose.

18 And I also will deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.

9:1 And he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Draw near, ye that have charge of the city, and every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which is turned toward the north, and every man *with* his slaughter weapon in his hand; and in the midst of them, one man clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-horn by his side; and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's ink-horn by his side;

4 and Jehovah said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others he said in my hearing, Go after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have pity.

6 Slay utterly the old man, the young man, and the maiden, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the elders who were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go forth. And they went forth, and smote in the city.

8 And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! wilt thou destroy all the remnant of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 And he said unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full

- of blood, and the city full of perverseness; for they say, Jehovah hath forsaken the earth, and Jehovah seeth not.
- 10** And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense their way upon their head.
- 11** And behold, the man clothed with linen, who had the ink-horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.
- 10:1** And I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
- 2** And he spoke unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Come in between the wheels, under the cherub, and fill the hollow of thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.
- 3** And the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
- 4** And the glory of Jehovah mounted up from the cherub, *and came* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Jehovah's glory.
- 5** And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty •God when he speaketh.
- 6** And it came to pass when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim, then he went in, and stood beside the wheel.
- 7** And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took and put it into the hands of him *that was* clothed with linen; who took *it*, and went out.
- 8** And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

- 9 And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as the look of a chrysolite stone.
- 10 And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel were in the midst of a wheel.
- 11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it: they turned not as they went.
- 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes round about, in them four *and* their wheels.
- 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, Galgal.
- 14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
- 15 And the cherubim mounted up. This was the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar.
- 16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.
- 17 When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.
- 18 And the glory of Jehovah departed from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim.
- 19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight, when they went out; and the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of Jehovah's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.
- 20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim.
- 21 Each one had four faces, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I had seen by the river Chebar—their appearance and themselves: they went every one straight before them.

- 11:1 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of Jehovah's house, which looketh eastward; and behold, at the door of the gate were five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.
- 2 And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and give wicked counsel in this city:
- 3 who say, It is not the time to build houses: this is the cauldron, and we are the flesh.
- 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man.
- 5 And the Spirit of Jehovah fell on me, and said unto me, Speak, Thus saith Jehovah: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; and the things that come into your mind, I know them.
- 6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.
- 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and it is the cauldron; but you will I bring forth out of the midst of it.
- 8 Ye have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 9 And I will bring you out of the midst of it, and give you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.
- 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the borders of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 11 This shall not be your cauldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst of it: I will judge you in the borders of Israel;

- 12 and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, in whose statutes ye have not walked, neither have done mine ordinances, but have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you.
- 13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. And I fell down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?
- 14 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 15 Son of man, *it is* thy brethren, thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel, the whole of it, unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem say, Get you far from Jehovah: unto us is this land given for a possession.
- 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Although I have removed them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries whither they are come.
- 17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye are scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.
- 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away from thence all its detestable things and all its abominations.
- 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;
- 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- 21 But as for them whose heart walketh well-pleased with their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their heads, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 22 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

- 23 And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.
- 24 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity; and the vision that I had seen went up from me.
- 25 And I spoke unto them of the captivity all the things that Jehovah had shewn me.
- 12:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not, which have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house.
- 3 And thou, son of man, prepare thee a captive's baggage, and go captive by day in their sight; and thou shalt go captive from thy place to another place in their sight. It may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house.
- 4 And bring forth thy baggage by day in their sight, as a captive's baggage, and thou thyself, go forth at even in their sight as they that go forth into captivity.
- 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.
- 6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, and thou shalt not see the ground: for I have appointed thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.
- 7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my baggage by day, as a captive's baggage, and in the even I digged through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the dark, *and* bore it upon *my* shoulder, in their sight.
- 8 And in the morning the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

- 10 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them.
- 11 Say, I am your sign: as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall go into exile, into captivity.
- 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth; they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby; he shall cover his face, that he see not the land with *his* eyes.
- 13 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; but he shall not see it, and there shall he die.
- 14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.
- 15 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I shall scatter them among the nations and disperse them through the countries.
- 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they shall come; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 17 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
- 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with anxiety;
- 19 and say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, in the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with astonishment, because her land shall be left desolate of all that is in it, for the violence of all them that dwell therein.
- 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 21 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 22 Son of man, what is that proverb which ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days shall be prolonged, and every vision faileth?

- 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the accomplishment of every vision.
- 24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination in the midst of the house of Israel.
- 25 For I *am* Jehovah; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed, it shall be no more deferred. For in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word and will perform it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 26 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days, and he prophesieth of times that are far off.
- 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word that I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah.
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- 13:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying:
- 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say unto them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear ye the word of Jehovah.
- 3 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
- 4 O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in desert places.
- 5 Ye have not gone up into the breaches, nor made up the fence for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of Jehovah.
- 6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, that say, Jehovah saith! and Jehovah hath not sent them; and they make *them* to hope that the word will be fulfilled.
- 7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and spoken a lying divination, when ye say, Jehovah saith; and I have not spoken?

- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye speak vanity, and have seen lies, therefore behold, I am against you, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 9 And my hand shall be against the prophets that see vanity and that divine lies: they shall not be in the council of my people, neither shall they be written in the register of the house of Israel, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.
- 10 Because, yea because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace! and there is no peace; and one buildeth up a wall, and lo, they daub it with untempered *mortar* —
- 11 say unto them which daub it with untempered *mortar* that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing rain, and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall, and a stormy wind shall burst forth.
- 12 And lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing with which ye have daubed *it*?
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will cause to burst forth a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing rain in mine anger, and hail-stones in fury for utter destruction.
- 14 And I will break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered; and it shall fall, and ye shall be destroyed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 15 And I will accomplish my fury upon the wall, and upon them that daub it with untempered *mortar*, and will say unto you, The wall is no *more*, neither they that daubed it,
- 16 the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see a vision of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against them,

- 18 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe unto the women that sew pillows for all wrists, and that make veils for the head *of persons* of every stature to catch souls! Will ye catch the souls of my people, and will ye save your own souls alive?
- 19 And will ye profane me among my people for handfuls of barley and for morsels of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that listen to lying?
- 20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against your pillows, that the souls which ye catch by their means may fly away; and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, the souls that ye catch, that they may fly away.
- 21 And I will tear your veils and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 22 Because with falsehood ye have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and have strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, to save his life:
- 23 therefore ye shall no more see vanity, nor divine divinations; and I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 14:1 And there came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.
- 2 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?
- 4 Therefore speak to them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, I Jehovah will answer him according to this, according to the multitude of his idols:

- 5 that I may take the house of Israel by their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.
- 6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
- 7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, who separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire of me by him, I Jehovah will answer him by myself;
- 8 and I will set my face against that man, and will make him desolate, *so that he shall be* for a sign and for proverbs, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 9 And if the prophet be enticed and shall speak a word, I Jehovah have enticed that prophet; and I will stretch out my hand against him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
- 10 And they shall bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of the inquirer;
- 11 that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither make themselves any more unclean with all their transgressions; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 12 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 13 Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by working unfaithfulness, and I stretch out my hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off man and beast from it;
- 14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, should be in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they bereave it, and it become a desolation, so that no one passeth through because of the beasts;
- 16 —though these three men should be in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons

- nor daughters: they only should be delivered, and the land should be a desolation.
- 17 Or *if* I bring the sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land, so that I cut off man and beast from it,
- 18 and these three men should be in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only themselves should be delivered.
- 19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,
- 20 and Noah, Daniel, and Job should be in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither son nor daughter: they should *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.
- 21 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast!
- 22 But behold, there shall be left in it those that escape, who shall be brought out of *it*, sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, as to all that I have brought upon it.
- 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, what is the wood of the vine more than any wood, the vine-branch, which is among the trees of the forest?
- 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?
- 4 Behold, it is given to the fire for fuel: the fire consumeth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned; is it fit for *any* work?

- 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was used for no work; how much less when the fire hath consumed it, and it is burned, should it yet be used for any work?
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 7 And I will set my face against them: they shall go forth from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I set my face against them.
- 8 And I will make the land a desolation, because they have wrought unfaithfulness, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 16:1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,
- 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto Jerusalem: Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite: thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother a Hittite.
- 4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water for cleansing; thou wast not rubbed with salt at all, nor swaddled at all.
- 5 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, from abhorrence of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.
- 6 And I passed by thee, and saw thee weltering in thy blood, and I said unto thee, in thy blood, Live! yea, I said unto thee, in thy blood, Live!
- 7 I caused thee to multiply, as the bud of the field; and thou didst increase and grow great, and thou camest to fulness of beauty; *thy* breasts were fashioned, and thy hair grew: but thou wast naked and bare.
- 8 And I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, and behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness; and I swore

- unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord Jehovah, and thou becamest mine.
- 9 And I washed thee with water, and thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil;
- 10 and I clothed thee with embroidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I bound thee about with byssus, and covered thee with silk.
- 11 And I decked thee with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck;
- 12 and I put a ring on thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head.
- 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver, and thy raiment was byssus, and silk, and embroidered work. Thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou becamest exceedingly beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.
- 14 And thy fame went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my magnificence, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 But thou didst confide in thy beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one that passed by: his it was.
- 16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and madest for thyself high places decked with divers colours, and didst play the harlot thereupon: *the like* hath not come to pass, and shall be no more.
- 17 And thou didst take thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of males, and didst commit fornication with them.
- 18 And thou tookest thine embroidered garments, and coveredst them; and thou didst set mine oil and mine incense before them.
- 19 And my bread which I had given thee, the fine flour and the oil and the honey wherewith I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savour: thus it was, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 20 And thou didst take thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hadst borne unto me, and these didst thou sacrifice unto them, to be devoured. Were thy whoredoms a small matter,

- 21 that thou didst slay my children and give them up in passing them over to them?
- 22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, when thou wast weltering in thy blood.
- 23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord Jehovah),
- 24 that thou didst also build unto thee a place of debauchery, and didst make thee a high place in every street:
- 25 thou didst build thy high place at every head of the way, and madest thy beauty to be abhorred, and thou didst open thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiply thy whoredom.
- 26 And thou didst commit fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and didst multiply thy whoredom to provoke me to anger.
- 27 And behold, I stretched out my hand over thee, and diminished thine appointed portion; and I gave thee over unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, who were confounded at thy lewd way.
- 28 And thou didst commit fornication with the Assyrians, because thou wast insatiable; yea, thou didst commit fornication with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.
- 29 And thou didst multiply thy whoredom with the land of merchants, Chaldea, and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.
- 30 How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord Jehovah, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of a whorish woman, under no restraint;
- 31 in that thou buildest thy place of debauchery at the head of every way, and makest thy high place in every street! And thou hast not been as a harlot, in that thou scornest reward,
- 32 O adulterous wife, that taketh strangers instead of her husband.
- 33 They give rewards to all harlots; but thou gavest thy rewards to all thy lovers, and rewardedst them, that

- they might come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms.
- 34 And in thee is the contrary from *other* women, in thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee to commit fornication; and whereas thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, so art thou contrary.
- 35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of Jehovah.
- 36 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thy money hath been poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy fornications with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thine abominations, and because of the blood of thy children which thou didst give unto them;
- 37 therefore, behold, I will gather all thy lovers with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all that thou hast loved, with all that thou hast hated, —I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.
- 38 And I will judge thee with the judgments of women that commit adultery and shed blood; and I will give thee up to the blood of fury and jealousy;
- 39 and I will give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thy place of debauchery, and shall break down thy high places; and they shall strip thee of thy garments, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.
- 40 And they shall bring up an assemblage against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.
- 41 And they shall burn thy houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I will cause thee to cease from being a harlot, and thou also shalt give no more any reward.
- 42 And I will appease my fury against thee, and my jealousy shall depart from thee; and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.
- 43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast raged against me in all these *things*, behold, therefore, I also will recompense thy way upon *thy* head, saith the Lord Jehovah, and thou shalt not commit this lewdness besides all thine abominations.

- 44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall speak in a proverb against thee, saying, As the mother, *so is* her daughter!
- 45 Thou art the daughter of thy mother that loathed her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.
- 46 And thine elder sister is Samaria that dwelleth at thy left hand, she and her daughters; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.
- 47 And thou hast not walked in their ways, nor done according to their abominations; but as though that were a very little, thou hast been more corrupt than they in all thy ways.
- 48 *As I live*, saith the Lord Jehovah, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters!
- 49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and careless ease was in her and in her daughters, but she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.
- 50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me, and I took them away when I saw *it*.
- 51 And Samaria hath not sinned according to the half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done.
- 52 Thou also, who hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own confusion, because of thy sins in which thou hast acted more abominably than they: they are more righteous than thou. So be thou ashamed also, and bear thy confusion, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.
- 53 And I will bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them;
- 54 that thou mayest bear thy confusion, and mayest be confounded for all that thou hast done, in that thou comfortest them.

- 55 And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; thou also and thy daughters, ye shall return to your former estate.
- 56 Yea, Sodom thy sister was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,
- 57 before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, who despise thee on every side.
- 58 Thy lewdness and thine abominations, thou bearest them, saith Jehovah.
- 59 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath, and broken the covenant.
- 60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.
- 61 And thou shalt remember thy ways, and be confounded, when thou shalt receive thy sisters who are older than thou, together with those who are younger than thou; for I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by virtue of thy covenant.
- 62 And I will establish my covenant with thee, and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah;
- 63 that thou mayest remember, and be ashamed, and no more open thy mouth because of thy confusion, when I forgive thee all that thou hast done, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 17:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel,
- 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: A great eagle with great wings, long-pinioned, full of feathers, which was of divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar.
- 4 He cropped off the top of its young shoots, and carried it into a merchants' land; he set it in a city of traders.

- 5 And he took of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, he set it as a willow tree.
- 6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, so that its branches should turn toward him, and the roots thereof be under him; and it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.
- 7 And there was another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and behold, from the beds of her plantation, this vine did bend her roots unto him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it.
- 8 It was planted in a good field by many waters, that it might bring forth branches and bear fruit, that it might be a noble vine.
- 9 Say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither? All its fresh sprouting leaves shall wither, even without a great arm and many people to pluck it up by its roots.
- 10 And behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither when the east wind toucheth it? It shall wither in the beds where it grew.
- 11 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things are? Say, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king and its princes, and led them with him to Babylon.
- 13 And he took of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and brought him under an oath, and he took away the mighty of the land;
- 14 that the kingdom might be abased, that it might not lift itself up, that it might keep his covenant in order to stand.
- 15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape?
- 16 *As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, verily in the place of the king that made him king, whose oath he despised,*

and whose covenant he broke, even with him, in the midst of Babylon, shall he die.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with a mighty army and a great assemblage do anything for him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts to cut off many persons.

18 He despised the oath, and broke the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, yet hath he done all these things: he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: *As I live, verily, mine oath which he hath despised, and my covenant which he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his head.*

20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his unfaithfulness in which he hath been unfaithful against me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind; and ye shall know that I Jehovah have spoken.

22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also take of the highest branch of the lofty cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of its young shoots a tender one, and I will plant it upon a high and eminent mountain:

23 upon the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth branches, and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I Jehovah have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and made the dry tree to flourish: I Jehovah have spoken, and will do *it*.

18:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

2 What mean ye, ye who use this proverb of the land of Israel, saying, *The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?*

- 3 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, ye shall not have any more to use this proverb in Israel.
- 4 Behold, all the souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.
- 5 And if a man be righteous, and do judgment and justice:
- 6 —he hath not eaten upon the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, nor come near to a woman in her separation,
- 7 and hath not oppressed any; he hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath not exercised robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and covered the naked with a garment;
- 8 he hath not given forth upon usury, nor taken increase; he hath withdrawn his hand from unrighteousness, hath executed true judgment between man and man,
- 9 hath walked in my statutes, and kept mine ordinances, to deal faithfully: he is righteous, he shall certainly live, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 10 And if he have begotten a son that is violent, a shedder of blood, and that doeth only one of any of these *things*,
- 11 and that doeth not any of those *duties*, but also hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,
- 12 hath oppressed the poor and needy, exercised robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, committed abomination,
- 13 given forth upon usury, and taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall certainly die; his blood shall be upon him.
- 14 But lo, if he have begotten a son that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like:
- 15 —he hath not eaten upon the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; he hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,
- 16 and hath not oppressed any, nor withholden the pledge, neither hath exercised robbery; he hath given

- his bread to the hungry, and covered the naked with a garment;
- 17 he hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, *and* walked in my statutes: he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall certainly live.
- 18 As for his father, because he practised oppression, exercised robbery upon his brother, and did what was not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity.
- 19 And ye say, Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? But the son hath done judgment and justice, hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them; he shall certainly live.
- 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
- 21 And the wicked, if he turn from all his sins which he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do judgment and justice, he shall certainly live, he shall not die.
- 22 None of his transgressions which he hath committed shall be remembered against him; in his righteousness which he hath done shall he live.
- 23 Have I any pleasure at all in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord Jehovah; is it not in his turning from his way, that he may live?
- 24 And when the righteous turneth from his righteousness and practiseth what is wrong, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous acts which he hath done shall be remembered: in his unfaithfulness which he hath wrought, and in his sin which he hath sinned, in them shall he die.
- 25 And ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear then, house of Israel. Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

- 26 When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and practiseth what is wrong, and dieth for it; in his wrong that he hath done shall he die.
- 27 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth judgment and justice, he shall keep his soul alive.
- 28 Because he considereth, and turneth from all his transgressions which he hath committed, he shall certainly live, he shall not die.
- 29 But the house of Israel say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Is it not your ways that are unequal?
- 30 Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord Jehovah. Return ye, and turn from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your snare.
- 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions wherewith ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit: why then will ye die, house of Israel?
- 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord Jehovah; therefore turn ye and live.
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- 19:1 And thou, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
- 2 and say, What was thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps in the midst of the young lions.
- 3 And she brought up one of her whelps; it became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.
- 4 And the nations heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with nose-rings into the land of Egypt.
- 5 And when she saw that she had waited *and* her hope was lost, she took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion.
- 6 And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.

- 7 And he knew their *desolate* palaces, and he laid waste their cities, so that the land was desolate, and all it contained, by the noise of his roaring.
- 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.
- 9 And they put him in a cage with nose-rings, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.
- 10 Thy mother was as a vine, in thy rest, planted by the waters: it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
- 11 And it had strong rods for sceptres of them that bear rule, and its stature was exalted between the thick boughs; and it was conspicuous by its height with the multitude of its branches.
- 12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit; its strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.
- 13 And now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground:
- 14 and a fire is gone out of a rod of its branches, *which* hath devoured its fruit; so that it hath no strong rod to be a sceptre for ruling. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.
- 20:1 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth of the month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Jehovah, and they sat before me.
- 2 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Are ye come to inquire of me? *As* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you.
- 4 Wilt thou judge them, wilt thou judge, son of man? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers,

- 5 and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up my hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up my hand unto them, saying, I *am* Jehovah your God,
- 6 in that day I lifted up my hand unto them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the ornament of all lands;
- 7 and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* Jehovah your God.
- 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: none of them cast away the abominations of his eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I thought to pour out my fury upon them, so as to accomplish mine anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.
- 9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they were, in whose sight I had made myself known unto them in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.
- 10 And I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.
- 11 And I gave them my statutes, and made known unto them mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them.
- 12 And I also gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* Jehovah that hallow them.
- 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned: and I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.
- 14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.

- 15 And I also lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land that I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which is the ornament of all lands;
- 16 because they rejected mine ordinances and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.
- 17 But mine eye spared them so as not to destroy them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness.
- 18 And I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk not in the statutes of your fathers, neither keep their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols.
- 19 I *am* Jehovah your God: walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them;
- 20 and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* Jehovah your God.
- 21 And the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept mine ordinances to do them, which if a man do, he shall live by them; they profaned my sabbaths: and I said I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish mine anger against them in the wilderness.
- 22 But I withdrew my hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.
- 23 I lifted up my hand also unto them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;
- 24 because they performed not mine ordinances, and rejected my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.
- 25 And I also gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances whereby they should not live;
- 26 and I defiled them by their own gifts, in that they devoted all that opened the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In this

moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have wrought unfaithfulness against me.

- 28 When I had brought them into the land which I had lifted up my hand to give unto them, then they saw every high hill and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; and there they placed their sweet savour, and there poured out their drink-offerings.
- 29 And I said unto them, What is the high place whither ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.
- 30 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Do ye defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and do ye commit fornication after their abominations?
- 31 And when ye offer your gifts, making your sons to pass through the fire, ye defile yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day; and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As I live*, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you.
- 32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, in serving wood and stone.
- 33 *As I live*, saith the Lord Jehovah, verily with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, will I reign over you.
- 34 And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out;
- 35 and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face.
- 36 Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.
- 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth

out of the country where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

- 39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Go ye, serve every one his idols henceforth also, if none of you will hearken unto me; but profane my holy name no more with your gifts and with your idols.
- 40 For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, there shall all the house of Israel serve me, the whole of it, in the land; there will I accept them, and there will I require your heave-offerings and the first-fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things.
- 41 As a sweet savour will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you in the sight of the nations.
- 42 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have brought you into the land of Israel, into the country which I lifted up my hand to give to your fathers.
- 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils which ye have committed.
- 44 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 45 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *words* against the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;
- 47 and say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flashing flame shall not be quenched; and all that it meets from the south to the north shall be burned thereby.
- 48 And all flesh shall see that I Jehovah have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 And I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

- 21:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Jerusalem, and drop *words* against the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,
3 and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, and I will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.
4 Seeing that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh, from the south to the north;
5 and all flesh shall know that I Jehovah have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath: it shall not return any more.
6 Sigh then, thou son of man; with breaking of the loins, and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.
7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore dost thou sigh? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall languish, and all knees shall melt into water: behold, it cometh; it is here, saith the Lord Jehovah.
8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah: Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished.
10 It is sharpened for sore slaughter, it is furbished that it may glitter. Shall we then make mirth, *saying*, The sceptre of my son contemneth all wood?
11 And he hath given it to be furbished that it may be handled. The sword, —it is sharpened, and it is furbished to give it into the hand of the slayer.
12 Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be against my people, it shall be against all the princes of Israel: they are given up to the sword along with my people: smite therefore upon the thigh.

