

Isaiah 1-66

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Isaiah 1

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Rebellion of God's People

¹The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

²Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the LORD speaks, " Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have revolted against Me.

³"An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."

⁴Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the LORD, They have despised the Holy One of Israel, They have turned away from Him.

⁵Where will you find yourself stricken again, As you continue in your rebellion? The whole head has become sick And the whole heart has become faint.

⁶From the sole of the foot even to the head We can find nothing sound in it, Only bruises, welts and raw wounds, Not pressed out or bandaged, Nor softened with oil.

⁷Your land has become desolate, Your cities burn with fire, Your fields--strangers devour them in your presence; It looks desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

⁸The daughter of Zion looks like a shelter in a vineyard, Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

⁹Unless the LORD of hosts Had left us a few survivors, We would look like Sodom, We would look like Gomorrah.

God Has Had Enough

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the instruction of our God, You people of Gomorrah.

¹¹"What do your multiplied sacrifices mean to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle; And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats.

¹²"When you come to appear before Me, Who requires of you this trampling of My courts?

¹³"Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense has become an abomination to Me New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies-- I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

¹⁴"I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I feel weary of bearing them.

¹⁵"So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen Your hands you have covered with blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight Cease to do evil,

¹⁷Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

"Let Us Reason"

¹⁸"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, " Though your sins have become as scarlet, They will become as white as snow; Though they look red like crimson, They will look like wool.

¹⁹"If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land;

²⁰"But if you refuse and rebel, You will suffer devouring by the sword "Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Zion Corrupted, to Receive Redemption

²¹How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who once displayed justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers.

²²Your silver has become dross, Your drink diluted with water.

²³Your rulers have turned into rebels And companions of thieves; Everyone loves a bribe And chases after rewards They do not defend the orphan, Nor does the widow's plea come before them.

²⁴Therefore the Lord GOD of hosts, The Mighty One of Israel, declares, "Ah, I will have relief of My adversaries And avenge Myself on My foes.

²⁵"I will also turn My hand against you, And will smelt away your dross as with lye And will remove all your alloy.

²⁶"Then I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning; After that you will receive the name of the city of righteousness, A faithful city."

²⁷Zion will become redeemed with justice And her repentant ones with righteousness.

²⁸But transgressors and sinners God will crush together, And those who forsake the LORD

will come to an end.

²⁹Surely you will have shame for the oaks which you have desired, And you will have embarrassment at the gardens which you have chosen.

³⁰For you will resemble an oak whose leaf fades away Or as a garden that has no water.

³¹The strong man will become tinder, His work also a spark. Thus they shall both burn together And no one shall quench them.

Isaiah 2

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God's Universal Reign

¹The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will become established as the chief of the mountains, And will raise above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

³And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

⁵Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

⁶For You have abandoned Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they fill themselves with influences from the east, And they use soothsayers like the Philistines, And they strike bargains with the children of foreigners.

⁷Their land has also filled with silver and gold And there appears no end to their treasures; Their land has also filled with horses And there seems no end to their chariots.

⁸Their land has also filled with idols; They worship the work of their hands, That which their fingers have made.

⁹So the common man has received humbling And the man of importance has suffered abasement, But do not forgive them.

¹⁰Enter the rock and hide in the dust From the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

¹¹The proud look of man will receive abasement And the loftiness of man will suffer humility, And the LORD alone will receive exaltation in that day.

A Day of Reckoning Coming

¹²For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning Against everyone who demonstrates pride and loftiness And against everyone who lifts himself up, That he may suffer abasement.

¹³And it will come against all the cedars of Lebanon that seem lofty and lifted up, Against all the oaks of Bashan,

¹⁴Against all the lofty mountains, Against all the hills that lift themselves up,

¹⁵Against every high tower, Against every fortified wall,

¹⁶Against all the ships of Tarshish And against all the beautiful craft.

¹⁷The pride of man will suffer humiliation And the loftiness of men will suffer abasement; And the LORD alone will have exaltation in that day,

¹⁸But the idols will completely vanish.

¹⁹Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.

²⁰In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship,

²¹In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.

²²Stop regarding man, whose breath of life remains in his nostrils; For why should we esteem him?

Isaiah 3

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God Will Remove the Leaders

¹For behold, the Lord GOD of hosts intends to remove from Jerusalem and Judah Both supply and support, the whole supply of bread And the whole supply of water;

²The mighty man and the warrior, The judge and the prophet, The diviner and the elder,

³The captain of fifty and the honorable man, The counselor and the expert artisan, And the skillful enchanter.

⁴And I will make mere lads their princes, And capricious children will rule over them,

⁵And the people will become oppressed, Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; The youth will storm against the elder And the inferior against the honorable.