- 13 For the trial *is made*; and what if even the contemning sceptre shall be no *more*? saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 14 And thou, son of man, prophesy, and smite thy hands together; for *the strokes of* the sword shall be doubled the third time: it is the sword of the slain, the sword that hath slain the great one, which encompasseth them privily.
- 15 In order that the heart may melt, and the stumbling-blocks be multiplied, I have set the threatening sword against all their gates: ah! it is made glittering, it is whetted for the slaughter.
- 16 Gather up *strength*, go to the right hand, turn thee, go to the left, whithersoever thy face is appointed.
- 17 And I myself will smite my hands together, and I will satisfy my fury: I Jehovah have spoken *it*.
- 18 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 19 And thou, son of man, set thee two ways, by which the sword of the king of Babylon may come—out of one land shall they both come—and make thee a signpost, make it at the head of the way to the city.
- 20 Appoint a way for the coming of the sword to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah at the fenced *city* of Jerusalem.
- 21 For the king of Babylon standeth at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shaketh *his* arrows, he inquireth of the teraphim, he looketh in the liver.
- 22 In his right hand is the lot of Jerusalem to appoint battering-rams, to open the mouth for bloodshed, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering-rams against the gates, to cast mounds, to build siege-towers.
- 23 And this shall be a false divination in their sight, for them that have sworn oaths; but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.
- 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye make your iniquity to be remembered in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.
- 25 And thou, profane, wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, at the time of the iniquity of the end,

- 26 —thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Remove the mitre and take off the crown; what is shall be no *more*. Exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.
- 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it! This also shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it to *him*.
- 28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus speaketh the Lord Jehovah concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and thou shalt say, A sword, a sword is drawn; for the slaughter is it furbished, that it may consume, that it may glitter:
- 29 whilst they see vanity for thee, whilst they divine a lie unto thee, to lay thee upon the necks of the wicked that are slain, whose day is come at the time of the iniquity of the end.
- 30 Restore *it* to its sheath. I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy birth.
- 31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow upon thee the fire of my wrath, and give thee into the hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy.
- 32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt not be remembered: for I Jehovah have spoken.
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- 22:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 And thou, son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? Yea, cause her to know all her abominations,
- 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: A city that sheddeth blood in her midst, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.
- 4 Thou art become guilty by thy blood which thou hast shed, and hast defiled thyself with thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking unto all countries.
- 5 Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, who art infamous *and* full of tumult.

- 6 Behold, the princes of Israel have been in thee to shed blood, each according to his power.
- 7 In thee have they made light of father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger; in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.
- 8 Thou hast despised my holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.
- 9 In thee there have been slanderous men to shed blood; and in thee have they eaten upon the mountains; in the midst of thee they have committed lewdness;
- 10 in thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was unclean in her separation.
- 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
- 12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast overreached thy neighbours by oppression, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 13 And behold, I have smitten mine hand at thine overreaching which thou hast done, and at thy bloodshed which hath been in the midst of thee.
- 14 Shall thy heart endure, shall thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I Jehovah have spoken, and will do *it*.
- 15 And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.
- 16 And thou shalt be polluted through thyself in the sight of the nations, and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 17 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 18 Son of man, the house of Israel is become dross to me: they are all copper, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace: they are become the dross of silver.
- 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye are all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

- 20 As they gather silver, and copper, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it, so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will lay you on and melt you.
- 21 Yea, I will collect you, and blow upon you the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
- 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I Jehovah have poured out my fury upon you.
- 23 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
- 25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst of her like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they devour souls; they take away treasure and precious things; they increase her widows in the midst of her;
- 26 her priests do violence to my law, and profane my holy things: they put no difference between the holy and profane, neither do they make known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean, and they hide their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
- 27 Her princes in the midst of her are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
- 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with untempered *mortar*, seeing vanity and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah! and Jehovah hath not spoken.
- 29 The people of the land use oppression and practise robbery; and they vex the poor and needy, and oppress the stranger wrongfully.
- 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the fence, and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none.
- 31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon them; I will consume them in the fire of my wrath: their own way will I recompense upon their head, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 23:1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother.
3 And they committed whoredom in Egypt; they committed whoredom in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there were handled the teats of their virginity.
4 And their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister; and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names: Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah.
5 And Oholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the Assyrians *her* neighbours,
6 clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them attractive young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
7 And she bestowed her whoredoms upon them, all of them the choice of the children of Asshur; and with all after whom she lusted, with all their idols she defiled herself.
8 Neither left she her whoredoms *brought* from Egypt; for in her youth they had lain with her, and had handled the breasts of her virginity, and poured their fornication upon her.
9 Therefore I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the children of Asshur, after whom she lusted.
10 These discovered her nakedness, they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword; and she became a name among women; and they executed judgment upon her.
11 And her sister Oholibah saw *this*, and was more corrupt in her passion than she, and in her fornications more than the whoredoms of her sister.
12 She lusted after the children of Asshur *her* neighbours, governors and rulers, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them attractive young men.
13 And I saw that she was defiled: both took one way.

- 14 And she increased her fornications; for she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,
- 15 girded with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them captains in appearance, *after* the likeness of the children of Babylon, of Chaldea, the land of their nativity.
- 16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she lusted after them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
- 17 And the children of Babylon came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their fornication; she too defiled herself with them, and her soul was alienated from them.
- 18 And she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness; and my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister.
- 19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she played the harlot in the land of Egypt;
- 20 and she lusted after their paramours, whose flesh is *as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue is *as* the issue of horses.
- 21 And thou didst look back to the lewdness of thy youth, in the handling of thy teats by the Egyptians, for the breasts of thy youth.
- 22 Therefore, Oholibah, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side.
- 23 The children of Babylon, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, all the children of Asshur with them; all of them attractive young men, governors and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.
- 24 And they shall come against thee *with* armour, chariots and wheels, and with an assemblage of peoples; they shall set themselves against thee *with* target, and shield, and helmet round about; and I will put judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

- 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall cut off thy nose and thine ears, and thy remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.
- 26 They shall also strip thee of thy garments, and take away thy fair jewels.
- 27 And I will make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt; and thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.
- 28 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give thee over into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated.
- 29 And they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare; so that the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy fornications.
- 30 These things shall be done unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the nations, because thou hast defiled thyself with their idols.
- 31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; and I have given her cup into thy hand.
- 32 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large; thou shalt be for a laughing-stock and a derision, *for* it containeth much.
- 33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, the cup of thy sister Samaria;
- 34 thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 35 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy fornications.
- 36 And Jehovah said unto me, Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations.
- 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed

adultery, and have also passed over unto them their children, whom they bore unto me, to be devoured.

38 Moreover this have they done unto me: in the same day have they defiled my sanctuary and profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slaughtered their children unto their idols, they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and behold, thus have they done in the midst of my house.

40 And furthermore, they sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and behold, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments;

41 and satest upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hadst set mine incense and mine oil.

42 And the voice of a multitude living carelessly was with her; and with people of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, and they put bracelets upon their hands, and a beautiful crown upon their heads.

43 And I said of her that was old in adulteries, Will she now commit her fornications, even she.

44 And they went in unto her, as they go in unto a whorish woman: so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah the lewd women.

45 And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women that shed blood; for they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will bring up an assemblage against them, and will give them to be driven hither and thither and spoiled.

47 And the assemblage shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn their houses with fire.

48 And I will cause lewdness to cease out of the land, and all women shall receive instruction and shall not do according to your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

- 24:1 And in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, of this selfsame day: on this selfsame day the king of Babylon draws near to Jerusalem.
- 3 And propose a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Set on the pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it.
- 4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones:
- 5 take the choice of the flock; and also *put* a pile of wood under it, for the bones; make it boil well, and let the bones of it seethe therein.
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose rust is therein, and whose rust is not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it:
- 7 for her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust.
- 8 That it might cause fury to come up to execute vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered.
- 9 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great.
- 10 Heap on the wood, kindle the fire, boil thoroughly the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.
- 11 Then set it empty upon its coals, that it may be hot, and the brass of it may burn, and that its filthiness may be molten in it, *and* that its rust may be consumed.
- 12 She hath exhausted *her* labours, yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her: let her rust be in the fire.
- 13 In thy filthiness is lewdness, for I have purged thee, and thou art not pure. Thou shalt no more be purged

from thy filthiness, till I have satisfied my fury upon thee.

- 14 I Jehovah have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, nor will I repent. According to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke; yet thou shalt not mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.
- 17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind thy turban upon thee, and put thy sandals upon thy feet, and cover not the beard, and eat not the bread of men.
- 18 —And I spoke unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died. And I did in the morning as I was commanded.
- 19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, which thou doest?
- 20 And I said to them, The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 21 Say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and your soul's longing; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword.
- 22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover the beard, neither eat the bread of men;
- 23 and your turbans shall be upon your heads, and your sandals upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall waste away in your iniquities and moan one toward another.
- 24 Thus Ezekiel shall be unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do: when it cometh, then ye shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.
- 25 And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereunto they lift up their soul, their sons and their daughters,
- 26 that in that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause *thine* ears to hear *it*?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him that is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb. So shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

25:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them;
3 and say unto the children of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity:
4 therefore behold, I will give thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruits, and they shall drink thy milk.
5 And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
6 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast clapped the hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Israel;
7 therefore behold, I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and will give thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee, and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah.
8 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the nations,
9 therefore behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities even to the last of them, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kirjathaim,
10 unto the children of the east, with *the land of* the children of Ammon; and I will give it them for a

possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations:

- 11 and I will execute judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 12 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath made himself very guilty, and revenged himself upon them,
- 13 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom; and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and unto Dedan shall they fall by the sword.
- 14 And I will execute my vengeance upon Edom, by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul, to destroy, from old hatred;
- 16 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I stretch out my hands upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites, and cause the remnant of the sea-coast to perish.
- 17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

- 26:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, *that* the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, because Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken, the gate of the peoples! she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished *now* she is laid waste;
- 3 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth its waves to come up.

- 4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers. And I will scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock.
- 5 She shall be a *place* for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah; and she shall become a spoil for the nations.
- 6 And her daughters that are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 7 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring from the north, against Tyre, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, the king of kings, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and an assemblage, and much people.
- 8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field, and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mound against thee, and lift up the target against thee;
- 9 and he shall set his engines of attack against thy walls, and with his spikes he shall break down thy towers.
- 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee; thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter through thy gates, as a city is entered into, wherein is made a breach.
- 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the sword, and the pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground.
- 12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy wares; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the waters.
- 13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
- 14 And I will make thee a bare rock; thou shalt be a *place* for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I Jehovah have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?
- 16 And all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and put off their

broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling, they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble *every* moment, and be astonied because of thee.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How hast thou perished, that wast inhabited from the seas, O renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, —she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all them that dwell therein!

18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; and the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I bring up the deep upon thee, and the great waters cover thee:

20 then will I bring thee down, with them that go down to the pit, to the people of old time, and will cause thee to dwell in the lower parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living.

21 And I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no *more*; and thou shalt be sought for, and shalt never be found again, for ever, saith the Lord Jehovah.

27:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying:

2 And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre,

3 and say unto Tyre: O thou that art situate at the entries of the sea, and traffickest with the peoples in many isles, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou, Tyre, hast said, I am perfect in beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the heart of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

5 They made all thy double boards of cypress-trees of Senir; they took cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

- 6 Of the oaks of Bashan did they make thine oars; they made thy benches of ivory, inlaid in box-wood, out of the isles of Chittim.
- 7 Byssus with broidered work from Egypt was thy sail, to serve thee for a banner; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was thine awning.
- 8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy rowers; thy wise men, O Tyre, who were in thee, were thy pilots.
- 9 The elders of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee repairing thy leaks; all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee, to barter with thee.
- 10 Persia and Lud and Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged shield and helmet in thee; they gave splendour to thee.
- 11 The children of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadim were on thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they made thy beauty perfect.
- 12 Tarshish dealt with thee by reason of the abundance of all substance; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they furnished thy markets.
- 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy traffickers: they bartered with thee the persons of men, and vessels of bronze.
- 14 They of the house of Togarmah furnished thy markets with horses, and horsemen, and mules.
- 15 The children of Dedan were thy traffickers; many isles were the mart of thy hand: they rendered in payment horns of ivory, and ebony.
- 16 Syria dealt with thee for the multitude of thy handiworks: they traded in thy markets with carbuncles, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and corals, and rubies.
- 17 Judah and the land of Israel were thy traffickers: they bartered with thee wheat of Minnith, and sweet cakes, and honey, and oil, and balm.
- 18 Damascus dealt with thee because of the multitude of thy handiworks, by reason of the abundance of all substance, with wine of Helbon, and white wool.

- 19 Vedan and Javan of Uzal traded in thy markets: wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were in thy traffic.
- 20 Dedan was thy trafficker in precious riding-cloths.
- 21 Arabia and all the princes of Kedar were the merchants of thy hand: in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these did they trade with thee.
- 22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah were thy traffickers: they furnished thy markets with all the choice spices, and with all precious stones and gold.
- 23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with thee:
- 24 these traded with thee in sumptuous clothes, in wrappings of blue and broidered work, and in chests full of variegated stuffs, bound with cords and made of cedar-wood, amongst thy merchandise.
- 25 The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy traffic; and thou wast replenished, and highly honoured, in the heart of the seas.
- 26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters; the east wind hath broken thee in the heart of the seas.
- 27 Thy substance, and thy markets, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, they that repair thy leaks, and they that barter with thee, and all thy men of war that are in thee, along with all thine assemblage which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of thy fall.
- 28 The open places shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.
- 29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand upon the land,
- 30 and shall cause their voice to be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly; and they shall cast up dust upon their heads; they shall wallow themselves in ashes.
- 31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird themselves with sackcloth; and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning.
- 32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, Who is like Tyre, like her that is destroyed in the midst of the sea?

- 33 When thy wares went forth over the seas, thou filledst many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the abundance of thy substance and of thy merchandise.
- 34 In the time *when* thou art broken by the seas, in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thine assemblage in the midst of thee have fallen.
- 35 All the inhabitants of the isles are amazed at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid, *their* countenance is troubled.
- 36 The merchants among the peoples hiss at thee; thou art become a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.
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- 28:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a •god, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the heart of the seas, (and thou art a man, and not •God,) and thou settest thy heart as the heart of God:
- 3 behold, thou art wiser than Daniel! nothing secret is obscure for thee;
- 4 by thy wisdom and by thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures;
- 5 by thy great wisdom thou hast by thy traffic increased thy riches, and thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches.
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast set thy heart as the heart of God,
- 7 therefore behold, I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall tarnish thy brightness.
- 8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of those that are slain in the heart of the seas.
- 9 Wilt thou then say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and not •God, in the hand of him that pierceth thee.

- 10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised, by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 11** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 12** Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou, who sealest up the measure of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty,
- 13** thou wast in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was thy covering: the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the chrysolite, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the carbuncle, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of thy tambours and of thy pipes was in thee: in the day that thou wast created were they prepared.
- 14** Thou wast the anointed covering cherub, and I had set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou didst walk up and down in the midst of stones of fire.
- 15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways, from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee.
- 16** By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned; therefore have I cast thee as profane from the mountain of God, and have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- 17** Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground, I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- 18** By the multitude of thine iniquities, by the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries: and I have brought forth a fire out of the midst of thee—it hath consumed thee; and I have brought thee to ashes upon the earth, in the sight of all them that behold thee.
- 19** All they that know thee among the peoples shall be amazed at thee: thou art become a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.
- 20** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 21** Son of man, set thy face towards Zidon, and prophesy against it,

- 22 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, Zidon, and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be hallowed in her.
- 23 And I will send into her the pestilence, and blood in her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her, by the sword upon her on every side: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 24 And there shall be no more a wounding sting for the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn, among all that were round about them, that despised them: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.
- 25 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be hallowed in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their land which I have given to my servant Jacob.
- 26 They shall dwell in it in safety, and shall build houses and plant vineyards; and they shall dwell in safety, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despised them round about them: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God.
- 29:1 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, on the twelfth of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against the whole of Egypt;
- 3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which saith, My river is mine own, and I made it for myself.
- 4 And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales;
- 5 and I will cast thee into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open field;

thou shalt not be brought together nor gathered: I will give thee for meat to the beasts of the earth and to the fowl of the heavens.

- 6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
- 7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst give way and rend all their shoulder; and when they leaned upon thee, thou didst break, and didst make all their loins to tremble.
- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast from thee.
- 9 And the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because he saith, The river is mine, and I made it.
- 10 Therefore behold, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt deserts of wasteness and desolation, from Migdol to Syene, even unto the border of Ethiopia.
- 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor shall foot of beast pass through it, nor shall it be inhabited, forty years.
- 12 And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolated, and her cities shall be, in the midst of the cities that are laid waste, a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
- 13 Yet thus saith the Lord Jehovah: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered;
- 14 and I will turn again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return to the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth, and they shall there be a base kingdom.
- 15 It shall be the basest of kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations; and I will diminish them, so that they shall no more rule over the nations.
- 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they

- turn after them: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.
- 17** And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, *that* the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 18** Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to do hard service against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he from Tyre no wages, nor his army, for the service that he had served against it.
- 19** Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry away her multitude, and seize her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.
- 20** I have given him the land of Egypt for his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 21** In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 30:1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2** Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Howl ye, Alas for the day!
- 3** For the day is at hand, yea, the day of Jehovah is at hand, a day of clouds; it shall be the time of the nations.
- 4** And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and there shall be anguish in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be overthrown.
- 5** Cush, and Phut, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the children of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.
- 6** Thus saith Jehovah: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her strength shall come down: from Migdol to Syene shall they fall in her by the sword, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 7 And they shall be desolated in the midst of the countries that are desolated, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.
- 8 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers shall be broken.
- 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships, to make careless Ethiopia afraid; and anguish shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for behold, it cometh!
- 10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.
- 11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with slain.
- 12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I Jehovah have spoken *it*.
- 13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince out of the land of Egypt; and I will put fear in the land of Egypt.
- 14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgment in No.
- 15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.
- 16 And I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be rent asunder, and at Noph *there shall be* enemies in open day.
- 17 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword; and these shall go into captivity.
- 18 And at Tehaphnehes the day shall be darkened, when I break there the yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.
- 19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, on the seventh of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

- 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and behold, it shall not be bound up to apply remedies, to put a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.
- 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong one, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.
- 23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
- 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand; and I will break Pharaoh's arms, so that he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly-wounded *man*.
- 25 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall have stretched it out upon the land of Egypt.
- 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 31:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, on the first of the month, *that* the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: Whom art thou like in thy greatness?
- 3 Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with fair branches and a shadowing shroud, and of a high stature: and his top was amidst the thick boughs.
- 4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high; its streams ran round about his plantation, and it sent out its rivulets unto all the trees of the field.
- 5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long, because of great waters, when he shot forth.

- 6 All the fowl of the heavens made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all the great nations.
- 7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: because his root was by great waters.
- 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him; the cypresses were not like his boughs, and the plane-trees were not as his branches: no tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.
- 9 I had made him fair by the multitude of his branches; and all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.
- 10 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast lifted up thyself in stature, ...and he hath set his top amidst the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height,
- 11 I have given him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.
- 12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off and have left him; upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken in all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.
- 13 Upon his fallen *trunk* do all the fowl of the heavens dwell, and all the beasts of the field are upon his branches:
- 14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, nor set their top amidst the thick boughs, and that none of them that drink water stand up in his height by himself; for they are all given over unto death in the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day when he went down to Sheol, I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed; and I made Lebanon black for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

- 16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol, with them that go down into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth.
- 17 They also went down into Sheol with him unto them that were slain with the sword, and *that were* his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.
- 18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden, unto the lower parts of the earth; thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 32:1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast like a young lion among the nations, and thou wast as a monster in the seas; and thou didst break forth in thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.
- 3 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also spread out my net over thee with an assemblage of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net.
- 4 And I will leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowl of the heavens to settle upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.
- 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with the heap of thy *members*;
- 6 and I will water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the water-courses shall be full of thee.
- 7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heavens, and make the stars thereof black; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

- 8 All the bright lights of the heavens will I make black over thee, and bring darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 9 And I will vex the heart of many peoples, when I bring *the news of* thy destruction among the nations, into the countries that thou hast not known.
- 10 And I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid at thee, when I brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, each one for his life, in the day of thy fall.
- 11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.
- 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall: the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
- 13 And I will destroy all the beasts thereof, from beside the great waters; and the foot of man shall not trouble them any more, nor shall the cloven hoofs of beasts trouble them.
- 14 Then will I make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 When I shall make the land of Egypt a desolation, and the country shall be left desolate of all that was in it, when I have smitten all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 16 It is a lamentation, and *thus* they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall say it in lamenting; they shall say it in lamenting over Egypt and over all her multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 17 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, her and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the lower parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.
- 19 Whom dost thou surpass in beauty? Go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.

- 20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword. The sword hath been given: draw her out, and all her multitudes.
- 21 The strong among the mighty, with them that helped him, shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol: they are gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
- 22 There is Asshur and all his assemblage, his graves round about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword;
- 23 their graves are set in the sides of the pit, and his assemblage is round about his grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, —who caused terror in the land of the living.
- 24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised unto the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their confusion with them that go down to the pit.
- 25 They have set him a bed in the midst of the slain, with all his multitude: their graves are round about him, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though their terror was caused in the land of the living; and they have borne their confusion with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that are slain.
- 26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude, their graves round about them, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
- 27 And they lie not with the mighty, *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war; and whose swords are laid under their heads, and whose iniquities are upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
- 28 Thou also shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.
- 29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who in their might are laid with them that are slain by the

sword: they lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

30 There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, that are gone down with the slain—ashamed of the terror which they caused through their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their confusion with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord Jehovah.

32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

33:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them all, and set him for their watchman:

3 if he see the sword coming upon the land, and blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if the sword come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood is upon him: whereas had he taken warning, he would have delivered his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword coming, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, if the sword come and take a person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; and thou shalt hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, Wicked *man*, thou shalt certainly die; and thou speakest not to warn the wicked

- from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand.
- 9** But if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
- 10** And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel, Thus ye speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away in them, how then should we live?
- 11** Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
- 12** And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth.
- 13** When I say to the righteous that he shall certainly live, and he trusteth to his righteousness and doeth what is wrong, none of his righteous acts shall be remembered; but in his unrighteousness which he hath done, in it shall he die.
- 14** And when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt certainly die, and he turneth from his sin, and doeth judgment and justice;
- 15** if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, doing nothing that is wrong; he shall certainly live, he shall not die.
- 16** None of his sins which he hath committed shall be remembered against him: he hath done judgment and justice; he shall certainly live.
- 17** Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.
- 18** When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and doeth what is wrong, then he shall die therein.

- 19 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth judgment and justice, he shall live for these things.
- 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.
- 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, on the fifth of the month, that one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten!
- 22 Now the hand of Jehovah had been upon me in the evening, before he that had escaped came; and he had opened my mouth against his coming to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.
- 23 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited this land, and we are many: the land is given us for a possession.
- 25 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood; and shall ye possess the land?
- 26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife; and shall ye possess the land?
- 27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: *As* I live, verily they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.
- 28 And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment, and the pride of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolated, so that none shall pass through.
- 29 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment because of all their abominations which they have committed.
- 30 And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people keep talking of thee by the walls and in the doors of the

houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from Jehovah.

- 31 And they come unto thee as a people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they do them not; for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their dishonest gain.
- 32 And behold, thou art unto them as a lovely song, a pleasant voice, and one that playeth well on an instrument; and they hear thy words, but they do them not.
- 33 And when this cometh to pass (behold, it will come), then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

- 34:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy; and say unto them, unto the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the shepherds of Israel that feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?
- 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool; ye kill them that are fattened: *but* ye feed not the flock.
- 4 The weak have ye not strengthened, nor have ye healed the sick, and ye have not bound up *what was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought for that which was lost; but with harshness and with rigour have ye ruled over them.
- 5 And they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered.
- 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill, and my sheep have been scattered upon all the face of the earth, and there was none that searched, or that sought for them.
- 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah:

- 8 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, verily because my sheep have been a prey, and my sheep have been meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, and my shepherds searched not for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock,
- 9 —therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah.
- 10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock: that the shepherds may feed themselves no more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.
- 11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold I, *even* I, will both search for my sheep, and tend them.
- 12 As a shepherd tendeth his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the water-courses, and in all the habitable places of the country.
- 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold, and in a fat pasture they shall feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- 15 I will myself feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 16 I will seek the lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up the broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong: I will feed them with judgment.
- 17 And as for you, my flock, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the he-goats.
- 18 Is it too small a thing unto you to have eaten up the good pastures, but ye must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures; and to have drunk of the settled waters, but ye must foul the rest with your feet?

- 19 And my sheep have to eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and to drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.
- 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto them: Behold, *it is* I, and I will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
- 21 Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the weak ones with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad,
- 22 —I will save my flock, that they may no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
- 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David: he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
- 24 And I Jehovah will be their God, and my servant David a prince in their midst: I Jehovah have spoken *it*.
- 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell in safety in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season: there shall be showers of blessing.
- 27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase; and they shall be in safety in their land, and shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them out of the hand of those that kept them in servitude.
- 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell in safety, and none shall make them afraid.
- 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the ignominy of the nations any more.
- 30 And they shall know that I Jehovah their God *am* with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 31 And ye, my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men: I *am* your God, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 35:1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,
3 and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment.
4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be a desolation: and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah.
5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword, in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end;
6 therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will certainly appoint thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee; since thou hast not hated blood, blood shall pursue thee.
7 And I will make mount Seir a desolation and an astonishment, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth;
8 and I will fill his mountains with his slain. In thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy water-courses shall they fall that are slain with the sword.
9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not be inhabited: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it, whereas Jehovah was there:
11 therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will even do according to thine anger and according to thine envy, as thou hast done out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I Jehovah have heard all thy reproaches, which thou hast uttered against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour.

- 13 And ye have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*.
- 14 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee a desolation.
- 15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolated, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be a desolation, O mount Seir, and all Edom, the whole of it: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 36:1 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of Jehovah.
- 2 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are become ours in possession;
- 3 therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because, yea, because they have made *you* desolate, and have swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the remnant of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and in the defaming of the people:
- 4 therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the water-courses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and a derision to the remnant of the nations that are round about,
- 5 —therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the remnant of the nations, and against the whole of Edom, which have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with despite of soul, to plunder it by pillage.
- 6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the water-courses and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the ignominy of the nations;

- 7 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I have lifted up my hand, *saying*, Verily the nations that are about you, they shall bear their shame.
- 8 And ye mountains of Israel shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel: for they are at hand to come.
- 9 For behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown.
- 10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, the whole of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded.
- 11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and bring forth fruit; and I will cause you to be inhabited as *in* your former times, yea, I will make it better than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 12 And I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of children.
- 13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because they say unto you, Thou devourest men, and hast bereaved thy nation,
- 14 therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nation any more, saith the Lord Jehovah;
- 15 neither will I cause thee to hear the ignominy of the nations any more, and thou shalt not bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nation to fall any more, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 16 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a woman in her separation.
- 18 And I poured out my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols.
- 19 And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

- 20 And when they came to the nations whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when it was said of them, These are the people of Jehovah, and they are gone forth out of his land.
- 21 But I had pity for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations whither they went.
- 22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations whither ye went.
- 23 And I will hallow my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, saith the Lord Jehovah, when I shall be hallowed in you before their eyes.
- 24 And I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.
- 25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols will I cleanse you.
- 26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and keep mine ordinances, and ye shall do them.
- 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- 29 And I will save you from all your uncleannesses; and I will call for the corn and will multiply it, and lay no famine upon you.
- 30 And I will multiply the fruit of the trees and the increase of the field, so that ye may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations.
- 31 And ye shall remember your evil ways, and your doings which were not good, and shall loathe yourselves for your iniquities and for your abominations.

- 32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord Jehovah, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.
- 33 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day that I shall cleanse you from all your iniquities I will also cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded.
- 34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed by.
- 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are* fortified *and* inhabited.
- 36 And the nations that shall be left round about you shall know that I Jehovah build the ruined places *and* plant that which was desolate: I Jehovah have spoken, and I will do *it*.
- 37 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it unto them; I will increase them with men like a flock.
- 38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her set feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
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- 37:1 The hand of Jehovah was upon me, and Jehovah carried me out in the Spirit, and set me down in the midst of a valley; and it was full of bones.
- 2 And he caused me to pass by them round about; and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and behold, they were very dry.
- 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, Shall these bones live? And I said, Lord Jehovah, thou knowest.
- 4 And he said unto me, Prophecy over these bones, and say unto them, Ye dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live.
- 6 And I will put sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

- 7 And I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a rustling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews and flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.
- 9 And he said unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
- 10 And I prophesied as he had commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
- 11 And he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off!
- 12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people, and bring you into the land of Israel.
- 13 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have opened your graves, and have caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people.
- 14 And I will put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I Jehovah have spoken, and have done *it*, saith Jehovah.
- 15 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 16 And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel, his companions. And take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.
- 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thy hand.
- 18 And when the children of my people speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not declare unto us what thou meanest by these?
- 19 say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, and

- will put them with this, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.
- 20** And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes.
- 21** And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them from every side, and bring them into their own land:
- 22** and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.
- 23** And they shall not defile themselves any more with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; and I will save them out of all their dwelling-places wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- 24** And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: and they shall walk in mine ordinances, and keep my statutes, and do them.
- 25** And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever.
- 26** And I will make a covenant of peace with them: it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for ever.
- 27** And my tabernacle shall be over them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 28** And the nations shall know that I Jehovah do hallow Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for ever.
- 38:1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

- 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
- 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.
- 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them thoroughly equipped, a great assemblage with targets and shields, all of them handling swords:
- 5 Persia, Cush, and Phut with them, all of them with shield and helmet;
- 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah from the uttermost north, and all his bands; —many peoples with thee.
- 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself thou, and all thine assemblage that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
- 8 After many days shalt thou be visited; at the end of years thou shalt come into the land brought back from the sword *and* gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel which have been a perpetual waste: but it is brought forth out from the peoples, and they shall all of them be dwelling in safety.
- 9 And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many peoples with thee.
- 10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall even come to pass in that day that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought;
- 11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will come to them that are in quiet, that dwell in safety, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
- 12 to seize a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are *now* inhabited, and against a people gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the land.

- 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to seize a spoil? hast thou gathered thine assemblage to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take cattle and goods, to seize a great spoil?
- 14 Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth in safety, shalt thou not know *it*?
- 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost north, thou and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great assemblage and a mighty army.
- 16 And thou shalt come up against my people Israel as a cloud to cover the land—it shall be at the end of days—and I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be hallowed in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.
- 17 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Art thou not he of whom I have spoken in old time through my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days, for *many* years, that I would bring thee against them?
- 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, in the day when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, *that* my fury shall come up in my face;
- 19 for in my jealousy, in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Verily in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;
- 20 so that the fish of the sea, and the fowl of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things which creep upon the earth, and all mankind that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at my presence; and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
- 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah: every man's sword shall be against his brother.
- 22 And I will enter into judgment with him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

23 And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

- 39:1 And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;
- 2 and I will turn thee back, and lead thee, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost north, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel.
- 3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
- 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the peoples that are with thee: I have given thee to be meat for the birds of prey of every wing, and to the beasts of the field.
- 5 Thou shalt fall on the open field; for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell at ease in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.
- 7 And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.
- 8 Behold, it cometh, and shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah. This is the day whereof I have spoken.
- 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall kindle fire, and burn weapons, and shields, and targets, bows, and arrows, and hand-staves, and spears: and they shall make fires with them seven years.
- 10 And no wood shall be taken out of the field, neither cut down out of the forests; for they shall make fire with the weapons; and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and plunder those that plundered them, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there for burial in Israel, the valley of

the passers-by to the east of the sea; and it shall stop *the way* of the passers-by; and there shall they bury Gog and all the multitude; and they shall call it, Valley of Hamon-Gog.

- 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land;
- 13 and all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them for renown in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment to go through the land, who, with the passers-by, shall bury those that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: at the end of seven months shall they make a search.
- 15 And the passers-by shall pass through the land, and when *any* seeth a man's bone, he shall set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-Gog.
- 16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.
- 17 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Speak unto the birds of every wing, and to every beast of the field, Gather yourselves together and come, assemble yourselves on every side to my sacrifice which I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.
- 18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, *and* of bullocks, all of them fatted beasts of Bashan.
- 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye are full, and drink blood till ye are drunken, of my sacrifice which I sacrifice for you.
- 20 And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 21 And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment which I have executed, and my hand which I have laid upon them.

- 22 And the house of Israel shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God from that day and forward.
- 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they were unfaithful against me; and I hid my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies, so that they fell all of them by the sword.
- 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I did unto them, and I hid my face from them.
- 25 Therefore, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name:
- 26 and they shall bear their confusion, and all their unfaithfulness in which they have acted unfaithfully against me, when they shall dwell safely in their land, and none shall make them afraid;
- 27 when I have brought them again from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations.
- 28 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to be led into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.
- 29 And I will not hide my face any more from them, for I shall have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.
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- 40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, on that same day the hand of Jehovah was upon me, and he brought me thither.
- 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain; and upon it was as the building of a city, on the south.
- 3 And he brought me thither, and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of

brass, with a flax-cord in his hand, and a measuring-reed; and he stood in the gate.

- 4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for in order that it might be shewn unto thee art thou brought hither. Declare to the house of Israel all that thou seest.
- 5 And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring-reed of six cubits, *each* of one cubit and a hand breadth. And he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.
- 6 And he came to the gate which looked toward the east, and went up its steps; and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad; and the other threshold one reed broad.
- 7 And *each* chamber was one reed long and one reed broad; and between the chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate, beside the porch of the gate within, was one reed.
- 8 And he measured the porch of the gate within, one reed.
- 9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward.
- 10 And the chambers of the gate which was toward the east were three on this side and three on that side: they three were of one measure; and the posts on this side and on that side had one measure.
- 11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.
- 12 And there was a border before the chambers of one cubit, and a border of one cubit on the other side; and the chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.
- 13 And he measured the gate from the roof of *one* chamber to the roof *of the other*, a breadth of five and twenty cubits, entry opposite entry.
- 14 And he made posts, sixty cubits, and by the post was the court of the gate round about.

- 15 And from the front of the gate of the entrance unto the front of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.
- 16 And there were closed windows to the chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the projections; and the windows round about were inward; and upon *each* post were palm-trees.
- 17 And he brought me into the outer court, and behold, there were cells, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty cells were upon the pavement.
- 18 And the pavement was by the side of the gates, answering to the length of the gates, *namely* the lower pavement.
- 19 And he measured the breadth from the front of the lower gate unto the front of the inner court outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.
- 20 And the gate of the outer court, that looked toward the north, he measured its length and its breadth.
- 21 And its chambers were three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its projections were according to the measure of the first gate: its length was fifty cubits, and breadth five and twenty cubits.
- 22 And its windows, and its projections, and its palm-trees were according to the measure of the gate that looked toward the east; and they went up to it by seven steps; and the projections thereof were before them.
- 23 And the gate of the inner court was opposite to the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.
- 24 And he brought me toward the south: and behold, there was a gate toward the south; and he measured its posts and its projections according to these measures.
- 25 And there were windows to it and to its projections round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.
- 26 And there were seven steps to go up to it; and its projections were before them; and it had palm-trees, one on this side and one on that side, upon its posts.
- 27 And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a hundred cubits.

- 28 And he brought me into the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures:
- 29 and its chambers, and its posts, and its projections, according to these measures; and there were windows to it and to its projections round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
- 30 And there were projections round about, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits broad.
- 31 And its projections were toward the outer court; and there were palm-trees upon its posts: and its ascent was *by* eight steps.
- 32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures:
- 33 and its chambers, and its posts, and its projections, according to these measures; and there were windows to it and to its projections round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
- 34 And its projections were toward the outer court; and there were palm-trees upon its posts on this side and on that side: and its ascent was *by* eight steps.
- 35 And he brought me to the north gate, and he measured *it* according to these measures:
- 36 its chambers, its posts, and its projections; and there were windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
- 37 And its posts were toward the outer court; and there were palm-trees upon its posts, on this side and on that side: and its ascent was *by* eight steps.
- 38 And there was a cell and its entry by the posts of the gates; there they rinsed the burnt-offering.
- 39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering.
- 40 And at the side without, at the ascent to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables:

- 41 four tables on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate, —eight tables, whereon they slew *the sacrifice*,
- 42 —and at the ascent, four tables of hewn stone, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereon also they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice.
- 43 And the double hooks of a hand breadth were fastened round about within; and upon the tables *they put* the flesh of the offering.
- 44 And outside the inner gate were two cells in the inner court, one at the side of the north gate, and its front towards the south; the other was at the side of the south gate, the front towards the north.
- 45 And he said unto me, This cell whose front is towards the south is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.
- 46 And the cell whose front is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar. These are the sons of Zadok, those who, from among the sons of Levi, approach unto Jehovah to minister unto him.
- 47 And he measured the court, the length a hundred cubits, and the breadth a hundred cubits, four square: and the altar was before the house.
- 48 And he brought me to the porch of the house; and he measured the post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the breadth of the gate, three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.
- 49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, even by the steps whereby they went up to it; and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and one on that side.
- 41:1 And he brought me to the temple; and he measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, the breadth of the tent.
- 2 And the breadth of the entry was ten cubits, and the sides of the entry were five cubits on this side, and five

cubits on that side; and he measured its length, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 And he went inwards, and measured the post of the entry, two cubits; and the entry, six cubits; and the breadth of the entry, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This is the most holy *place*.

5 And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of the side-chambers, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side-chambers were three, chamber over chamber, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which the house had for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold; but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And for the side-chambers there was an enlarging, and it went round about *the house* increasing upward; for the surrounding of the house increased upward round about the house; therefore the house had width upward, and so ascended *from* the lower *story* to the upper, by the middle one.

8 And I saw that the house had an elevation round about: the foundations of the side-chambers, a full reed, six cubits to the joint.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers without, was five cubits, as also what was left free along the building of the side-chambers that pertained to the house.

10 And between the cells *and the house* was a width of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the entry of the side-chambers was toward what was left free, one entry toward the north, and one entry toward the south; and the width of the space left free was five cubits round about.

12 And the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about; and its length ninety cubits.

- 13 And he measured the house: the length a hundred cubits; and the separate place, and the building, and its walls, the length a hundred cubits;
- 14 and the breadth of the front of the house, and of the separate places toward the east, a hundred cubits.
- 15 And he measured the length of the building before the separate place, which was at the back of it, with its galleries on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court.
- 16 The thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries round about the three of them (opposite the thresholds it was wainscoted with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered),
- 17 *and* above, over the entry, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about, within and without, *all was* by measure.
- 18 And it was made with cherubim and palm-trees, and a palm-tree was between cherub and cherub; and the cherub had two faces:
- 19 the face of a man was toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: *so* was it made upon all the house round about.
- 20 From the ground unto above the entry were the cherubim and the palm-trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.
- 21 As for the temple, the door-posts were squared; and the front of the sanctuary had the same appearance.
- 22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls were of wood. And he said unto me, This is the table which is before Jehovah.
- 23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.
- 24 And the doors had two leaves, two turning-leaves: two for the one door, and two leaves for the other.
- 25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm-trees, as there were made upon the walls; and there was a wooden portal in front of the porch without,

26 and closed windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch and the side chambers of the house and the portals.

- 42:1 And he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me to the cells that were over against the separate place and which were over against the building, toward the north,
- 2 before the length of the hundred cubits: the entry was on the north, and the breadth was fifty cubits,
- 3 over against the twenty *cubits* that pertained to the inner court, and over against the pavement that pertained to the outer court; there was gallery against gallery in the third *story*;
- 4 and before the cells was a walk of ten cubits in breadth, and a way of a hundred cubits inward; and their entries were toward the north.
- 5 And the upper cells, because the galleries encroached on them, were shorter than the lower, and than the middle-most of the building.
- 6 For they were in three *stories*, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore *the third story* was straitened more than the lowest and the middle-most from the ground.
- 7 And the wall that was without, answering to the cells, toward the outer court in the front of the cells, its length was fifty cubits:
- 8 for the length of the cells that were against the outer court was fifty cubits; but behold, before the temple it was a hundred cubits.
- 9 And under these cells was the entry from the east, as one goeth into them from the outer court.
- 10 In the breadth of the wall of the court toward the south, before the separate place, and before the building, were cells;
- 11 and a passage before them, like the appearance of the cells that were toward the north, according to their length, according to their breadth and all their goings

- out, and according to their fashions, and according to their doors.
- 12** And according to the doors of the cells that were toward the south there was a door at the head of the way, the way directly before the corresponding wall toward the east as one entereth into them.
- 13** And he said unto me, The north cells *and* the south cells, which are before the separate place, they are holy cells, where the priests that come near unto Jehovah shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, both the oblation and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering; for the place is holy.
- 14** When the priests enter in, they shall not go forth from the sanctuary into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister, for they are holy; and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which is for the people.
- 15** And when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose front was toward the east, and measured *the enclosure* round about.
- 16** He measured the east side with the measuring-reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about.
- 17** He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about.
- 18** He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.
- 19** He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring-reed.
- 20** He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall round about, five hundred long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.
- 43:1** And he brought me unto the gate, the gate which looked toward the east.

- 2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was like the voice of many waters; and the earth was lit up with his glory.
- 3 And the appearance of the vision that I saw was according to the vision that I had seen when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell upon my face.
- 4 And the glory of Jehovah came into the house by the way of the gate whose front was toward the east.
- 5 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house.
- 6 And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man was standing by me.
- 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, they nor their kings, with their fornication, and with the carcases of their kings *in* their high places,
- 8 in that they set their threshold by my threshold, and their post by my post, and *there was only* a wall between me and them, and they defiled my holy name with their abominations which they committed; and I consumed them in mine anger.
- 9 Now let them put away their fornication, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.
- 10 Thou, son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be confounded at their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.
- 11 And if they be confounded at all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, and its fashion, and its goings out, and its comings in, and all its forms, and all its statutes, yea, all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the statutes thereof, and do them.
- 12 This is the law of the house: Upon the top of the mountain all its border round about is most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

- 13** And these are the measures of the altar in cubits: the cubit is a cubit and a hand breadth. The bottom was a cubit *in height* and the breadth a cubit, and its border on the edge thereof round about, one span: and this was the base of the altar.
- 14** And from the bottom upon the ground to the lower settle was two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the small settle to the great settle, four cubits, and the breadth a cubit.
- 15** And the upper altar was four cubits; and from the hearth of •God and upward were four horns.
- 16** And the hearth of •God was twelve *cubits* long, by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof.
- 17** And the settle was fourteen *cubits* long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it, half a cubit; and the bottom thereof a cubit round about: and its steps looked toward the east.
- 18** And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer up burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.
- 19** And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, who come near unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord Jehovah, a young bullock for a sin-offering.
- 20** And thou shalt take of its blood, and put it on the four horns thereof, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: so shalt thou purge and make atonement for it.
- 21** And thou shalt take the bullock of the sin-offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.
- 22** And on the second day thou shalt present a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall purge the altar, as they purged it with the bullock.
- 23** When thou hast ended purging it, thou shalt present a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish;
- 24** and thou shalt present them before Jehovah; and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah.