⁶When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house, saying, "You have a cloak, you shall serve as our ruler, And these ruins will fall under your charge,"

⁷He will protest on that day, saying, "I will not heal you, For in my house I can find neither bread nor cloak; You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD, To rebel against His glorious presence.

⁹The expression of their faces bears witness against them, And they display their sin like Sodom; They do not even conceal it Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves.

¹⁰Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

¹¹Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, For what he deserves will occur to him.

¹²O My people! Their oppressors have become children, And women rule over them O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray And confuse the direction of your paths.

God Will Judge

¹³The LORD arises to contend, And stands to judge the people.

¹⁴The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people, "You have devoured the vineyard; The plunder of the poor lies in your houses.

¹⁵"What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the face of the poor?" Declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

Judah's Women Denounced

¹⁶Moreover, the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion show themselves proud And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, And go along with mincing steps And tinkle the bangles on their feet,

¹⁷Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."

¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments,

¹⁹dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,

²⁰headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,

²¹finger rings, nose rings,

²²festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,

²³hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans and veils.

²⁴Now it will come about that instead of sweet perfume they will have putrefaction; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; Instead of fine clothes, a donning of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.

²⁵Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle.

²⁶And her gates will lament and mourn, And deserted she will sit on the ground.

Isaiah 4

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A Remnant Prepared

¹For seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us call ourselves by your name; take away our reproach!"

²In that day the Branch of the LORD will seem beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will become the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.

³It will come about that he who remains in Zion and remains in Jerusalem people will call holy--everyone who has become recorded for life in Jerusalem.

⁴When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

⁵then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will serve as a canopy.

⁶A shelter will give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

Isaiah 5

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Parable of the Vineyard

¹Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.

²He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones.

³"And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard.

⁴"What more could I do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones?

⁵"So now let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and allow it to become consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.

⁶"I will lay it waste; I will not prune or hoe it, But briars and thorns will come up I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it."

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts we identify as the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

Woes for the Wicked

⁸Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, Until we can find no more room, So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!

⁹In my ears the LORD of hosts has sworn, "Surely, many houses shall become desolate, Even

great and fine ones, without occupants.

¹⁰"For ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath of wine, And a homer of seed will yield but an ephah of grain."

¹¹Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink, Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!

¹²Their banquets have accompaniment by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.

¹³Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men become famished, And their multitude becomes parched with thirst.

¹⁴Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure; And Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry and the jubilant within her, descend into it.

¹⁵So the common man will receive humiliation and the man of importance abased, The eyes of the proud also will suffer abasement.

¹⁶But the LORD of hosts will receive exaltation in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

¹⁷Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, And strangers will eat in the waste places of the wealthy.

¹⁸Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood, And sin as if with cart ropes;

¹⁹Who say, "Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it; And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near And come to pass, that we may know it!"

²⁰Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

²¹Woe to those who have become wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!

²²Woe to those who make themselves heroes in drinking wine And valiant men in mixing strong drink,

²³Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away the rights of the ones who find themselves in the right!

²⁴Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble And dry grass collapses into the flame, So their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust; For they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

²⁵On this account the anger of the LORD has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down And the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets For all this His anger He has not spent, But His hand still stretches out.

²⁶He will also lift up a standard to the distant nation, And will whistle for it from the ends of the earth; And behold, it will come with speed swiftly.

²⁷No one in it becomes weary or stumbles, None slumbers or sleeps; Nor has the belt at its waist become undone, Nor its sandal strap broken.

²⁸Its arrows seem sharp and all its bows bend; The hoofs of its horses seem like flint and its

chariot wheels like a whirlwind.

²⁹Its roaring resembles a lioness, and it roars like young lions; It growls as it seizes the prey And carries it off with no one to deliver it.

³⁰And it will growl over it in that day like the roaring of the sea If one looks to the land, behold, we see darkness and distress; Even the light becomes darkened by its clouds.

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Isaiah's Vision

¹In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

²Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

³And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, we regard the LORD of hosts, The whole earth fills with His glory."

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "Woe has come to me, for I feel ruined! Because I consider myself a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

⁷He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and I have taken your iniquity away and have forgiven your sin."

Isaiah's Commission

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here I come. Send me!"

⁹He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand.'

¹⁰"Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and receive healing."

¹¹Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities suffer devastation and without inhabitant, Houses have no more people And the land has suffered utter desolation,

¹²"The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places stand in the midst of the land.

¹³"Yet there will remain a tenth portion in it, And it will again become subject to burning, Like a terebinth or an oak Whose stump remains when we cut the tree down The holy seed emerges from its stump."