- 25 Seven days shalt thou offer daily a goat for a sin-offering; they shall also offer a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
- 26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it, and consecrate it.
- 27 And when these days are ended, it shall be that upon the eighth day and onwards the priests shall offer your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 44:1 And he brought me back toward the outer gate of the sanctuary which looked toward the east; and it was shut.
- 2 And Jehovah said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter in by it: for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; and it shall be shut.
- 3 As for the prince, he, the prince, shall sit in it to eat bread before Jehovah: he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.
- 4 And he brought me the way of the north gate before the house; and I beheld, and lo, the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah: and I fell upon my face.
- 5 And Jehovah said unto me, Son of man, apply thy heart, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the statutes of the house of Jehovah, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary;
- 6 and say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Let it suffice you of all your abominations, O house of Israel,
- 7 in that ye have brought strangers, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, *even* my house, when ye offered my bread, the fat and the blood; and they have broken my covenant besides all your abominations.

- 8 And ye have not kept the charge of my holy things, but have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.
- 9 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: No stranger, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.
- 10 But the Levites who went away far from me, when Israel went astray, going astray from me after their idols, they shall even bear their iniquity;
- 11 but they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and doing the service of the house: they shall slaughter the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.
- 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and were unto the house of Israel a stumbling-block of iniquity; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, saith the Lord Jehovah, that they shall bear their iniquity.
- 13 And they shall not draw near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to draw near to any of my holy things, *even* to the most holy; but they shall bear their confusion, and their abominations which they have committed.
- 14 And I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
- 15 But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall approach unto me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to present unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall approach unto my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.
- 17 And it shall come to pass when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, when

they minister in the gates of the inner court, and towards the house.

- 18 They shall have linen tires upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird on anything that causeth sweat.
- 19 And when they go forth into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy cells; and they shall put on other garments, that they may not hallow the people with their garments.
- 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall duly poll their heads.
- 21 Neither shall any priest drink wine when they enter into the inner court.
- 22 And they shall not take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that is the widow of a priest.
- 23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between holy and profane, and cause them to discern between unclean and clean.
- 24 And in controversy they shall stand to judge: they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my solemnities; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.
- 25 And they shall come at no dead person to become unclean; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may become unclean.
- 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall count unto him seven days.
- 27 And on the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall present his sin-offering, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.
- 29 They shall eat the oblation and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

- 30 And the first of all the first-fruits of every *kind*, and every heave-offering of every *kind*, of all your heave-offerings, shall be for the priests; ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest on thy house.
- 31 The priests shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself, or of that which is torn, whether of fowl or of beast.
- 45:1 And when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer a heave-offering unto Jehovah, a holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *cubits*, and the breadth ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.
- 2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *reeds* by five hundred, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.
- 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary, the holy of holies.
- 4 This is the holy *portion* of the land; it shall be for the priests who do the service of the sanctuary, who draw near to serve Jehovah, and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.
- 5 And a *space* of five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall the Levites, who do the service of the house, have for themselves, for a possession, for their habitations.
- 6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand in breadth, and five and twenty thousand in length, alongside of the holy heave-offering: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.
- 7 And the prince shall have *his portion* on the one side and on the other side of the holy heave-offering and of the possession of the city, over against the holy heave-offering, and over against the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and in length answering to one of the

portions *of the tribes* from the west border unto the east border.

- 8 As land shall it be his for a possession in Israel; and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.
- 9 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Let it suffice you, princes of Israel! Put away violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice; take off your exactions from my people, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.
- 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, so that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: the measure thereof shall be according to the homer.
- 12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.
- 13 This is the heave-offering which ye shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah out of a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah out of a homer of barley;
- 14 and the set portion of oil, by the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of a cor, *which is* a homer of ten baths, for ten baths are a homer;
- 15 and one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel; —for an oblation, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 16 All the people of the land shall be *held* to this heave-offering for the prince in Israel.
- 17 And it shall be the prince's part *to supply* the burnt-offerings, and the oblation, and the drink-offering, at the feasts, and at the new moons, and on the sabbaths, in all the solemnities of the house of Israel: it is he that shall prepare the sin-offering, and the oblation, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

- 18 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the first *month*, on the first of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock, without blemish, and thou shalt purge the sanctuary.
- 19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.
- 20 So thou shalt do also on the seventh of the month for every one that erreth, and for the simple; and ye shall make atonement for the house.
- 21 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days: unleavened bread shall be eaten.
- 22 And upon that day shall the prince offer for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering.
- 23 And the seven days of the feast he shall offer a burnt-offering to Jehovah, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily for the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering.
- 24 And he shall offer an oblation of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram; and oil, a hin for an ephah.
- 25 In the seventh *month*, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, shall he do the like seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the oblation, and according to the oil.
- 46:1 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working-days; but on the sabbath-day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.
- 2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate from without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall offer his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the

threshold of the gate, and shall go forth: but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

- 3 And the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before Jehovah on the sabbaths and on the new moons.
- 4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall present unto Jehovah on the sabbath-day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.
- 5 And the oblation shall be an ephah for a ram, and the oblation for the lambs as he shall be able to give; and oil, a hin for an ephah.
- 6 And on the day of the new moon, a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.
- 7 And he shall offer an oblation, an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according to what his hand may attain unto; and oil, a hin for an ephah.
- 8 And when the prince cometh in, he shall come in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go out by the way thereof.
- 9 And when the people of the land come in before Jehovah in the set feasts, he that cometh in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that cometh in by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight before him.
- 10 And the prince shall come in in the midst of them, when they come in; and when they go out, they shall go out *together*.
- 11 And on the feast-days, and in the solemnities, the oblation shall be an ephah for a bullock and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give; and oil, a hin for an ephah.
- 12 And when the prince shall offer a voluntary burnt-offering or voluntary peace-offerings unto Jehovah, the gate that looketh toward the east shall be opened for him and he shall offer his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings as he did on the sabbath-day, and he shall go

- out again, and the gate shall be shut after he hath gone out.
- 13** And thou shalt daily offer a burnt-offering unto Jehovah, of a yearling-lamb without blemish: thou shalt prepare it morning by morning.
- 14** And thou shalt prepare an oblation with it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and of oil the third part of a hin, to moisten the fine flour: an oblation unto Jehovah continually by a perpetual ordinance.
- 15** They shall offer the lamb, and the oblation, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt-offering.
- 16** Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it shall be that one's inheritance, for his sons: it shall be their possession by inheritance.
- 17** But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the year of liberty; and it shall return to the prince: to his sons alone shall his inheritance remain.
- 18** And the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them by oppression out of their possession: he shall give his sons an inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every one from his possession.
- 19** Then he brought me through the passage which was at the side of the gate, into the holy cells which were for the priests, which looked toward the north; and behold, a place was there at the end westward.
- 20** And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering, and the sin-offering, *and* where they shall bake the oblation, that they bring them not out into the outer court, so as to hallow the people.
- 21** And he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.
- 22** In the four corners of the court there were enclosed courts, forty *cubits* long and thirty broad: these four corner courts were of one measure.
- 23** And there was a row *of building* round about in them, round about those four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

- 24 And he said unto me, These are the boiling-houses, where those who do the service of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.
- 47:1 And he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the front of the house was eastward. And the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, south of the altar.
- 2 And he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round outside unto the outer gate towards *the gate* that looketh eastward; and behold, waters ran out on the right side.
- 3 When the man went forth eastward, a line was in his hand; and he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters: the waters were to the ankles.
- 4 And he measured a thousand *cubits*, and caused me to pass through the waters: the waters were to the knees. And he measured a thousand and caused me to pass through: the waters were to the loins.
- 5 And he measured a thousand: it was a river that I could not pass through, for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.
- 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? And he led me, and brought me back to the bank of the river.
- 7 When I returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.
- 8 And he said unto me, These waters issue out toward the east district, and go down into the plain, and go into the sea; when they are brought forth into the sea, the waters *thereof* shall be healed.
- 9 And it shall come to pass that every living thing which moveth, whithersoever the double river shall come, shall live. And there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters shall come thither, and *the waters of the sea* shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.

- 10 And it shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand upon it; from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim shall be *a place* to spread forth nets: their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.
- 11 But its marshes and its pools shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt.
- 12 And by the river, upon its bank, on the one side and on the other, shall grow all trees for food, whose leaf shall not fade, nor their fruit fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, for its waters issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for medicine.
- 13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This shall be the border whereby ye shall allot the land as inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have two* portions.
- 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another, *the land* concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it unto your fathers; and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.
- 15 And this shall be the border of the land: toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Zedad,
- 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazerhatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.
- 17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath: this is the north side.
- 18 —And on the east side ye shall measure between Hauran and Damascus, and Gilead and the land of Israel *by* the Jordan, from the border unto the east sea: this is the east side.
- 19 —And the south side southward, from Tamar to the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, by the torrent, unto the great sea: this is the south side southward.
- 20 —And the west side shall be the great sea from the border, as far as over against the entering into Hamath: this is the west side.
- 21 And ye shall divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

- 22 And it shall come to pass that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the home-born among the children of Israel: with you shall they draw by lot inheritance among the tribes of Israel.
- 23 And it shall come to pass that in the tribe in which the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 48:1 And these are the names of the tribes: From the north end along the way of Hethlon, as one entereth into Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward unto near Hamath—the east and west side *belonging* to him—shall Dan have one *portion*.
- 2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, Asher one.
- 3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, Naphtali one.
- 4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, Manasseh one.
- 5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, Ephraim one.
- 6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, Reuben one.
- 7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, Judah one.
- 8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the heave-offering that ye shall offer, five and twenty thousand *cubits* in breadth, and in length as one of the parts from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
- 9 The heave-offering that ye shall offer unto Jehovah shall be five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth.
- 10 And for them, for the priests, shall be the holy heave-offering, toward the north five and twenty thousand, and toward the west the breadth ten thousand, and toward the east the breadth ten thousand, and toward

- the south the length five and twenty thousand: and the sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in the midst of it.
- 11** *It shall be* for the priests that are hallowed of the sons of Zadok, who kept my charge and went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
- 12** And this offering heaved from the heave-offering of the land shall be unto them a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites.
- 13** And answering to the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: the whole length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.
- 14** And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land: for it is holy unto Jehovah.
- 15** And the five thousand that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a common *place* for the city, for dwellings and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst of it.
- 16** And these shall be the measures thereof: the north side four thousand and five hundred *cubits*, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.
- 17** And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty *cubits*, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.
- 18** And the residue in length, alongside the holy heave-offering, shall be ten thousand eastward and ten thousand westward: it shall be alongside the holy heave-offering; and the increase thereof shall be for the support of them that serve the city.
- 19** And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.
- 20** The whole heave-offering shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand; ye shall offer the holy heave-offering foursquare with the possession of the city.

- 21 And the rest shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy heave-offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the five and twenty thousand of the heave-offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answering to the *other* portions: it shall be for the prince; and the holy heave-offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst of it.
- 22 And from the possession of the Levites and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which shall be the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.
- 23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin one *portion*.
- 24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon one.
- 25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar one.
- 26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun one.
- 27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad one.
- 28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be from Tamar *to* the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, by the torrent, unto the great sea.
- 29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 30 And these are the goings out of the city. On the north side, four thousand and five hundred *cubits* by measure.
- 31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.
- 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred, and three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

- 33** And at the south side four thousand and five hundred *cubits* by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.
- 34** At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *and* their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.
- 35** Round about it was eighteen thousand *cubits*; and the name of the city from that day, Jehovah is there.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

- 1:1** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
- 2** And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, and a part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar, to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god.
- 3** And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the chief of his eunuchs, that he should bring of the children of Israel, both of the royal seed and of the nobles,
- 4** youths in whom was no blemish, and of goodly countenance, and skilful in all wisdom, and acquainted with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the language of the Chaldeans.
- 5** And the king appointed unto them a daily provision of the king's delicate food, and of the wine that he drank, to nourish them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.
- 6** Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
- 7** And the prince of the eunuchs gave them names: to Daniel he gave *the name* Belteshazzar, and to Hananiah, Shadrach, and to Mishael, Meshach, and to Azariah, Abed-nego.
- 8** And Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not pollute himself with the king's delicate food, nor with the wine which he drank; and he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not have to pollute himself.
- 9** And God granted Daniel favour and mercy before the prince of the eunuchs.
- 10** And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king who hath appointed your food and

your drink; for why should he see your faces worse liking than the youths who are of your age? and ye would endanger my head with the king.

11 And Daniel said to the steward, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink;

13 then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king's delicate food: and as thou shalt see, deal with thy servants.

14 And he hearkened unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and were fatter in flesh than all the youths that ate of the king's delicate food.

16 So the steward took away their delicate food, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 And at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king spoke with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: and they stood before the king.

20 And in all matters of judicious wisdom, as to which the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the scribes *and* magicians that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued unto the first year of king Cyrus.

2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him.

- 2 And the king commanded to call the scribes, and the magicians, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to shew the king his dreams; and they came and stood before the king.
- 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.
- 4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, O king, live for ever! tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The command is gone forth from me: If ye do not make known unto me the dream, and its interpretation, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- 6 But if ye shew the dream and its interpretation, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour; therefore shew me the dream and its interpretation.
- 7 They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- 8 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would gain time, because ye see the word is gone forth from me;
- 9 but if ye do not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me its interpretation.
- 10 The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter; therefore there is no king, however great and powerful, that hath asked such a thing of any scribe, or magician, or Chaldean.
- 11 For the thing that the king demandeth is extraordinary, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.
- 12 For this cause the king was irritated and very wroth, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

- 13 And the decree went forth that the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to slay them.
- 14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and prudence to Arioch the chief of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:
- 15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so rigorous from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.
- 16 And Daniel went in, and requested of the king that he would give him time, that he might shew the king the interpretation.
- 17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions;
- 18 that they would desire mercies of the God of the heavens concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
- 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of the heavens.
- 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; For wisdom and might are his.
- 21 And it is he that changeth times and seasons; He deposeth kings, and setteth up kings; He giveth wisdom to the wise, And knowledge to them that know understanding.
- 22 It is he that revealeth the deep and secret things; He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
- 23 I thank thee, and I praise thee, O God of my fathers, Who hast given me wisdom and might, And hast made known unto me already what we desired of thee; For thou hast made known unto us the king's matter.
- 24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus unto him: Destroy not the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.
- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him: I have found a man of

the sons of the captivity of Judah that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said unto Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream that I have seen, and its interpretation?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, The secret that the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the magicians, the scribes, the astrologers, shew unto the king;

28 but there is a God in the heavens, who revealeth secrets, and maketh known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be at the end of days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed are these:

29 —as for thee, O king, thy thoughts arose upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets hath made known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 And as for me, this secret is revealed to me, not by *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation should be made known to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold, a great image. This image was mighty and its brightness excellent; it stood before thee, and its appearance was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass,

33 its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till a stone was cut out without hands; and it smote the image upon its feet of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken in pieces together, and they became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, and no place was found for them. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

- 37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings, unto whom the God of the heavens hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory;
- 38 and wheresoever the children of men, the beasts of the field, and the fowl of the heavens dwell, he hath given them into thy hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all: thou art this head of gold.
- 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; then another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.
- 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth everything, and as iron that breaketh all these, so shall it break in pieces and bruise.
- 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.
- 42 And *as* the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
- 43 And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron doth not mingle with clay.
- 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of the heavens set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the sovereignty thereof shall not be left to another people: it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, but itself shall stand for ever.
- 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, — the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. And the dream is certain, and the interpretation of it sure.
- 46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

- 47 The king answered Daniel and said, Of a truth it is that your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, because thou wast able to reveal this secret.
- 48 Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.
- 49 And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon. And Daniel was in the gate of the king.

3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, *and* its breadth six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 And Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the justices, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the justices, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 And the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, *O* peoples, nations, and languages,

5 that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, pipe, lute, sambuca, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up;

6 and whosoever doth not fall down and worship shall that same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, pipe, lute, sambuca, psaltery, and

- all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
- 8 Whereupon at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.
- 9 They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever!
- 10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, pipe, lute, sambuca, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;
- 11 and *that* whosoever doth not fall down and worship, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
- 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: these men, O king, regard thee not; they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image that thou hast set up.
- 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then were these men brought before the king.
- 14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said unto them, Is it of purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my god, nor worship the golden image that I have set up?
- 15 Now if ye be ready at the time that ye hear the sound of the cornet, pipe, lute, sambuca, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast that same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace: and who is the God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
- 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter.
- 17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thy hand, O king.
- 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image that thou hast set up.

- 19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. He spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
- 20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
- 21 Then these men were bound in their hosen, their tunics, and their cloaks, and their garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- 22 Forasmuch as the king's commandment was rigorous, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that had taken up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
- 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste; he spoke and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.
- 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of God.
- 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the opening of the burning fiery furnace; he spoke and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came forth from the midst of the fire.
- 27 And the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had had no power, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.
- 28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and who changed the king's word, and yielded

their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God!

- 29 Therefore I make a decree, that in every people, nation, and language, he who shall speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and his house shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that is able to deliver after this sort.
- 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the province of Babylon.
- 4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you.
- 2 It hath seemed good unto me to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought toward me.
- 3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.
- 4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.
- 5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 6 And I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.
- 7 Then came in the scribes, the magicians, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation of it.
- 8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and before him I told the dream:
- 9 O Belteshazzar, master of the scribes, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret is too hard for thee, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, and the interpretation of it.

- 10** Thus were the visions of my head upon my bed: I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.
- 11** The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached unto the heavens, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth.
- 12** Its leaves were beautiful, and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.
- 13** I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from the heavens;
- 14** he cried aloud, and said thus: Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the birds from its branches.
- 15** Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be bathed with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth.
- 16** Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.
- 17** This sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the decision by the word of the holy ones: that the living may know that the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.
- 18** This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and thou, Belteshazzar, tell the interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.
- 19** Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, nor its interpretation, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and its interpretation to thine enemies!

- 20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew and was strong, whose height reached unto the heavens, and the sight of it to all the earth;
- 21 whose leaves were beautiful, and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens had their habitation:
- 22 it is thou, O king, who art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto the heavens, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.
- 23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from the heavens, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be bathed with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him:
- 24 this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which cometh upon my lord the king:
- 25 They shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and thou shalt be bathed with the dew of heaven; and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
- 26 And whereas it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; thy kingdom shall remain unto thee, after that thou shalt know that the heavens do rule.
- 27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.
- 28 All this came upon king Nebuchadnezzar.
- 29 At the end of twelve months he was walking upon the royal palace of Babylon:
- 30 the king spoke and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?

- 31** While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from the heavens: King Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from thee;
- 32** and they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
- 33** The same hour was the word fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen; and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, till his hair grew like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.
- 34** And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto the heavens, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.
- 35** And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?
- 36** At the same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my nobles sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added unto me.
- 37** Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of the heavens, all whose works are truth, and his paths judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.
- 5:1** Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his nobles, and drank wine before the thousand.
- 2** Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels that

- Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines, might drink in them.
- 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines, drank in them.
- 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
- 5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
- 6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.
- 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the magicians, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 8 Then came in all the king's wise men, but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation.
- 9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his nobles were confounded.
- 10 —The queen, by reason of the words of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet-house. The queen spoke and said, O king, live for ever! let not thy thoughts trouble thee, neither let thy countenance be changed.
- 11 There is a man in thy kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods was found in him; and the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, *even* the king thy father, made him master of the scribes, magicians, Chaldeans, *and* astrologers;

- 12 forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and solving of problems, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.
- 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spoke and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?
- 14 And I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.
- 15 And now the wise men, the magicians, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof; but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing.
- 16 But I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and solve problems. Now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet will I read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.
- 18 O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty;
- 19 and for the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he exalted, and whom he would he humbled.
- 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit hardened unto presumption, he was deposed from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his glory from him;
- 21 and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the

wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the Most High God ruleth over the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou, Belshazzar, his son, hast not humbled thy heart, although thou knewest all this;

23 but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of the heavens; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy nobles, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

24 then from before him was sent the part of the hand, and this writing hath been written.

25 And this is the writing that is written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE, God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it;

27 TEKEL, Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting;

28 PERES, Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be in all the kingdom;

2 and over these, three presidents—of whom Daniel was one—to whom these satraps should render account, and that the king should suffer no loss.

- 3 Now this Daniel surpassed the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to appoint him over the whole realm.
- 4 Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find a pretext against Daniel with respect to the kingdom; but they could not find any pretext or fault; inasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
- 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any pretext against this Daniel, unless we find *it* against him touching the law of his God.
- 6 Then these presidents and satraps came in a body to the king, and said thus unto him: King Darius, live for ever!
- 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the counsellors, and the governors have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
- 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.
- 9 Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
- 10 And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his upper chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- 11 But those men came in a body, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
- 12 Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree: Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *anything* of any god or man within thirty days, except of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.
- 13 Then they answered and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah,

- regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.
- 14** Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore distressed thereby, and set his heart on Daniel to save him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.
- 15** Then these men came in a body unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.
- 16** Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. The king spoke and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will save thee.
- 17** And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his nobles, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
- 18** Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were concubines brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.
- 19** Then the king arose with the light at break of day, and went in haste unto the den of lions.
- 20** And when he came near unto the den, he cried with a mournful voice unto Daniel: the king spoke and said unto Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, hath thy God whom thou servest continually been able to save thee from the lions?
- 21** Then Daniel spoke unto the king, O king, live for ever!
- 22** My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
- 23** Thereupon was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.
- 24** And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the

lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces ere they came to the bottom of the den.