Isaiah 7

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War against Jerusalem

¹Now it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not conquer it.

²When messengers reported to the house of David, saying, "The Arameans have camped in Ephraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake with the wind.

³Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the fuller's field,

⁴and say to him, 'Take care and remain calm, have no fear and do not become fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering firebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah.

⁵'Because Aram, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying,

⁶"Let us go up against Judah and terrorize it, and make for ourselves a breach in its walls and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

⁷thus says the Lord GOD: " It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.

⁸"For Aram presides over Damascus and Rezin presides over Damascus (now within another 65 years Ephraim would become shattered, and no longer a people),

⁹and Samaria presides over Ephraim and Remaliah presides over Samaria.If you will not believe, you surely shall not last.'""

The Child Immanuel

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

¹¹"Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

¹³Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David! Do you consider it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well?"

¹⁴"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

¹⁵"He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good.

¹⁶" For before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will become forsaken.

Trials to Come for Judah

¹⁷"The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the king of Assyria."

¹⁸In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that dwells in the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that dwells in the land of Assyria.

¹⁹They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on all the thorn bushes and on all the watering places.

²⁰In that day the Lord will shave with a razor, hired from regions beyond the Euphrates (namely, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

²¹Now in that day a man may keep alive a heifer and a pair of sheep;

²²and because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey.

²³And it will come about in that day, that every place where there used to grow a thousand vines, valued at a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns.

²⁴People will come there with bows and arrows because all the land will grow briars and thorns.

²⁵As for all the hills which people used to cultivate with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

Isaiah 8

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Damascus and Samaria Fall

¹Then the LORD said to me, "Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters: Swiftly we regard the booty, speedy we regard the prey.

²"And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

³So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz;

⁴for before the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria the enemies will carry away before the king of Assyria."

⁵Again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

⁶"Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah And rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;

⁷"Now therefore, behold, the Lord will soon bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates, Even the king of Assyria and all his glory; And it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

⁸"Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, It will reach even to the neck; And the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

A Believing Remnant

⁹" Become broken, O peoples, and become shattered; And give ear, all remote places of the earth. Gird yourselves, yet become shattered; Gird yourselves, yet become shattered.

¹⁰" Devise a plan, but it will become thwarted; State a proposal, but it will not stand, For God stays with us."

¹¹For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

¹²"You will not say, ' we see a conspiracy!' In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, And you will not fear what they fear or dread it.

¹³"You should regard the LORD of hosts as holy. And He shall serve for your fear, And He shall serve for your dread.

¹⁴"Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵"Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and break; They will even ensnare themselves and become caught."

¹⁶Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

¹⁷And I will wait for the LORD who hides His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.

¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me serve as signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

¹⁹When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it has happened because they have no dawn.

²¹They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they hunger, they will feel enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward.

²²Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they people will drive them away into darkness.

Isaiah 9

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Birth and Reign of the Prince of Peace

¹But there will appear no more gloom for her who felt anguished; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

³You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will have gladness in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will exist for burning, fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child will become born to us, a son we will receive; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name we will call Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷There will come no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

God's Anger with Israel's Arrogance

⁸The Lord sends a message against Jacob, And it falls on Israel.

⁹And all the people know it, Namely, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, Asserting in pride and in arrogance of heart:

¹⁰"The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have become cut down, But we will replace them with cedars."

¹¹Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries from Rezin And spurs their enemies on,

¹²The Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west; And they devour Israel with gaping jaws In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand still stretches out.

¹³Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them, Nor do they seek the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴So the LORD cuts off head and tail from Israel, Both palm branch and bulrush in a single day.

¹⁵The head we regard as the elder and honorable man, And the prophet who teaches falsehood we will regard as the tail.

¹⁶For those who guide this people lead them astray; And those who allow them as guides will fall into confusion.

¹⁷Therefore the Lord does not take pleasure in their young men, Nor does He have pity on their orphans or their widows; For every one of them acts godlessly and evilly, And every mouth speaks foolishness In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand still stretches out.

¹⁸For wickedness burns like a fire; It consumes briars and thorns; It even sets the thickets of the forest aflame And they roll upward in a column of smoke.

¹⁹By the fury of the LORD of hosts the land burns up, And the people resemble fuel for the fire; No man spares his brother.

²⁰They slice off what exists on the right hand but still hunger, And they eat what they find on the left hand but they have not had satisfaction; Each of them eats the flesh of his own arm.

²¹Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh, And together they fight against Judah In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand still stretches out.

Isaiah 10

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Assyria Serves As God's Instrument

¹Woe to those who enact evil statutes And to those who constantly record unjust decisions,

²So as to deprive the needy of justice And rob the poor of My people of their rights, So that widows may serve as their spoil And that they may plunder the orphans.