- 25 Then king Darius wrote unto all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you.
- 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.
- 27 He saveth and delivereth, and he worketh signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth: who hath saved Daniel from the power of the lions.
- 28 And this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

- 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream; he told the sum of the matters.
- 2 Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens broke forth upon the great sea.
- 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, different one from another.
- 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till its wings were plucked; and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
- 5 And behold, another beast, a second, like unto a bear, and it raised up itself on one side; and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and they said thus unto it: Arise, devour much flesh.
- 6 After this I saw, and behold, another, like a leopard, and it had four wings of a bird upon its back; and the beast had four heads; and dominion was given to it.
- 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceeding strong; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with its feet; and

it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

- 8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another, a little horn, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.
- 9 I beheld till thrones were set, and the Ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was flames of fire, *and* its wheels burning fire.
- 10 A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
- 11 I beheld therefore, because of the voice of the great words that the horn spoke; I beheld till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given up to be burned with fire.
- 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away; but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
- 13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, there came with the clouds of heaven *one* like a son of man, and he came up even to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
- 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.
- 15 As for me Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the certainty of all this. And he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things:
- 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, *that* shall arise out of the earth.
- 18 But the saints of the most high *places* shall receive the kingdom, and they shall possess the kingdom for ever, even to the ages of ages.

- 19 Then I desired to know the certainty concerning the fourth beast, which was different from them all, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with its feet;
- 20 and concerning the ten horns that were in its head, and the other that came up, and before which three fell: even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth speaking great things, and whose look was more imposing than its fellows.
- 21 I beheld, and that horn made war with the saints, and prevailed over them;
- 22 until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most high *places*; and the appointed time arrived, and the saints possessed the kingdom.
- 23 He said thus: The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- 24 And as to the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall arise ten kings; and another shall arise after them; and he shall be different from the former, and he shall subdue three kings.
- 25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most high *places*, and think to change seasons and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and a half time.
- 26 And the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
- 27 But the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high *places*. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
- 28 So far is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my countenance was changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart.

- 8:1** In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king, a vision appeared unto me, *even* to me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.
- 2** And I saw in the vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was in the fortress of Shushan, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai.
- 3** And I lifted up mine eyes and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns; and the two horns were high; and one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.
- 4** I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward, and no beast could stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; and he did according to his will, and became great.
- 5** And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.
- 6** And he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power.
- 7** And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged with him, and smote the ram, and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him; and he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
- 8** And the he-goat became exceeding great; but when he was become strong, the great horn was broken; and in its stead came up four notable ones toward the four winds of the heavens.
- 9** And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which became exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the beauty *of the earth*.
- 10** And it became great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and trampled upon them.

- 11 (And he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and from him the continual *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
- 12 And a time of trial was appointed unto the continual *sacrifice* by reason of transgression.) And it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised and prospered.
- 13 And I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that one who spoke, How long shall be the vision of the continual *sacrifice* and of the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden down under foot?
- 14 And he said unto me, Until two thousand and three hundred evenings *and* mornings: then shall the sanctuary be vindicated.
- 15 And it came to pass, when I Daniel had seen the vision, I sought for the understanding of it, and behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.
- 16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* the Ulai; and he called and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.
- 17 And he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was afraid, and fell on my face; and he said unto me, Understand, son of man; for the vision is for the time of the end.
- 18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep stupor, with my face toward the ground. And he touched me, and set me up where I had stood.
- 19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be at the end of the indignation: for at the set time the end shall be.
- 20 The ram that thou sawest having the two horns: they are the kings of Media and Persia.
- 21 And the rough goat is the king of Greece; and the great horn that was between his eyes is the first king.
- 22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up in its stead, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.
- 23 And at the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors shall have come to the full, a king of bold countenance, and understanding riddles, shall stand up.

- 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy marvellously, and shall prosper, and shall practise, and shall destroy the mighty ones, and the people of the saints.
- 25 And through his cunning shall he cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he will magnify *himself* in his heart, and by prosperity will corrupt many; and he will stand up against the Prince of princes: but he shall be broken without hand.
- 26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which hath been told is true; but close thou up the vision, for it is for many days *to come*.
- 27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days: then I rose up, and did the king's business. And I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

- 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans,
- 2 in the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by the books that the number of the years, whereof the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishment of the desolations of Jerusalem, was seventy years.
- 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes;
- 4 and I prayed unto Jehovah my God, and made my confession, and said, Alas Lord! the great and terrible •God, keeping covenant and loving-kindness with them that love him, and that keep his commandments:
- 5 we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from thy commandments and from thine ordinances.
- 6 And we have not hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

- 7 Thine, O Lord, is the righteousness, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day, to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, in all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithfulness in which they have been unfaithful against thee.
- 8 O Lord, unto us is confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
- 9 With the Lord our God are mercies and pardons, for we have rebelled against him;
- 10 and we have not hearkened unto the voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us through his servants the prophets.
- 11 And all Israel have transgressed thy law, even turning aside so as not to listen unto thy voice. And the curse hath been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God: for we have sinned against him.
- 12 And he hath performed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; so that there hath not been done under the whole heaven as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
- 13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us; yet we besought not Jehovah our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
- 14 And Jehovah hath watched over the evil, and brought it upon us; for Jehovah our God is righteous in all his works which he hath done; and we have not hearkened unto his voice.
- 15 —And now, O Lord our God, who broughtest thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and hast made thee a name, as it is this day, — we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- 16 Lord, according to all thy righteousnesses, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain; for because of our sins, and because of the iniquities of our fathers,

Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all round about us.

- 17 And now, our God, hearken to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.
- 18 Incline thine ear, O my God, and hear; open thine eyes and behold our desolations, and the city that is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee because of our righteousnesses, but because of thy manifold mercies.
- 19 Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, hearken and do! defer not, for thine own sake, O my God! for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.
- 20 And whilst I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- 21 whilst I was yet speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, flying swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- 22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, Daniel, I am now come forth to make thee skilful of understanding.
- 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the word went forth, and I am come to declare *it*; for thou art one greatly beloved. Therefore consider the word, and have understanding in the vision:
- 24 Seventy weeks are apportioned out upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to close the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make expiation for iniquity, and to bring in the righteousness of the ages, and to seal the vision and prophet, and to anoint the holy of holies.
- 25 Know therefore and understand: From the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah, the Prince, are seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. The street and the moat shall be built again, even in troublous times.

- 26 And after the sixty-two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, and shall have nothing; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with an overflow, and unto the end, war, —the desolations determined.
- 27 And he shall confirm a covenant with the many *for* one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and because of the protection of abominations *there shall be* a desolator, even until that the consumption and what is determined shall be poured out upon the desolate.
- 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing is true, but the appointed time of trial is long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.
- 2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks:
- 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three full weeks were fulfilled.
- 4 And on the four-and-twentieth day of the first month, I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel:
- 5 and I lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, and his loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz;
- 6 and his body was like a chrysolite, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as torches of fire, and his arms and his feet as the look of burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.
- 7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision; and the men that were with me saw not the vision, but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves.
- 8 And I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; and my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

- 9 And I heard the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, I fell into a deep stupor on my face, and my face to the ground.
- 10 And behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and the palms of my hands.
- 11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words which I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And as he spoke this word unto me, I stood trembling.
- 12 And he said unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come because of thy words.
- 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.
- 14 And I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people at the end of the days: for the vision is yet for *many* days.
- 15 And as he was speaking with me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.
- 16 And behold, one after the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; and I opened my mouth and spoke, and said unto him that stood before me, My lord, by reason of the vision my pains are turned upon me, and I retain no strength.
- 17 And how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remaineth no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.
- 18 Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me;
- 19 and he said, Fear not, man greatly beloved; peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And as he was speaking with me I was strengthened, and I said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.
- 20 And he said, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? And now I return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I go forth, behold, the prince of Greece shall come.

- 21 However, I will declare unto thee that which is set down in the scripture of truth; and there is not one that sheweth himself strong with me against these, but Michael your prince.
- 11:1 And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood to confirm and to strengthen him.
- 2 And now will I declare unto thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall enrich himself with great riches more than all; and when he hath become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.
- 3 And a mighty king shall stand up that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.
- 4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of the heavens; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside these.
- 5 And the king of the south, who is one of his princes, shall be strong; but *another* shall be stronger than he, and have dominion: his dominion shall be a great dominion.
- 6 And after the course of years they shall join affinity; and the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make equitable conditions: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; and she shall be given up, she and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *those* times.
- 7 But out of a shoot from her roots shall one stand up in his place, who shall come to the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shew himself mighty.
- 8 He shall also carry captive into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall subsist for more years than the king of the north;

- 9 and *the same* shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but shall return into his own land.
- 10 And his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through; and he shall return and carry the war even to his fortress.
- 11 And the king of the south shall be enraged, and shall come forth and fight with him, with the king of the north, who shall set forth a great multitude, but the multitude shall be given into his hand.
- 12 And when the multitude shall have been taken away, his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down myriads; but he shall not prevail.
- 13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and shall certainly come at the end of the times of years with a great army and with much substance.
- 14 And in those times shall many stand up against the king of the south; and the violent of thy people will exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.
- 15 And the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take the well-fenced city; and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, for there shall be no strength to withstand.
- 16 And he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the land of beauty, and destruction shall be in his hand.
- 17 And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; and he shall practise; and he shall give him the daughter of women, to corrupt her; but she shall not stand, neither shall she be for him.
- 18 And he shall turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many; but a captain for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease: he shall turn it upon him, without reproach for himself.
- 19 And he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; and he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

- 20 And in his place shall one stand up who shall cause the exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom; but in a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.
- 21 And in his place shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom; but he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
- 22 And the overflowing forces shall be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken: yea, also the prince of the covenant.
- 23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully, and he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.
- 24 In time of peace shall he enter even into the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers: he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance, and he shall plan his devices against the fortified places, even for a time.
- 25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall engage in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall plan devices against him.
- 26 And they that eat of his delicate food shall break him, and his army shall be dissolved; and many shall fall down slain.
- 27 And both these kings' hearts *shall meditate* mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.
- 28 And he shall return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall practise, and return to his own land.
- 29 At the set time he shall return, and come towards the south; but not as the former time shall be the latter;
- 30 for ships of Chittim shall come against him; and he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant; and will practise; and he shall return and direct his attention to those that forsake the holy covenant.

- 31 And forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, the fortress, and shall take away the continual *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.
- 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people that know their God shall be strong, and shall act.
- 33 And they that are wise among the people shall instruct the many; and they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.
- 34 And when they fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.
- 35 And *some* of the wise shall fall, to try them, and to purge and to make them white, to the time of the end: for it shall yet be for the time appointed.
- 36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every •god, and speak monstrous things against the •God of •gods; and he shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished: for that which is determined shall be done.
- 37 And he will not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women; nor regard any †god: for he will magnify himself above all.
- 38 And in his place will he honour the †god of fortresses; and a †god whom his fathers knew not will he honour with gold and silver, and with precious stones and pleasant things.
- 39 And he will practise in the strongholds of fortresses with a strange †god: whose acknowledgeth him will he increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over the many, and shall divide the land *to them* for a reward.
- 40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and overflow and pass through.
- 41 And he shall enter into the land of beauty, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape

out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 And he shall stretch forth his hand upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 And he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to exterminate, and utterly to destroy many.

45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the mountain of holy beauty; and he shall come to his end, and there shall be none to help him.

12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of distress, such as never was since there was a nation until that time. And at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that is found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt.

3 And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse; and they that turn the many to righteousness as the stars, for ever and ever.

4 And thou, Daniel, close the words, and seal the book, till the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 And I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side, on the bank of the river, and the other on that side, on the bank of the river.

6 And he said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long *is it to* the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river; and he held up his right hand and his left hand unto the heavens, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it is for a time, times, and a half;

and when the scattering of the power of the holy people shall be accomplished, all these things shall be finished.

- 8** And I heard, but I understood not. And I said, My lord, what shall be the end of these things?
- 9** And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for these words are closed and sealed till the time of the end.
- 10** Many shall be purified, and be made white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.
- 11** And from the time that the continual *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand, two hundred, and ninety days.
- 12** Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days!
- 13** But do thou go thy way until the end; and thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

HOSEA.

- 1:1** The word of Jehovah that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.
- 2** The beginning of the word of Jehovah through Hosea. And Jehovah said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms, and children of whoredoms; for the land is entirely given up to whoredom, away from Jehovah.
- 3** And he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived and bore him a son.
- 4** And Jehovah said unto him, Call his name Jizreel; for yet a little, and I will visit the blood of Jizreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.
- 5** And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jizreel.
- 6** And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And he said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, so that I should pardon them.
- 7** But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by Jehovah their God; and I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by battle, *or* by horses, or by horsemen.
- 8** And she weaned Lo-ruhamah; and she conceived and bore a son;
- 9** and he said, Call his name Lo-ammi; for ye are not my people, and I will not be for you.
- 10** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea which cannot be measured or numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, it shall be said unto them, Sons of the living •God.
- 11** And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint

themselves one head, and shall go up out of the land:
for great is the day of Jizreel.

- 2:1** Say unto your brethren Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.
- 2** Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts;
- 3** lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her as a dry land, and slay her with thirst.
- 4** And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they are the children of whoredoms.
- 5** For their mother hath played the harlot; she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.
- 6** Therefore behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns; and I will fence *her* in with a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
- 7** And she shall pursue after her lovers, and shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, and shall not find them: and she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then was it better with me than now.
- 8** And she did not know that I had given her the corn and the new wine and the oil, and had multiplied to her the silver and gold, which they employed for Baal.
- 9** Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my new wine in its season, and will withdraw my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness.
- 10** And now will I discover her impiety in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand.
- 11** And I will cause all her mirth to cease: her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths! and all her solemnities.
- 12** And I will make desolate her vine and her fig-tree, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards which my

lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baals, wherein she burned incense to them, and decked herself with her rings and jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith Jehovah.

14 Therefore behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak to her heart.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it shall be in that day, saith Jehovah, *that* thou shalt call me, My husband, and shalt call me no more, Baali;

17 for I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

18 And I will make a covenant for them in that day with the beasts of the field, and with the fowl of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will break bow and sword and battle out of the land; and I will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; and I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies;

20 and I will betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know Jehovah.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith Jehovah, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

22 and the earth shall hear the corn, and the new wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jizreel.

23 And I will sow her unto me in the land; and I will have mercy upon Lo-ruhamah; and I will say to Lo-ammi, Thou art my people; and they shall say, My God.

3:1 And Jehovah said unto me, Go again, love a woman beloved of a friend, and an adulteress, according to the

love of Jehovah for the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love raisin-cakes.

- 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen silver *pieces*, and for a homer of barley, and a half-homer of barley.
- 3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be *another* man's, and I will also be for thee.
- 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without statue, and without ephod and teraphim.
- 5 Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek Jehovah their God, and David their king; and shall turn with fear toward Jehovah and toward his goodness, at the end of the days.

- 4:1 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye children of Israel; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land; for there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land.
- 2 Swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, —they break out; and blood toucheth blood.
- 3 For this shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowl of the heavens, yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.
- 4 Yet let no man strive, and let no man reprove; for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.
- 5 And thou shalt stumble by day; and the prophet also shall stumble with thee by night: and I will destroy thy mother.
- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; for thou hast rejected knowledge, and I will reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children.
- 7 As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me: I will change their glory into shame.

- 8 They eat the sin of my people, and their soul longeth for their iniquity.
- 9 And it shall be as the people so the priest; and I will visit their ways upon them, and recompense to them their doings;
- 10 and they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: for they have left off taking heed to Jehovah.
- 11 Fornication, and wine, and new wine take away the heart.
- 12 My people ask counsel of their stock, and their staff declareth unto them; for the spirit of whoredoms causeth *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God:
- 13 they sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oak and poplar and terebinth, because the shade thereof is good; therefore your daughters play the harlot and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your daughters-in-law for their committing adultery; for they themselves go aside with harlots, and they sacrifice with prostitutes: and the people that doth not understand shall come to ruin.
- 15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, let not Judah trespass; and come ye not unto Gilgal, neither go up to Beth-aven, nor swear *As* Jehovah liveth!
- 16 For Israel is refractory as an untractable heifer; now will Jehovah feed them as a lamb in a wide *pasture*.
- 17 —Ephraim is joined to idols: leave him alone.
- 18 Their drink is sour; they give themselves up to whoredom; her great men passionately love *their* shame.
- 19 The wind hath wrapped her up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.
- 5:1 Hear this, ye priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ear, O house of the king: for this judgment is

- for you; for ye have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.
- 2 And they have plunged themselves in the corruption of apostasy, but I will be a chastiser of them all.
- 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me; for now, Ephraim, thou hast committed whoredom; Israel is defiled.
- 4 Their doings do not allow them to return unto their God; for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they know not Jehovah.
- 5 And Israel's pride doth testify to his face; and Israel and Ephraim shall fall by their iniquity: Judah also shall fall with them.
- 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jehovah; but they shall not find *him*: he hath withdrawn himself from them.
- 7 They have dealt treacherously against Jehovah; for they have begotten strange children: now shall the new moon devour them, with their allotted possessions.
- 8 Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Beth-aven: behind thee, O Benjamin!
- 9 Ephraim shall be a desolation in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which is sure.
- 10 The princes of Judah are become like them that remove the landmark: I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.
- 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because in selfwill he walked after the commandment of *man*.
- 12 And I will be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sore, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb; but he was unable to heal you, nor hath he removed your sore.
- 14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah. I, I will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there shall be none to deliver.
- 15 I will go away, I will return to my place, till they acknowledge their trespass, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

- 6:1** Come and let us return unto Jehovah: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2** After two days will he revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before his face;
- 3** and we shall know, —we shall follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is assured as the morning dawn; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain which watereth the earth.
- 4** What shall I do unto thee, Ephraim? What shall I do unto thee, Judah? For your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the dew that early passeth away.
- 5** Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and my judgment goeth forth as the light.
- 6** For I delight in loving-kindness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.
- 7** But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.
- 8** Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity; it is tracked with blood.
- 9** And as troops of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way of Shechem; yea, they commit lewdness.
- 10** In the house of Israel have I seen a horrible thing: the whoredom of Ephraim is there; Israel is defiled.
- 11** Also, for thee, Judah, is a harvest appointed, when I shall turn again the captivity of my people.
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- 7:1** When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they practise falsehood; and the thief entereth in, *and* the troop of robbers assaileth without.
- 2** And they say not in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now do their own doings encompass them; they are before my face.

- 3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
- 4 They all practise adultery, as an oven heated by the baker: he ceaseth from stirring *the fire* after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.
- 5 In the day of our king, the princes made themselves sick with the heat of wine: he stretched out his hand to scorners.
- 6 For they have applied their heart like an oven to their lying in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth like a flaming fire.
- 7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.
- 8 Ephraim, he mixeth himself with the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
- 9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, and he knoweth *it* not.
- 10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face; and they do not return to Jehovah their God, nor seek him for all this.
- 11 And Ephraim is become like a silly dove without understanding: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
- 12 When they go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowl of the heavens; I will chastise them, according as their assembly hath heard.
- 13 Woe unto them! for they have wandered from me; destruction unto them! for they have transgressed against me. And I would redeem them; but they speak lies against me.
- 14 And they cried not unto me in their heart, when they howled upon their beds; they assemble themselves for corn and new wine; they have turned aside from me.
- 15 I have indeed trained, I have strengthened their arms, but they imagine mischief against me.
- 16 They return, *but* not to the *Most* High: they are like a deceitful bow. Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

- 8:1** Set the trumpet to thy mouth. *He cometh* as an eagle against the house of Jehovah, because they have transgressed my covenant, and rebelled against my law.
- 2 They shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee; *we*, Israel.
- 3 Israel hath cast off good: the enemy shall pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, and I knew it not; of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.
- 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will they be incapable of purity?
- 6 For from Israel is this also: —a workman made it, and it is no God: for the calf of Samaria shall be *broken in* pieces.
- 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; should it sprout, it would yield no meal; if so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up.
- 8 Israel is swallowed up: now are they become among the nations as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
- 9 For they are gone up *to* Assyria *as* a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.
- 10 Although they hire among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall begin to be straitened under the burden of the king of princes.
- 11 Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
- 12 I have prescribed unto him the manifold things of my law: they are counted *as* a strange thing.
- 13 They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; Jehovah hath no delight in them. Now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.
- 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

- 9:1** Rejoice not, Israel, exultingly, as the peoples; for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved harlot's hire upon every corn-floor.
- 2** The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her.
- 3** They shall not dwell in Jehovah's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and in Assyria shall they eat that which is unclean.
- 4** They shall pour out no *offerings of* wine to Jehovah, neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing unto him: they shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be defiled: for their bread shall be for themselves; it shall not come into the house of Jehovah.
- 5** What will ye do in the day of assembly, and in the day of the feast of Jehovah?
- 6** For behold, they are gone away because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Moph shall bury them: their pleasant things of silver, nettles shall possess them; thorns shall be in their tents.
- 7** The days of visitation are come; the days of recompence are come: Israel shall know *it*: the prophet is a fool, the inspired man is mad, because of the greatness of thine iniquity, and the great enmity.
- 8** Is Ephraim a watchman with my God? *nay* the prophet is a fowler's snare on all his ways, enmity in the house of his God.
- 9** They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.
- 10** I found Israel as grapes in the wilderness; as first-ripe fruit on the fig-tree, I saw your fathers at the beginning: they went to Baal-Peor, and separated themselves unto that shame, and became abominations like their lover.
- 11** As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away as a bird, — no birth, no pregnancy, no conception!
- 12** For even should they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that* not a man *remain*: for woe also to them when I shall have departed from them!

- 13 Ephraim, as I saw *him*, was a Tyre planted in a beautiful place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the slayer.
- 14 Give them, Jehovah—what wilt thou give? —give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
- 15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them: because of the wickedness of their doings, I will drive them out of my house, I will love them no more: all their princes are rebellious.
- 16 Ephraim is smitten: their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they should bring forth, yet will I slay the beloved *fruit* of their womb.
- 17 My God hath rejected them, because they hearkened not unto him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.
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- 10:1 Israel is an unpruned vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the abundance of his fruit he hath multiplied altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly statues.
- 2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found guilty: he will break down their altars, he will destroy their statues.
- 3 For now they will say, We have no king, for we feared not Jehovah; and a king, what can he do for us?
- 4 They speak *mere* words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; therefore shall judgment spring up as hemlock in the furrows of the fields.
- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calf of Beth-aven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the idolatrous priests thereof shall tremble for it, for its glory, because it is departed from it.
- 6 Yea, it shall be carried unto Assyria *as* a present for king Jareb: Ephraim shall be seized with shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
- 7 As for Samaria her king is cut off as chips upon the face of the waters.
- 8 And the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up upon

- their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us! and to the hills, Fall on us!
- 9 From the days of Gibeah hast thou sinned, O Israel: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.
- 10 At my pleasure will I chastise them; and the peoples shall be assembled against them, when they are bound for their two iniquities.
- 11 And Ephraim is a trained heifer, that loveth to tread out *the corn*; I have passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to draw; Judah shall plough, Jacob shall break his clods.
- 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.
- 13 Ye have ploughed wickedness, reaped iniquity, eaten the fruit of lies; for thou didst confide in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.
- 14 And a tumult shall arise among thy peoples, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces with the children.
- 15 So shall Bethel do unto you because of the wickedness of your wickedness: at day-break shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.
- 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- 2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto the Baals, and burned incense to graven images.
- 3 And I it was that taught Ephraim to walk, —He took them upon his arms, —but they knew not that I healed them.
- 4 I drew them with bands of a man, with cords of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I gently caused them to eat.

- 5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king; for they refused to return *to me*;
- 6 and the sword shall turn about in his cities, and shall consume his bars, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.
- 7 Yea, my people are bent upon backsliding from me: though they call them to the Most High, none at all exalteth *him*.
- 8 How shall I give thee over, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee up, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? My heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.
- 9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am •God, and not man, —the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not come in anger.
- 10 They shall walk after Jehovah; he shall roar like a lion; when he shall roar, then the children shall hasten from the west:
- 11 they shall hasten as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will cause them to dwell in their houses, saith Jehovah.
- 12 Ephraim encompasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet walketh with •God, and with the holy things of truth.
- 12:1 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and pursueth after the east wind: all day long he multiplieth lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt.
- 2 Jehovah hath also a controversy with Judah, and he will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.
- 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he wrestled with God.
- 4 Yea, he wrestled with the Angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spoke with us,

- 5 —even Jehovah, the God of hosts, —Jehovah is his memorial.
- 6 And thou, return unto thy God: keep loving-kindness and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.
- 7 *He is* a merchant, balances of deceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress.
- 8 And Ephraim saith, Nevertheless I am become rich, I have found me out substance; in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.
- 9 But I *that am* Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt will again make thee to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast.
- 10 And I have spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and by means of the prophets have I used similitudes.
- 11 If Gilead is iniquity, surely they are but vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.
- 12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.
- 13 And by a prophet Jehovah brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.
- 14 Ephraim provoked *him* to anger most bitterly; and his Lord shall leave his blood upon him, and recompense unto him his reproach.
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- 13:1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Israel: but he trespassed through Baal, and he died.
- 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.
- 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the lattice.

- 4 Yet I *am* Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou hast known no God but me; and there is no saviour besides me.
- 5 I knew thee in the wilderness, in the land of drought.
- 6 According to their pasture, they became full; they became full, and their heart was exalted: therefore have they forgotten me.
- 7 And I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard I will lurk for them by the way;
- 8 I will meet them as a bear bereaved of her *whelps*, and will rend the covering of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lioness: the beast of the field shall tear them.
- 9 It is thy destruction, O Israel, that *thou art* against me, against thy help.
- 10 Where then is thy king, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? —
- 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.
- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is laid by in store.
- 13 The pangs of a woman in travail shall come upon him: he is a son not wise; for at the time of the breaking forth of children, he was not there.
- 14 I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death: where, O death, are thy plagues? where, O Sheol, is thy destruction? Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.
- 15 Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an east wind shall come, a wind of Jehovah *that* cometh up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.
- 16 Samaria shall bear her guilt; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

- 14:1** O Israel, return unto Jehovah thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
- 2** Take with you words, and turn to Jehovah; say unto him, Forgive all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips.
- 3** Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Thou art* our God; because in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.
- 4** I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him.
- 5** I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
- 6** His shoots shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon.
- 7** They shall return and sit under his shadow; they shall revive *as* corn, and blossom as the vine: the renown thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.
- 8** Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? (I answer *him*, and I will observe him.) I am like a green fir-tree. —From me is thy fruit found.
- 9** Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? intelligent, and he shall know them? For the ways of Jehovah are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein.

JOEL.

- 1:1** The word of Jehovah that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.
- 2** Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?
- 3** Tell your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation:
- 4** that which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.
- 5** Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine: for it is cut off from your mouth.
- 6** For a nation is come up upon my land, strong and without number: his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a lioness.
- 7** He hath made my vine a desolation, and barked my fig-tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away: its branches are made white.
- 8** Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
- 9** The oblation and the drink-offering are cut off from the house of Jehovah; the priests, Jehovah's ministers, mourn.
- 10** The field is laid waste, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted, the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.
- 11** Be ashamed, ye husbandmen; howl, ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley: because the harvest of the field hath perished.
- 12** The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth; the pomegranate-tree, the palm also and the apple-tree; all the trees of the field are withered, yea, joy is withered away from the children of men.
- 13** Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests; howl, ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth,

- ye ministers of my God: for the oblation and the drink-offering are withholden from the house of your God.
- 14** Hallow a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the elders, *and* all the inhabitants of the land to the house of Jehovah your God, and cry unto Jehovah.
- 15** Alas for the day! for the day of Jehovah is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
- 16** Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?
- 17** The seeds are rotten under their clods, the granaries are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.
- 18** How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are bewildered, for they have no pasture; the flocks of sheep also are in suffering.
- 19** To thee, Jehovah, do I cry; for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned up all the trees of the field.
- 20** The beasts of the field also cry unto thee; for the water-courses are dried, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.
- 2:1** Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of Jehovah cometh, for it is at hand;
- 2** a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and gross darkness, as the dawn spread upon the mountains; —a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after them, to the years of generations and generations.
- 3** A fire devoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth; the land is as a garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness: yea, and nothing escapeth them.
- 4** The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so they run.
- 5** Like the noise of chariots, on the tops of the mountains, they leap; like the noise of a flame of fire

that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

- 6 Before them the peoples are in anguish: all faces turn pale.
- 7 They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and break not their ranks.
- 8 Neither doth one press upon another; they march every one in his path; and fall amid weapons, but are not wounded.
- 9 They spread themselves over the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses; they enter in by the windows like a thief.
- 10 The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.
- 11 And Jehovah uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for strong is he that executeth his word: for the day of Jehovah is great and very terrible; and who can bear it?
- 12 Yet even now, saith Jehovah, turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;
- 13 and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Jehovah your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving-kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
- 14 Who knoweth? He might return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, an oblation and a drink-offering for Jehovah your God?
- 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, hallow a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly;
- 16 gather the people, hallow the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride from her closet.
- 17 Let the priests, the ministers of Jehovah, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare, O Jehovah, thy people, and give not thine inheritance to reproach, that they should be a byword

- of the nations. Wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?
- 18** Then Jehovah will be jealous for his land, and will have pity on his people.
- 19** And Jehovah will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I send you corn, and new wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.
- 20** And I will remove far off from you him *that cometh* from the north, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, his face toward the eastern sea, and his rear toward the hinder sea; and his stench shall come up, and his ill odour shall come up, for he hath exalted himself to do great things.
- 21** —Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for Jehovah doeth great things.
- 22** Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring; for the tree beareth its fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield full increase.
- 23** And ye, children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in Jehovah your God; for he giveth you the early rain in due measure, and he causeth to come down for you the rain, the early rain, and the latter rain at the beginning *of the season*.
- 24** And the floors shall be full of corn, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.
- 25** And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you.
- 26** And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of Jehovah your God, who hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.
- 27** And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, Jehovah, *am* your God, and there is none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.
- 28** And it shall come to pass afterwards *that* I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

- 29 Yea, even upon the bondmen and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.
- 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be changed to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come.
- 32 And it shall be that whosoever shall call upon the name of Jehovah shall be saved: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Jehovah hath said, and for the residue whom Jehovah shall call.
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- 3:1 For behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall turn again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2 I will also gather all the nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of my people and mine inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations: and they have parted my land;
- 3 and they have cast lots for my people, and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, and have drunk *it*.
- 4 Yea also, what have ye to do with me, O Tyre and Zidon, and all the districts of Philistia? Will ye render me a recompense? But if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I bring your recompense upon your own head;
- 5 because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my beautiful pleasant things,
- 6 and the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the children of the Greeks, that ye might remove them far from their border.
- 7 Behold, I will raise them up out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will bring your recompense upon your own head.
- 8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them

- to the Sabeans, to a nation far off: for Jehovah hath spoken.
- 9** Proclaim this among the nations: prepare war, arouse the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.
- 10** Beat your ploughshares into swords, and your pruning-knives into spears; let the weak say, I am strong.
- 11** Haste ye and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together. Thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Jehovah.
- 12** Let the nations rouse themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about.
- 13** Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down, for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.
- 14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Jehovah is at hand in the valley of decision.
- 15** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- 16** And Jehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: and Jehovah will be a shelter for his people, and the refuge of the children of Israel.
- 17** And ye shall know that I, Jehovah, *am* your God, dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain; and Jerusalem shall be holy, and no strangers shall pass through her any more.
- 18** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the water-courses of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jehovah, and shall water the valley of Shittim.
- 19** Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, in that they have shed innocent blood in their land.
- 20** But Judah shall abide for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 And I will purge them from the blood from which I had not purged them: for Jehovah dwelleth in Zion.

AMOS

- 1:1** The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.
- 2** And he said, Jehovah roareth from Zion, and uttereth his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withereth.
- 3** Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke *my sentence*, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron.
- 4** And I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.
- 5** And I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Beth-Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith Jehovah.
- 6** Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Gazah, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom.
- 7** And I will send a fire on the wall of Gazah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
- 8** And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 9** Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant.
- 10** And I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
- 11** Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity; and his anger did tear continually, and he kept his wrath for ever.

- 12 And I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.
- 13 Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because they ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.
- 14 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
- 15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith Jehovah.
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- 2:1 Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime.
- 2 And I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerijoth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet.
- 3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith Jehovah.
- 4 Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because they have despised the law of Jehovah, and have not kept his statutes; and their lies have caused them to err, after which their fathers walked.
- 5 And I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.
- 6 Thus saith Jehovah: For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke its sentence; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes;
- 7 panting after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turning aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* maid, to profane my holy name.
- 8 And they lay *themselves* down by every altar upon clothes taken in pledge, and they drink *in* the house of their God the wine of the condemned.

- 9 But I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was as the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; but I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.
- 10 And I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.
- 11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, ye children of Israel? saith Jehovah.
- 12 And ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.
- 13 Behold, I will press upon you, as a cart presseth that is full of sheaves.
- 14 And flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver his soul.
- 15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and the swift of foot shall not escape, and he that rideth the horse shall not deliver his soul;
- 16 and he that is stout-hearted among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith Jehovah.
- 3:1 Hear this word that Jehovah hath spoken against you, children of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore will I visit upon you all your iniquities.
- 3 Shall two walk together except they be agreed?
- 4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he hath no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den if he have taken nothing?
- 5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth when no gin *is laid* for him? Will the snare spring up from the earth when nothing at all hath been taken?
- 6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and Jehovah not have done *it*?
- 7 But the Lord Jehovah will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

- 8 The lion hath roared, —who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah hath spoken, —who can but prophesy?
- 9 Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great uproar in the midst thereof, and the oppressions that are within her:
- 10 and they know not to do right, saith Jehovah, who store up violence and plunder in their palaces.
- 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: An adversary! — even round about the land! And he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be pillaged.
- 12 Thus saith Jehovah: Like as the shepherd rescueth out of the jaw of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be rescued that sit in Samaria in the corner of a couch, and upon the damask of a bed.
- 13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts,
- 14 that in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also punish the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.
- 15 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer-house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and many houses shall have an end, saith Jehovah.
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- 4:1 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, that oppress the poor, that crush the needy, that say to their lords, Bring, and let us drink:
- 2 the Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his holiness, that behold, days shall come upon you, when he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks;
- 3 and ye shall go out by the breaches, every one straight before her, and ye shall be cast out to Harmon, saith Jehovah.
- 4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices in the morning, your tithes every three days,
- 5 and burn a thank-offering with leaven, and proclaim, publish, voluntary offerings: for this pleaseth you, children of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet ye have not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 7 And I also have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece *of land* was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.
- 8 And two, three, cities wandered unto one city, to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew; the palmer-worm hath devoured the multitude of your gardens, and your vineyards, and your fig-trees and your olive-trees: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, taking away captive your horses; and I made the stench of your camps to come up, even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 11 I have overthrown among you, like God's overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
- 13 For behold, he who formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, who maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, —Jehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.
- 5:1 Hear this word, a lamentation, which I take up against you, O house of Israel.
- 2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more arise: she is cast down upon her land; there is none to raise her up.
- 3 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left, for the house of Israel.

- 4 For thus saith Jehovah unto the house of Israel: Seek ye me, and ye shall live.
- 5 And seek not Bethel, neither go to Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought.
- 6 Seek Jehovah, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and there be none to quench *it* in Bethel.
- 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth,
- 8 *seek him* that made the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: Jehovah is his name.
- 9 He causeth destruction to break forth suddenly upon the strong, and bringeth destruction upon the fortress.
- 10 They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
- 11 Forasmuch, therefore, as ye trample upon the poor, and take from him presents of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, and ye shall not drink the wine of them.
- 12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions and your sins mighty: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside *the right of* the needy in the gate.
- 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in this time; for it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye say.
- 15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.
- 16 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing shall be in all broadways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! And they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.
- 17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith Jehovah.

- 18 Woe unto you that desire the day of Jehovah! To what end is the day of Jehovah for you? It shall be darkness and not light:
- 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.
- 20 Shall not the day of Jehovah be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?
- 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will not smell *a sweet odour* in your solemn assemblies.
- 22 For if ye offer up unto me burnt-offerings and your oblations, I will not accept *them*; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fatted beasts.
- 23 Take away from me the noise of thy songs, and I will not hear the melody of thy lutes;
- 24 but let judgment roll down as waters, and righteousness as an ever-flowing stream.
- 25 Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and oblations in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?
- 26 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of your Moloch, and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye had made to yourselves;
- 27 and I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith Jehovah, whose name is the God of hosts.
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- 6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion and that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the renowned of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come.
- 2 Pass unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go to Hamath the great; and go down to Gath of the Philistines: are they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?
- 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
- 4 that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves from the midst of the stall;
- 5 that chant to the sound of the lute, *and* invent them instruments of music, like David;

- 6 that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but are not grieved for the breach of Joseph.
- 7 Therefore shall they now go captive, with the first that go captive, and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away.
- 8 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by himself, saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, I abhor the pride of Jacob, and hate his palaces; and I will deliver up the city with all that is therein.
- 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.
- 10 And a man's uncle, and he that should burn him, shall take him up to bring out the bones from the house, and shall say unto him that is in the inner parts of the house, Is there yet *any* with thee? and he shall say, None. And he will say, Silence! for we may not make mention of Jehovah's name.
- 11 For behold, Jehovah commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
- 12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will *men* plough *thereon* with oxen? For ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,
- 13 —ye that rejoice in a thing of nought, that say, Have we not taken to us power by our own strength?
- 14 For behold, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah the God of hosts, I will raise up against you a nation; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hamath unto the torrent of the Arabah.
- 7:1 Thus did the Lord Jehovah shew unto me; and behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth, and behold, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.
- 2 And it came to pass, when they had wholly eaten the grass of the land, that I said, O Lord Jehovah, forgive, I beseech thee! How shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
- 3 Jehovah repented for this: It shall not be, said Jehovah.
- 4 Thus did the Lord Jehovah shew unto me; and behold, the Lord Jehovah called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and ate up the inheritance.

- 5 Then said I, O Lord Jehovah, cease, I beseech thee! How shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
- 6 Jehovah repented for this: This also shall not be, said the Lord Jehovah.
- 7 Thus did he shew unto me; and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And Jehovah said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb-line. And the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.
- 9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolated, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will arise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.
- 10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos saith: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall certainly go into captivity out of his land.
- 12 And Amaziah said unto Amos, *Thou* seer, go, flee away into the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there.
- 13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the house of the kingdom.
- 14 And Amos answered and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.
- 15 And Jehovah took me as I followed the flock, and Jehovah said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
- 16 And now hear thou the word of Jehovah: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and utter not *words* against the house of Isaac.
- 17 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided with the line; and thou shalt die in a land that is unclean; and Israel shall certainly go into captivity, out of his land.

- 8:1** Thus did Jehovah shew unto me; and behold, a basket of summer-fruit.
- 2** And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer-fruit. And Jehovah said unto me, The end is come upon my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.
- 3** And the songs of the palace shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord Jehovah. The dead bodies shall be many; in every place they shall be cast forth. Silence!
- 4** Hear this, ye that pant after the needy, even to cause to fail the poor of the land,
- 5** saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat? making the ephah small and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances for deceit:
- 6** that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; and that we may sell the refuse of the wheat.
- 7** Jehovah hath sworn by the glory of Jacob, Certainly I will never forget any of their works.
- 8** Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? And it shall wholly rise up like the Nile; and it shall surge and sink down, as the river of Egypt.
- 9** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord Jehovah, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the land in the clear day.
- 10** And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day.
- 11** Behold, days come, saith the Lord Jehovah, when I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah.
- 12** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Jehovah, and shall not find it.
- 13** In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for thirst;
- 14** they that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, *As thy god, O Dan, liveth!* and, *As the way of Beer-sheba liveth!* even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

- 9:1** I saw the Lord standing upon the altar; and he said, Smite the chapiter that the thresholds may shake; and break all of them in pieces, in the head; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not get away by flight, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.
- 2** Though they dig into Sheol, thence shall my hand take them; and though they climb up to the heavens, thence will I bring them down;
- 3** and though they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there will I command the serpent, and it shall bite them;
- 4** and though they go into captivity before their enemies, there will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.
- 5** And the Lord Jehovah of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it melteth, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall wholly rise up like the Nile, and sink down as the river of Egypt.
- 6** It is he that buildeth his upper chambers in the heavens, and hath founded his vault upon the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: Jehovah is his name.
- 7** Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith Jehovah. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?
- 8** Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth: only that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith Jehovah.
- 9** For behold, I command, and I will shake the house of Israel to and fro among all the nations, like as one shaketh *corn* in a sieve; yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.
- 10** All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, Evil shall not overtake nor befall us.

- 11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:
- 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations upon whom my name is called, saith Jehovah who doeth this.
- 13 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, when the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop new wine, and all the hills shall melt.
- 14 And I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; and they shall make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith Jehovah thy God.

OBADIAH.

- 1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have heard a report from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations. Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.
- 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the nations; thou art greatly despised.
- 3 The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; —he that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?
- 4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith Jehovah.
- 5 If thieves had come to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen *till* they had had enough? If grape-gatherers had come to thee, would they not have left some gleanings?
- 6 How is Esau searched! his hidden things sought out!
- 7 All the men of thy confederacy have pushed thee to the border; the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, they have prevailed against thee; *they that eat* thy bread have laid a snare under thee. There is no understanding in him.
- 8 Shall I not in that day, saith Jehovah, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?
- 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter.
- 10 Because of violence against thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.
- 11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away captive his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

- 12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day of his disaster; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor have opened wide thy mouth in the day of distress.
- 13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity, nor have looked, even thou, on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither shouldest thou have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity;
- 14 and thou shouldest not have stood on the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape, nor have delivered up those remaining of him in the day of distress.
- 15 For the day of Jehovah is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy recompence shall return upon thine own head.
- 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.
- 17 But upon mount Zion shall there be deliverance, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
- 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble; and they shall kindle in them and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau: for Jehovah hath spoken *it*.
- 19 And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the lowland the Philistines; yea, they shall possess the field of Ephraim and the field of Samaria; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead;
- 20 and the captives of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* what belonged to the Canaanites, unto Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who *were* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.
- 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion, to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Jehovah's.

JONAH.

- 1:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
- 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
- 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish, from the presence of Jehovah.
- 4 But Jehovah sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest upon the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
- 5 And the mariners were afraid, and cried every one unto his god; and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to be lightened of them. But Jonah had gone down into the lower part of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
- 6 And the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, sleeper? arise, call upon thy God; perhaps God will think upon us, that we perish not.
- 7 And they said each one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. And they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
- 8 And they said unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us: what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?
- 9 And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew, and I fear Jehovah, the God of the heavens, who hath made the sea and the dry *land*.
- 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is this thou hast done? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of Jehovah: for he had told them.

- 11 And they said unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more and more tempestuous.
- 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that because of me this great tempest is upon you.
- 13 But the men rowed hard to regain the land; but they could not; for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.
- 14 And they cried unto Jehovah and said, Ah, Jehovah, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, Jehovah, hast done as it pleased thee.
- 15 And they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from its raging.
- 16 And the men feared Jehovah exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto Jehovah, and made vows.
- 17 And Jehovah prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
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- 2:1 And Jonah prayed unto Jehovah his God out of the fish's belly;
- 2 and he said: I cried by reason of my distress unto Jehovah, and he answered me; Out of the belly of Sheol cried I: thou heardest my voice.
- 3 For thou didst cast me into the depth, into the heart of the seas, And the flood was round about me: All thy breakers and thy billows are gone over me.
- 4 And I said, I am cast out from before thine eyes, Yet will I look again toward thy holy temple.
- 5 The waters encompassed me, to the soul: The deep was round about me, The weeds were wrapped about my head.
- 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; The bars of the earth *closed* upon me for ever: But thou hast brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God.

- 7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; And my prayer came in unto thee, Into thy holy temple.
- 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
- 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of Jehovah.
- 10 And Jehovah commanded the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.
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- 3:1 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
- 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I shall bid thee.
- 3 And Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
- 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!
- 5 And the men of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
- 6 And the word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
- 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water;
- 8 and let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God; and let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.
- 9 Who knoweth but that God will turn and repent, and will turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said he would do unto them, and he did *it* not.

4:1 And it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.

2 And he prayed unto Jehovah, and said, Ah, Jehovah, was not this my saying when I was yet in my country? Therefore I was minded to flee at first unto Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious •God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving-kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 And now, Jehovah, take, I beseech thee, my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 And Jehovah said, Doest thou well to be angry?

5 And Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And Jehovah Elohim prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his trouble. And Jonah was exceeding glad because of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, unto death.

10 And Jehovah said, Thou hast pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 and I, should not I have pity on Nineveh, the great city, wherein are more than a hundred and twenty thousand

persons that cannot discern between their right hand
and their left hand; and also much cattle?

MICAH.

- 1:1** The word of Jehovah that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
- 2** Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and all that is therein: and let the Lord Jehovah be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple!
- 3** For behold, Jehovah cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.
- 4** And the mountains shall be melted under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, as waters poured down a steep place.
- 5** For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. Whence is the transgression of Jacob? is it not *from* Samaria? And whence are the high places of Judah? are they not *from* Jerusalem?
- 6** Therefore will I make Samaria as a heap of the field, as plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will lay bare the foundations thereof.
- 7** And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her harlot-gifts shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I make a desolation; for of the hire of a harlot hath she gathered *them*, and to a harlot's hire shall they return.
- 8** For this will I lament, and I will howl; I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches.
- 9** For her wounds are incurable; for it is come even unto Judah, it reacheth unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.
- 10** Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all; at Beth-le-aphrah roll thyself in the dust.
- 11** Pass away, inhabitress of Shaphir, in nakedness *and* shame. The inhabitress of Zaanan is not come forth for the lamentation of Beth-ezel: he will take from you its shelter.

- 12 For the inhabitress of Maroth waited anxiously for good; but evil hath come down from Jehovah unto the gate of Jerusalem.
- 13 Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O inhabitress of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for in thee were found the transgressions of Israel.
- 14 Therefore shalt thou give parting-gifts to Moresheth-Gath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.
- 15 I will yet bring unto thee an heir, O inhabitress of Mareshah; the glory of Israel shall come even unto Adullam.
- 16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for the children of thy delights; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle, for they are gone into captivity from thee.
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- 2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.
- 2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away; and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.
- 3 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye walk haughtily: for it is an evil time.
- 4 In that day shall they take up a proverb concerning you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We are utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! He hath distributed our fields to the rebellious.
- 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast the measuring line upon a lot, in the congregation of Jehovah.
- 6 Prophecy ye not, they prophesy. If they do not prophesy to these, the ignominy will not depart.
- 7 O thou *that art* named the house of Jacob, Is Jehovah impatient? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?
- 8 But of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye strip off the mantle with the garment from them that pass by securely, that are averse from war.

- 9 The women of my people do ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children do ye take away my magnificence for ever.
- 10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not the resting-place, because of defilement that bringeth destruction, even a grievous destruction.
- 11 If a man walking in wind and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink, he shall be the prophet of this people.
- 12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, the whole of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of* men.
- 13 One that breaketh through is gone up before them: they have broken forth, and have passed on to the gate, and are gone out by it; and their king passeth on before them, and Jehovah at the head of them.
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- 3:1 And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know judgment?
- 2 Ye who hate the good, and love evil; who pluck off their skin from them, and their flesh from off their bones;
- 3 and who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces as for the pot, and as flesh within the cauldron.
- 4 Then shall they cry unto Jehovah, but he will not answer them; and he will hide his face from them at that time, according as they have wrought evil in their doings.
- 5 Thus saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that cause my people to err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace! but whoso putteth not into their mouths they prepare war against him:
- 6 therefore ye shall have night without a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, without divination; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them.

- 7 And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; and they shall all cover their lips, for there will be no answer of God.
- 8 But truly I am filled with power by the Spirit of Jehovah, and with judgment and with might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.
- 9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity,
- 10 that build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with unrighteousness.
- 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money; yet do they lean upon Jehovah, and say, Is not Jehovah in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us.
- 12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be ploughed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
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- 4:1 But 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 the peoples shall flow unto it.
- 2 And many nations shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and 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.
- 3 And he shall judge among many peoples, and reprove strong nations, even afar off; 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.
- 4 And they shall sit every one under his vine, and under his fig-tree; and there shall be none to make *them* afraid: for the mouth of Jehovah of hosts hath spoken *it*.
- 5 For all the peoples will walk every one in the name of his god; but we will walk in the name of Jehovah, our God for ever and ever.

- 6 In that day, saith Jehovah, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;
- 7 and I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation; and Jehovah shall reign over them in mount Zion, from henceforth even for ever.
- 8 And thou, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, yea, the first dominion shall come,—the kingdom to the daughter of Jerusalem.
- 9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished, that pangs have seized thee as a woman in travail?
- 10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon: there shalt thou be delivered; there Jehovah will redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.
- 11 And now many nations are assembled against thee, that say, Let her be profaned, and let our eye look upon Zion.
- 12 But they know not the thoughts of Jehovah, neither understand they his counsel; for he hath gathered them together as the sheaves into the threshing-floor.
- 13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, for I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass; and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples; and I will devote their gain to Jehovah, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.
- 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
- 2 (And thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall he come forth unto me *who is* to be Ruler in Israel: whose goings forth are from of old, from the days of eternity.)
- 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time when she which travaileth shall have brought forth: and the residue of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.
- 4 And he shall stand and feed *his flock* in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God.

- And they shall abide; for now shall he be great even unto the ends of the earth.
- 5 And this *man* shall be Peace. When the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight princes of men.
- 6 And they shall waste the land of Asshur with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof; and he shall deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.
- 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jehovah, as showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, neither waiteth for the sons of men.
- 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver.
- 9 Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.
- 10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots.
- 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and overthrow all thy strongholds.
- 12 And I will cut off sorceries out of thy hand; and thou shalt have no soothsayers.
- 13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy statues out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more bow down to the work of thy hands.
- 14 And I will pluck up thine Asherahs out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy cities.
- 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and in fury upon the nations, such as they have not heard of.
- 6:1 Hear ye now what Jehovah saith: Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

- 2 Hear, ye mountains, Jehovah's controversy, and ye, unchanging foundations of the earth; for Jehovah hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.
- 3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.
- 4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the righteousness of Jehovah.
- 6 Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?
- 7 Will Jehovah take pleasure in thousands of rams, in ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- 8 He hath shewn thee, O man, what is good: and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with thy God?
- 9 Jehovah's voice crieth unto the city, and wisdom looketh on thy name. Hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
- 10 Are there yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure *which is* abominable?
- 11 Shall I be pure with the unjust balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?
- 12 For her rich men are full of violence, and her inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
- 13 Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee; I will make *thee* desolate because of thy sins.
- 14 Thou shalt eat, and not be satisfied, and thine emptiness *shall remain* in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take away, and not save; and what thou savest will I give up to the sword.
- 15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and new wine, but shalt not drink wine.
- 16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab; and ye walk in their counsels: that I should

make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing; and ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

- 7:1 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer-fruits, as the grape-gleanings of the vintage. There is no cluster to eat; there is no early fruit *which* my soul desired.
- 2 The godly *man* hath perished out of the land, and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood, they hunt every man his brother with a net.
- 3 Both hands are for evil, to do it well. The prince asketh, and the judge *is there* for a reward; and the great *man* uttereth his soul's greed: and *together* they combine it.
- 4 The best of them is as a briar; the most upright, *worse* than a thorn-fence. The day of thy watchmen, thy visitation is come; now shall be their perplexity.
- 5 Believe ye not in a companion, put not confidence in a familiar friend: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.
- 6 For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: a man's enemies are the men of his own household.
- 7 But as for me, I will look unto Jehovah; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.
- 8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: though I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Jehovah shall be a light unto me.
- 9 I will bear the indignation of Jehovah—for I have sinned against him—until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light; I shall behold his righteousness.
- 10 And mine enemy shall see *it*, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is Jehovah thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden down, as the mire of the streets.
- 11 In the day when thy walls shall be built, on that day shall the established limit recede.

- 12 In that day they shall come to thee from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
- 13 But the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.
- 14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine inheritance, dwelling alone in the forest, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
- 15 —As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt, will I shew them marvellous things.
- 16 —The nations shall see, and be ashamed for all their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
- 17 They shall lick dust like the serpent; like crawling things of the earth, they shall come trembling forth from their close places. They shall turn with fear to Jehovah our God, and shall be afraid because of thee.
- 18 Who is a •God like unto thee, that forgiveth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in loving-kindness.
- 19 He will yet again have compassion on us, he will tread under foot our iniquities: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
- 20 Thou wilt perform truth to Jacob, loving-kindness to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers, from the days of old.

NAHUM.

- 1:1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
- 2 A jealous and avenging •God is Jehovah: an avenger is Jehovah, and full of fury: Jehovah taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.
- 3 Jehovah is slow to anger, and great in power, and doth not at all clear *the guilty*: Jehovah, —his way is in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
- 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
- 5 The mountains quake before him, and the hills melt, and the earth is upheaved at his presence, and the world, and all that dwell therein.
- 6 Who shall stand before his indignation? and who shall abide in the fierceness of his anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him.
- 7 Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
- 8 But with an overrunning flood he will make a full end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
- 9 What do ye imagine against Jehovah? He will make a full end: trouble shall not rise up the second time.
- 10 Though they be tangled together *as* thorns, and be as drenched from their drink, they shall be devoured as dry stubble, completely.
- 11 Out of thee is gone forth one that imagineth evil against Jehovah, a wicked counsellor.
- 12 Thus saith Jehovah: Though they be complete in number, and many as they be, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away; and though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
- 13 And now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds asunder.
- 14 And Jehovah hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy

god will I cut off the graven image, and the molten image:
I will prepare thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings, that publisheth peace! Celebrate thy feasts, Judah, perform thy vows: for the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2:1 He that dasheth in pieces is come up against thy face: keep the fortress, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.

2 For Jehovah hath brought again the glory of Jacob, as the glory of Israel; for the wasters have wasted them, and marred their vine-branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots *glitter* with the sheen of steel, in the day of his preparation, and the spears are brandished.

4 The chariots rush madly in the streets, they jostle one against another in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches, they run like lightnings.

5 He bethinketh him of his nobles: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the shelter is prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace melteth away.

7 And it is decreed: she shall be uncovered, she shall be led away, and her maids shall moan as with the voice of doves, drumming upon their breasts.

8 Nineveh hath been like a pool of water, since the day she existed, yet they flee away. ...Stand! Stand! But none looketh back.

9 Plunder the silver, plunder the gold; for there is no end of the splendid store of all precious vessels.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and writhing pain is in all loins, and all their faces grow pale.

11 Where is *now* the den of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, the lioness, *and* the lion's whelp walked, and none made them afraid?

- 12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.
- 13 Behold, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of hosts: and I will burn her chariots into smoke; and the sword shall devour thy young lions, and I will cut off thy prey from the earth; and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.
- 3:1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies *and* violence; the prey departeth not.
- 2 The crack of the whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the bounding chariots!
- 3 The horseman springing up, and the glitter of the sword, and the flash of the spear, and a multitude of slain, and a mass of carcasses, and no end of corpses: they stumble over their corpses.
- 4 —Because of the multitude of the fornications of the well-favoured harlot, mistress of sorceries, that selleth nations through her fornications, and families through her sorceries,
- 5 behold, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of hosts; and I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.
- 6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing stock.
- 7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that see thee shall flee from thee, and shall say, Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?
- 8 Art thou better than No-Amon, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about her, whose rampart was the sea, *and* of the sea was her wall?
- 9 Ethiopia was her strength, and Egypt, and it was infinite; Phut and the Libyans were her helpers.
- 10 She too was carried away, she went into captivity: her infants also were dashed in pieces, at the top of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound with chains.
- 11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek a refuge from the enemy.

- 12 All thy strongholds are *like* fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they even fall into the mouth of the eater.
- 13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are *as* women: the gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies; the fire devoureth thy bars.
- 14 Draw thee water for the siege, strengthen thy fortresses; go into the clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln.
- 15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall devour thee like the cankerworm. Make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locust.
- 16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants more than the stars of the heavens; the cankerworm spreadeth himself out and flieth away.
- 17 Thy chosen men are as the locusts, and thy captains as swarms of grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day: when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are.
- 18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; thy nobles lie still; thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.
- 19 There is no healing of thy breach; thy wound is grievous; all that hear the report of thee clap the hands over thee; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

HABAKKUK

- 1:1** The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.
- 2** Jehovah, how long shall I cry and thou wilt not hear? I cry out unto thee, Violence! and thou dost not save.
- 3** Why dost thou cause me to see iniquity, and lookest thou upon grievance? For spoiling and violence are before me; and there is strife, and contention riseth up.
- 4** Therefore the law is powerless, and justice doth never go forth; for the wicked encompasseth the righteous; therefore judgment goeth forth perverted.
- 5** See ye among the nations, and behold, and wonder marvellously; for *I* work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be declared *to you*.
- 6** For behold, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and impetuous nation, which marcheth through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling-places that are not theirs.
- 7** They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
- 8** And their horses are swifter than the leopards, and are more agile than the evening wolves; and their horsemen prance proudly, and their horsemen come from afar: they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour.
- 9** They come all of them for violence: the crowd of their faces is forwards, and they gather captives as the sand.
- 10** Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a scorn unto him; he derideth every stronghold: for he heapeth up dust, and taketh it.
- 11** Then will his mind change, and he will pass on, and become guilty: this his power is become his †god.
- 12** —Art thou not from everlasting, Jehovah my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. Jehovah, thou hast ordained him for judgment; and thou, O Rock, hast appointed him for correction.
- 13** *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on mischief: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* keepest silence when the wicked swalloweth up a *man* more righteous than he?

- 14 And thou makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them.
- 15 He taketh up all of them with the hook, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them into his drag; therefore he rejoiceth and is glad:
- 16 therefore he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag; for by them his portion is become fat, and his meat dainty.
- 17 Shall he therefore empty his net, and not spare to slay the nations continually?
- 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will look forth to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer as to my reproof.
- 2 And Jehovah answered me and said, Write the vision, and engrave it upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it.
- 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but it hasteth to the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; for it will surely come, it will not delay.
- 4 Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not upright within him: but the just shall live by his faith.
- 5 And moreover, the wine is treacherous: he is a proud man, and keepeth not at rest, he enlargeth his desire as Sheol, and he is like death and cannot be satisfied; and he assemblETH unto him all nations, and gathereth unto him all peoples.
- 6 Shall not all these take up a proverb about him, and a taunting riddle against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? —and to him that loadeth himself with pledges!
- 7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and they awake up that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?
- 8 Because thou hast plundered many nations, all the rest of the peoples shall plunder thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence *done* to the land, to the city, and all that dwell therein.
- 9 Woe to him that getteth iniquitous gain to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the grasp of evil!

- 10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house, by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned against thine own soul.
- 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.
- 12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by unrighteousness!
- 13 Behold, is it not of Jehovah of hosts that the peoples labour for the fire, and the nations weary themselves in vain?
- 14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea.
- 15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, —that pourest out thy flask, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!
- 16 Thou art filled with shame instead of glory; drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of Jehovah's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and a shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.
- 17 For the violence *done* to Lebanon shall cover thee, and the destruction of beasts which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence *done* to the land, to the city, and all that dwell therein.
- 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it? the molten image, and the teacher of falsehood, that the maker of his work dependeth thereon, to make dumb idols?
- 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake! to the dumb stone, Arise! Shall it teach? Behold it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.
- 20 But Jehovah is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him!
- 3:1 A Prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.
- 2 Jehovah, I heard the report of thee, *and* I feared. Jehovah, revive thy work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make *it* known: In wrath remember mercy!
- 3 †God came from Teman, And the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covereth the heavens, And the earth is full of his praise.

- 4 And *his* brightness was as the light; Rays *came forth* from his hand; And there was the hiding of his power.
- 5 Before him went the pestilence, And a burning flame went forth at his feet.
- 6 He stood, and measured the earth; He beheld, and discomfited the nations; And the eternal mountains were scattered, The everlasting hills gave way: His ways are everlasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; The curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- 8 Was Jehovah wrathful with the rivers? Was thine anger against the rivers? Was thy rage against the sea, That thou didst ride upon thy horses, Thy chariots of salvation?
- 9 Thy bow was made naked, The rods *of discipline* sworn according to *thy* word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw thee, they were in travail: Torrents of waters passed by; The deep uttered its voice, Lifted up its hands on high.
- 11 The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation, At the light of thine arrows which shot forth, —At the shining of thy glittering spear.
- 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.
- 13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, For the salvation of thine anointed; Thou didst smite off the head from the house of the wicked, Laying bare the foundation even to the neck. Selah.
- 14 Thou didst strike through with his own spears the head of his leaders: They came out as a whirlwind to scatter me, Whose exulting was as to devour the afflicted secretly.
- 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thy horses, The heap of great waters.
- 16 I heard, and my belly trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in my place, That I might rest in the day of distress, When their invader shall come up against the people.
- 17 For though the fig-tree shall not blossom, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labour of the olive-tree shall fail, And the fields shall yield no food; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls:

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- 18** Yet I will rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19** Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength, And he maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, And he will make me to walk upon my high places. To the chief Musician. On my stringed instruments.

ZEPHANIAH.

- 1:1** The word of Jehovah that came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.
- 2** I will utterly take away everything from off the face of the ground, saith Jehovah:
- 3** I will take away man and beast; I will take away the fowl of the heavens and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks with the wicked, and I will cut off mankind from off the face of the ground, saith Jehovah.
- 4** And I will stretch forth my hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the Chemarim with the priests;
- 5** and them that bow down to the host of the heavens upon the housetops; and them that bow down to Jehovah, that swear by *him*, and swear by Malcham;
- 6** and them that turn back from after Jehovah, and that do not seek Jehovah, nor inquire for him.
- 7** Be silent at the presence of the Lord Jehovah; for the day of Jehovah is at hand; for Jehovah hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath hallowed his guests.
- 8** And it shall come to pass in the day of Jehovah's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's sons, and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.
- 9** And in that day will I punish all those that leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and deceit.
- 10** And in that day, saith Jehovah, there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish-gate, and a howling from the second *quarter*, and a great crashing from the hills.
- 11** Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh; for all the people of Canaan are cut down, all they that are laden with silver are cut off.
- 12** And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men that are settled

- on their lees, that say in their heart, Jehovah will not do good, neither will he do evil.
- 13 And their wealth shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation; and they shall build houses, and not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and not drink the wine thereof.
- 14 The great day of Jehovah is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly. The voice of the day of Jehovah: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
- 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of ruin and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and gross darkness,
- 16 a day of the trumpet and alarm, against the fenced cities and against the high battlements.
- 17 And I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men; for they have sinned against Jehovah; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung:
- 18 their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them, in the day of Jehovah's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for a full end, yea, a sudden *end*, shall he make of all them that dwell in the land.
- 2:1 Collect yourselves and gather together, O nation without shame,
- 2 before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass away as chaff, before the fierce anger of Jehovah come upon you, before the day of Jehovah's anger come upon you.
- 3 Seek Jehovah, all ye meek of the land, who have performed his ordinance; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of Jehovah's anger.
- 4 For Gazah shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon shall be a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
- 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of Jehovah is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines: I will destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant;
- 6 and the sea-coast shall be cave-dwellings for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

- 7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for Jehovah their God shall visit them, and turn again their captivity.
- 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, wherewith they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.
- 9 Therefore, *as* I live, saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Moab shall certainly be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation; the remnant of my people shall spoil them, and the residue of my nation shall possess them.
- 10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of Jehovah of hosts.
- 11 Jehovah will be terrible unto them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and all the isles of the nations shall worship him, every one from his place.
- 12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be the slain of my sword.
- 13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, a place of drought like the wilderness.
- 14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the crowd of beasts; both the pelican and the bittern shall lodge in the chapters thereof; a voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be on the thresholds: for he hath laid bare the cedar work.
- 15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt in security, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none else beside me: how is she become a desolation, a couching-place for beasts! Every one that passeth by her shall hiss, shall wave his hand.
- 3:1 Woe to her that is rebellious and corrupted, to the oppressing city!
- 2 She hearkened not to the voice; she received not correction; she confided not in Jehovah; she drew not near her God.
- 3 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves, that leave nothing for the morning.

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- 4 Her prophets are vain-glorious, treacherous persons; her priests profane the sanctuary, they do violence to the law.
- 5 The righteous Jehovah is in the midst of her: he doeth no wrong. Every morning doth he bring his judgment to light; it faileth not: but the unrighteous knoweth no shame.
- 6 I have cut off nations: their battlements are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, so that there is no inhabitant.
- 7 I said, Only fear me, receive correction; so her dwelling shall not be cut off, howsoever I may punish her. But they rose early, they corrupted all their doings.
- 8 Therefore wait ye for me, saith Jehovah, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to assemble the nations, that I may gather the kingdoms together, to pour upon them mine indignation, —all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
- 9 For then will I turn to the peoples a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent.
- 10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my suppliants, the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine oblation.
- 11 In that day thou shalt not be ashamed for all thy doings wherein thou hast transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that exult in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
- 12 And I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of Jehovah.
- 13 The remnant of Israel shall not work unrighteousness, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: but they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
- 14 Exult, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; rejoice and be glad with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem:
- 15 Jehovah hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy; the King of Israel, Jehovah, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more.
- 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not; Zion, let not thy hands be slack.

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- 17 Jehovah thy God is in thy midst, a mighty one that will save: he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will exult over thee with singing.
- 18 I will gather them that sorrow for the solemn assemblies, who were of thee: the reproach of it was a burden *unto them*.
- 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee; and I will save her that halted, and gather her that was driven out; and I will make them a praise and a name in all the lands where they have been put to shame.
- 20 At that time will I bring you, yea, at the time that I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I shall turn again your captivity before your eyes, saith Jehovah.

HAGGAI.

- 1:1** In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, came the word of Jehovah by the prophet Haggai unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,
- 2** Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that Jehovah's house should be built.
- 3** And the word of Jehovah came by Haggai the prophet, saying,
- 4** Is it time for you that ye should dwell in your wainscoted houses, while this house lieth waste?
- 5** And now thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways.
- 6** Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but are not satisfied; ye drink, but are not filled with drink; ye clothe yourselves, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages for a bag with holes.
- 7** Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways.
- 8** Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Jehovah.
- 9** Ye looked for much, and behold it was little; and when ye brought it home, I blew upon it. Wherefore? saith Jehovah of hosts. Because of my house that lieth waste, whilst ye run every man to his own house.
- 10** Therefore over you the heavens withhold their dew, and the earth withholdeth its fruit.
- 11** And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon man, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.
- 12** And Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people, hearkened to the voice of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, according as Jehovah their God had sent him, and the people feared before Jehovah.

- 13 Then spoke Haggai, Jehovah's messenger, in Jehovah's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith Jehovah.
- 14 And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked at the house of Jehovah of hosts, their God,
- 15 in the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.
- 2:1 In the seventh *month*, on the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of Jehovah by the prophet Haggai, saying,
- 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,
- 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?
- 4 But now be strong, Zerubbabel, saith Jehovah; and be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith Jehovah, and work: for I am with you, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 5 The word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my Spirit, remain among you: fear ye not.
- 6 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
- 7 and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith Jehovah of hosts.

- 10 On the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, saying,
- 11 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,
- 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any food—shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No.
- 13 And Haggai said, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, is it become unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.
- 14 Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith Jehovah, and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.
- 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and onward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of Jehovah,
- 16 —before those *days* were, when one came to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were but ten; when one came to the vat to draw out fifty press-measures, there were but twenty.
- 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the work of your hands; and ye *turned* not to me, saith Jehovah.
- 18 Consider, I pray you, from this day and onward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, from the day that the foundation of Jehovah's temple was laid, consider *it*.
- 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree have not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*.
- 20 And the word of Jehovah came the second time unto Haggai on the four and twentieth *day* of the month, saying,
- 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;
- 22 and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride therein; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.
- 23 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, will I take thee, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant, saith Jehovah, and

Haggai

will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee, saith
Jehovah of hosts.

ZECHARIAH.

- 1:1** In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah unto Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,
- 2** Jehovah hath been very wroth with your fathers.
- 3** And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Return unto me, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 4** Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings; but they did not hearken nor attend unto me, saith Jehovah.
- 5** Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?
- 6** But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they turned and said, Like as Jehovah of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.
- 7** Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah unto Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,
- 8** I saw by night, and behold, a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees that were in the low valley; and behind him were red, bay, and white horses.
- 9** And I said, My lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these are.
- 10** And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These are they whom Jehovah hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.
- 11** And they answered the angel of Jehovah that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sitteth still and is at rest.
- 12** And the angel of Jehovah answered and said, Jehovah of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and

- on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years?
- 13** And Jehovah answered the angel that talked with me good words, comforting words.
- 14** And the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy,
- 15** and I am wroth exceedingly with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little wroth, and they helped forward the affliction.
- 16** Therefore thus saith Jehovah: I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith Jehovah of hosts, and the line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.
- 17** Cry further, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: My cities shall yet overflow with prosperity, and Jehovah shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.
- 18** And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.
- 19** And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these? And he said to me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
- 20** And Jehovah shewed me four craftsmen.
- 21** And I said, What come these to do? And he spoke, saying, Those are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head; but these are come to affright them, to cast out the horns of the nations, which lifted up the horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.
- 2:1** And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
- 2** And I said, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.
- 3** And behold, the angel that talked with me went forth; and another angel went forth to meet him,
- 4** and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein;
- 5** and I, saith Jehovah, I will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

- 6 Ho, ho! flee from the land of the north, saith Jehovah; for I have scattered you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, saith Jehovah.
- 7 Ho! escape, Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.
- 8 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: After the glory, hath he sent me unto the nations that made you a spoil; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.
- 9 For behold, I will shake my hand upon them, and they shall become a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me.
- 10 Sing aloud and rejoice, daughter of Zion; for behold, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith Jehovah.
- 11 And many nations shall join themselves to Jehovah in that day, and shall be unto me for a people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto thee.
- 12 And Jehovah shall inherit Judah *as* his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.
- 13 Let all flesh be silent before Jehovah; for he is risen up out of his holy habitation.
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- 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.
- 2 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan! Yea, Jehovah that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee! Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?
- 3 And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the Angel.
- 4 And he spoke and said unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, See, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I clothe thee with festival-robos.
- 5 And I said, Let them set a pure turban upon his head. And they set the pure turban upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the Angel of Jehovah stood by.
- 6 And the Angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying,

- 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts; and I will give thee a place to walk among these that stand by.
- 8 Hear now, Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee—for they are men of portent—for behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch.
- 9 For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua—upon one stone are seven eyes; behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in one day.
- 10 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall ye invite every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.
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- 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.
- 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I see, and behold, a lamp-stand all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon, seven *lamps* and seven pipes to the lamps, which are upon the top thereof;
- 3 and two olive-trees beside it, one on the right of the bowl, and the other on the left of it.
- 4 And I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
- 5 And the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord.
- 6 And he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou dost become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the head-stone with shoutings: Grace, grace unto it!
- 8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; and his hands shall finish it: and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto you.
- 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? Yea, they shall rejoice *even* those seven—and shall see the plummet

- in the hand of Zerubbabel: these are the eyes of Jehovah, which run to and fro in the whole earth.
- 11 And I answered and said unto him, What are these two olive-trees on the right of the lamp-stand and on its left?
- 12 And I answered the second time and said unto him, What are the two olive-branches which are beside the two golden tubes that empty the gold out of themselves?
- 13 And he spoke to me, saying, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord.
- 14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, that stand before the Lord of the whole earth.
- 5:1 And I lifted up mine eyes again, and saw, and behold, a flying roll.
- 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I see a flying roll: the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.
- 3 And he said unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole land: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off according to it on this side; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off according to it on that side.
- 4 I will cause it to go forth, saith Jehovah of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name; and it shall lodge in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.
- 5 And the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.
- 6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah that goeth forth. And he said, This is their resemblance in all the land.
- 7 And behold, there was lifted up a round plate of lead; and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.
- 8 And he said, This is Wickedness: and he cast her into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.
- 9 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; and they

had wings like the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these carry the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon its own base.

6:1 And I lifted up mine eyes again, and saw, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled, strong horses.

4 And I spoke and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 That in which are the black horses goeth forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth towards the south country;

7 and the strong go forth, and seek to go that they may walk to and fro through the earth. And he said, Go, walk to and fro through the earth. And they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 And he cried unto me, and spoke unto me, saying, See, these that go forth towards the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

10 Take *gifts* of them of the captivity, of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, and come thou the same day, and enter into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whither they are come from Babylon;

11 yea, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest;

- 12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold a man whose name is *the* Branch; and he shall grow up from his own place, and he shall build the temple of Jehovah:
- 13 even he shall build the temple of Jehovah; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.
- 14 And the crowns shall be for Helem, and for Tobijah, and for Jedaiah, and for Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of Jehovah.
- 15 And they that are far off shall come and build at the temple of Jehovah: and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah your God.
- 7:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah on the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chislev,
- 2 when Bethel had sent Sherezzer and Regem-melech, and his men, to supplicate Jehovah,
- 3 *and* to speak unto the priests that were in the house of Jehovah of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done now so many years?
- 4 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came unto me, saying,
- 5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye really fast unto me, *even* unto me?
- 6 And when ye ate, and when ye drank, was it not you that were eating and drinking?
- 7 Are not these the words that Jehovah cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and at peace, and her cities round about her, when the south and the lowland were inhabited?
- 8 And the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah, saying,

- 9 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew loving-kindness and mercies one to another,
- 10 and oppress not the widow and the fatherless, the stranger and the afflicted; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.
- 11 But they refused to hearken, and turned a rebellious shoulder, and made their ears heavy, that they should not hear.
- 12 And they made their heart *as* an adamant, that they should not hear the law, and the words that Jehovah of hosts sent by his Spirit by the hand of the former prophets: therefore was there great wrath from Jehovah of hosts.
- 13 And it came to pass, like as he called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear, saith Jehovah of hosts;
- 14 and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not, and the land was desolate after them, so that no one passed through nor returned; and they laid the pleasant land desolate.
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- 8:1 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came *unto me*, saying,
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great fury.
- 3 Thus saith Jehovah: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called, The city of truth; and the mountain of Jehovah of hosts, The holy mountain.
- 4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand for multitude of days.
- 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.
- 6 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If it be wonderful in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be wonderful in mine eyes? saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country;

- 8 and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.
- 9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, that were in the day that the foundation of the house of Jehovah of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.
- 10 For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; and there was no peace for him that went out or that came in, because of the distress: for I let loose all men, every one against his neighbour.
- 11 But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former days, saith Jehovah of hosts;
- 12 for the seed shall be prosperous, the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.
- 13 And it shall come to pass, like as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear ye not, let your hands be strong.
- 14 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Like as I thought to do you evil when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I repented not;
- 15 so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.
- 16 These are the things that ye shall do: Speak truth every one with his neighbour; execute truth and the judgment of peace in your gates;
- 17 and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are *things* that I hate, saith Jehovah.
- 18 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came unto me, saying,
- 19 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month* and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful gatherings. Love ye then truth and peace.
- 20 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet again shall there come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities;

- 21 and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to supplicate Jehovah, and to seek Jehovah of hosts: I will go also.
- 22 And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to supplicate Jehovah.
- 23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: In those days shall ten men take hold, out of all languages of the nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard *that* God is with you.
- 9:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah, in the land of Hadrach, and *on* Damascus shall it rest; (for Jehovah hath an eye upon men, and upon all the tribes of Israel;)
- 2 and also *on* Hamath *which* bordereth thereon; on Tyre and Zidon, though she be very wise.
- 3 And Tyre hath built herself a stronghold, and hath heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
- 4 Behold, the Lord will take possession of her, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
- 5 Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gazah also, and she shall be greatly pained; Ekron also, for her expectation shall be put to shame: and the king shall perish from Gazah, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
- 6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines;
- 7 and I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; but he that remaineth, he also shall belong to our God, and shall be as a leader in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.
- 8 And I will encamp about my house because of the army, because of those that pass by and that return; and the exactor shall not pass through them any more: for now have I seen *it* with mine eyes.
- 9 Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion; shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh to thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass.

- 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off. And he shall speak peace unto the nations; and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
- 11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant, I will send forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.
- 12 Turn again to the stronghold, prisoners of hope! even to-day do I declare I will render double unto thee.
- 13 For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will raise up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and make thee like the sword of a mighty man.
- 14 And Jehovah shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord Jehovah will blow the trumpet, and will march with whirlwinds of the south.
- 15 Jehovah of hosts will defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling-stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as from wine; and they shall be filled like a bowl, like the corners of the altar.
- 16 And Jehovah their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people; for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up upon his land.
- 17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maidens.
- 10:1 Ask of Jehovah rain in the time of the latter rain; Jehovah will make lightnings, and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
- 2 For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams: they comfort in vain. Therefore they have gone away as a flock, they are in distress, because there is no shepherd.
- 3 Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for Jehovah of hosts visiteth his flock, the house of Judah, and maketh them as his majestic horse in the battle.

- 4 From him shall come forth the corner-stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every exactor together.
- 5 And they shall be as mighty men, treading down the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, for Jehovah is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.
- 6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them back again; for I will have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Jehovah their God, and I will answer them.
- 7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their hearts shall rejoice as through wine; and their children shall see *it*, and rejoice; their heart shall be joyful in Jehovah.
- 8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall multiply as they used to multiply.
- 9 And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children and return.
- 10 And I will bring them again out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.
- 11 And he shall pass through the sea of affliction, and shall smite the billows in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.
- 12 And I will strengthen them in Jehovah; and they shall walk in his name, saith Jehovah.
- 11:1 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.
- 2 Howl, cypress, for the cedar is fallen; because the noble ones are spoiled. Howl, ye oaks of Bashan; for the strong forest is come down.
- 3 A voice of howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.
- 4 Thus saith Jehovah my God: Feed the flock of slaughter,

- 5 whose possessors slay them without being held guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Jehovah! for I am become rich; and their own shepherds pity them not.
- 6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah, and behold, I will deliver men, every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall smite the land, and I will not deliver out of their hand.
- 7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, truly the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.
- 8 And I destroyed three shepherds in one month; and my soul was vexed with them, and their soul also loathed me.
- 9 And I said, I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die; and that which perisheth let it perish; and let them which are left eat every one the flesh of another.
- 10 And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.
- 11 And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock that gave heed to me knew that it was the word of Jehovah.
- 12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my hire; and if not, forbear. And they weighed for my hire thirty silver-pieces.
- 13 And Jehovah said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty silver-pieces, and cast them to the potter in the house of Jehovah.
- 14 And I cut asunder mine other staff, Bands, to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
- 15 And Jehovah said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.
- 16 For behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who shall not visit those that are about to perish, neither shall seek that which is strayed away, nor heal that which is wounded, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their hoofs in pieces.
- 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye; his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye utterly darkened.

- 12:1** The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. *Thus* saith Jehovah, who stretcheth out the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him:
- 2** Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of bewilderment unto all the peoples round about, and also against Judah shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem.
- 3** And it shall come to pass in that day *that* I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone unto all peoples: all that burden themselves with it shall certainly be wounded, and all the nations of the earth shall be assembled together against it.
- 4** In that day, saith Jehovah, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; but I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness.
- 5** And the leaders of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength through Jehovah of hosts their God.
- 6** In that day will I make the leaders of Judah like a hearth of fire among wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall dwell again in her own place, in Jerusalem.
- 7** And Jehovah shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem be not magnified over Judah.
- 8** In that day will Jehovah defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that stumbleth among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David as God, as the Angel of Jehovah before them.
- 9** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- 10** And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look on me whom they pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for an only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
- 11** In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

- 12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart: the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;
- 13 the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;
- 14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.
- 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.
- 2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.
- 3 And it shall come to pass, if any shall yet prophesy, that his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of Jehovah; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.
- 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to deceive.
- 5 And he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for man acquired me *as bondman* from my youth.
- 6 And one shall say unto him, What are those wounds in thy hands? And he will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.
- 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, even against the man *that is* my fellow, saith Jehovah of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered, and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.
- 8 And it shall come to pass in all the land, saith Jehovah, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.
- 9 And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on my name, and I will answer them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Jehovah is my God.

- 14:1** Behold, the day cometh for Jehovah, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
- 2** And I will assemble all the nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity; and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
- 3** And Jehovah will go forth and fight with those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
- 4** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem toward the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, —a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
- 5** And ye shall flee *by* the valley of my mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: ye shall even flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. And Jehovah my God shall come, *and* all the holy ones with thee.
- 6** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* there shall not be light; the shining shall be obscured.
- 7** And it shall be one day which is known to Jehovah, not day, and not night; and it shall come to pass, at eventide it shall be light.
- 8** And it shall come to pass in that day *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.
- 9** And Jehovah shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Jehovah, and his name one.
- 10** All the land from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem shall be turned as the Arabah; and *Jerusalem* shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her own place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner-gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.
- 11** And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; and Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

- 12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
- 13 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* a great panic from Jehovah shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.
- 14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together—gold, and silver, and garments, in great abundance.
- 15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in those camps, as this plague.
- 16 And it shall come to pass, that all that are left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.
- 17 And it shall be, that whoso goeth not up of the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them shall be no rain.
- 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, neither *shall it be* upon them; *there* shall be the plague, wherewith Jehovah will smite the nations that go not up to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.
- 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.
- 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO JEHOVAH; and the pots in Jehovah's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.
- 21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto Jehovah of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein. And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts.

MALACHI.

- 1:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah to Israel by Malachi.
- 2 I have loved you, saith Jehovah; but ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith Jehovah, and I loved Jacob,
- 3 and I hated Esau; and made his mountains a desolation, and *gave* his inheritance to the jackals of the wilderness.
- 4 If Edom say, We are broken down, but we will build again the ruined places, —thus saith Jehovah of hosts: They shall build, but I will throw down; and *men* shall call them the territory of wickedness, and the people against whom Jehovah hath indignation for ever.
- 5 And your eyes shall see *it*, and ye shall say, Jehovah is magnified beyond the border of Israel.
- 6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith Jehovah of hosts unto you, priests, that despise my name. But ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?
- 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of Jehovah is contemptible.
- 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Present it now unto thy governor: will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 9 And now, I pray you, beseech •God that he will be gracious unto us. This hath been of your hand: will he accept any of your persons? saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 10 Who is there among you that would even shut the doors? and ye would not kindle *fire* on mine altar for nothing. I have no delight in you, saith Jehovah of hosts, neither will I accept an oblation at your hand.
- 11 For from the rising of the sun even unto its setting my name shall be great among the nations; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a

pure oblation: for my name shall be great among the nations, saith Jehovah of hosts.

- 12 But ye profane it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, his food, is contemptible.
- 13 And ye say, Behold, what a weariness! And ye have puffed at it, saith Jehovah of hosts, and ye bring *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye bring the oblation: should I accept this of your hand? saith Jehovah.
- 14 Yea, cursed be the deceiver, who hath in his flock a male, and voweth and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing; for I am a great King, saith Jehovah of hosts, and my name is terrible among the nations.

- 2:1 And now, ye priests, this commandment is for you.
- 2 If ye do not hear, and if ye do not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Jehovah of hosts, I will even send the curse among you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have already cursed them, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.
- 3 Behold, I will rebuke your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, the dung of your feasts; and they shall take you away with it.
- 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 5 My covenant with him was of life and peace, and I gave them to him that he might fear; and he feared me, and trembled before my name.
- 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity.
- 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and at his mouth they seek the law; for he is the messenger of Jehovah of hosts.

- 8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 9 And I also have made you contemptible and base before all the people, because ye have not kept my ways, but have respect of persons in *administering* the law.
- 10 Have we not all one father? Hath not one •God created us? Why do we deal unfaithfully every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?
- 11 Judah hath dealt unfaithfully, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the sanctuary of Jehovah which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange •god.
- 12 Jehovah will cut off from the tents of Jacob the man that doeth this, him that calleth and him that answereth; and him that offereth an oblation unto Jehovah of hosts.
- 13 And further ye do this: ye cover the altar of Jehovah with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, insomuch that he regardeth not the oblation any more, nor receiveth *it* with satisfaction at your hand.
- 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because Jehovah hath been a witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt unfaithfully: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.
- 15 And did not one make *them*? and the remnant of the Spirit was his. And wherefore the one? He sought a seed of God. Take heed then to your spirit, and let none deal unfaithfully against the wife of his youth,
- 16 (for I hate putting away, saith Jehovah the God of Israel;) and he covereth with violence his garment, saith Jehovah of hosts: take heed then to your spirit, that ye deal not unfaithfully.
- 17 Ye have wearied Jehovah with your words, and ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of Jehovah, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

- 3:1** Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek will suddenly come to his temple, and the Angel of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he cometh, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 2** But who shall endure the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he will be like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' lye.
- 3** And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver; and he will purify the children of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jehovah an oblation in righteousness.
- 4** Then shall the oblation of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto Jehovah, as in the days of old, and as in former years.
- 5** And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hired servant in *his* wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 6** For I Jehovah change not, and ye, sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
- 7** Since the days of your fathers have ye departed from my statutes, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return?
- 8** Will a man rob God? But ye rob me. And ye say, Wherein do we rob thee? *In* tithes and heave-offerings.
- 9** Ye are cursed with a curse; and me ye rob, *even* this whole nation.
- 10** Bring the whole tithe into the treasure-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I open not to you the windows of the heavens, and pour you out a blessing, till there be no place for it.
- 11** And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, saith Jehovah of hosts.

- 12 And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 13 Your words have been stout against me, saith Jehovah; but ye say, What have we been speaking against thee?
- 14 Ye say, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we keep his charge, and that we walk mournfully before Jehovah of hosts?
- 15 And now we hold the proud for happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and they escape.
- 16 Then they that feared Jehovah spoke often one to another; and Jehovah observed *it*, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared Jehovah, and that thought upon his name.
- 17 And they shall be unto me a peculiar treasure, saith Jehovah of hosts, in the day that I prepare; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
- 18 And ye shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.
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- 4:1 For behold, the day cometh, burning as a furnace; and all the proud and all that work wickedness shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Jehovah of hosts, so that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
- 2 And unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and leap like fatted calves.
- 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I prepare, saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 4 Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and ordinances.
- 5 Behold, I send unto you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of Jehovah.

- 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.