³Now what will you do in the day of punishment, And in the devastation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your wealth?

⁴Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives Or fall among the slain In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand still stretches out.

⁵Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands I place My indignation,

⁶I send it against a godless nation And commission it against the people of My fury To capture booty and to seize plunder, And to trample them down like mud in the streets.

⁷Yet it does not so intend, Nor does it plan so in its heart, But rather it has as its purpose to destroy And to cut off many nations.

⁸For it says, "Have not my princes all become kings?"

⁹"Does not Calno resemble Carchemish, Or Hamath like Arpad, Or Samaria like Damascus?"

¹⁰"As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols, Whose graven images appeared greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,

¹¹Shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images Just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?"

¹²So it will come to pass that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness."

¹³For he has said, "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did this, For I have understanding; And I removed the boundaries of the peoples And plundered their treasures, And like a mighty man I brought down their inhabitants,

¹⁴And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest, And as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth; And there did not exist one that flapped its wing or opened its beak or chirped."

¹⁵Does the axe boast itself over the one who chops with it? Does the saw exalt itself over the one who wields it? That would resemble a club wielding those who lift it, Or like a rod lifting him who does not consist of wood.

¹⁶Therefore the Lord, the GOD of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; And under his glory a fire will kindle like a burning flame.

¹⁷And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

¹⁸And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body, And it will happen as when a sick man wastes away.

¹⁹And the rest of the trees of his forest will seem so small in number That a child could write them down.

A Remnant Will Return

²⁰Now in that day the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

²¹A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

²²For though your people, O Israel, may resemble the sand of the sea, Only a remnant within them will return; A destruction has become determined, overflowing with righteousness.

²³For a complete destruction, one that has become decreed, the Lord GOD of hosts will execute in the midst of the whole land.

²⁴Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "O My people who dwell in Zion, do not fear the Assyrian who strikes you with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, the way Egypt did.

²⁵"For in a very little while My indignation against you will become spent and My anger will direct to their destruction."

²⁶The LORD of hosts will arouse a scourge against him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and His staff will rule over the sea and He will lift it up the way He did in Egypt.

²⁷So it will come to pass in that day, that his burden will remove from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will break because of fatness.

²⁸He has come against Aiath, He has passed through Migron; At Michmash he deposited his baggage.

²⁹They have gone through the pass, saying, "Geba will serve as our lodging place "Ramah feels terrified, and Gibeah of Saul has fled away.

³⁰Cry aloud with your voice, O daughter of Gallim! Pay attention, Laishah and wretched Anathoth!

³¹Madmenah has fled. The inhabitants of Gebim have sought refuge.

³²Yet today he will halt at Nob; He shakes his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

³³Behold, the Lord, the GOD of hosts, will lop off the boughs with a terrible crash; Those also who appear tall in stature will become cut down And those who feel lofty will suffer abasement.

³⁴He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron axe, And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

Isaiah 11

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Righteous Reign of the Branch

¹Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

⁴But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

⁵Also righteousness will consist of the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

⁶And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

⁷Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will fill with the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will seem glorious.

The Restored Remnant

¹¹Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.

¹²And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

¹³Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who harass Judah will find themselves cut off; Ephraim will not have jealousy of Judah, And Judah will not harass Ephraim.

¹⁴They will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; Together they will plunder the sons of the east; They will possess Edom and Moab, And the sons of Ammon will find themselves subject to them.

¹⁵And the LORD will utterly destroy The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make men walk over dry-shod.

¹⁶And there will come a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will remain, Just as they represented Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 12

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Thanksgiving Expressed

¹Then you will say on that day, " I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You showed anger to me, Your anger has turned away, And You comfort me.

²"Behold, God provides my salvation, I will trust and not fear; For the LORD GOD represents my strength and song, And He has become my salvation."

³Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation.

⁴And in that day you will say, " Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name Make known His

deeds among the peoples; Make them remember to exalt His name."

⁵ Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; Let us publish this throughout the earth.

⁶ Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst we acknowledge the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 13

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Prophecies about Babylon

¹The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

² Lift up a standard on the bare hill, Raise your voice to them, Wave the hand that they may enter the doors of the nobles.

³ I have commanded My consecrated ones, I have even called My mighty warriors, My proudly exulting ones, To execute My anger.

⁴ A sound of tumult on the mountains, Like that of many people! A sound of the uproar of kingdoms, Of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle.

⁵ They come from a far country, From the farthest horizons, The LORD and His instruments of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

Judgment on the Day of the LORD

⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD has drawn near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

⁷ Therefore all hands will fall limp, And every man's heart will melt.

⁸ They will become terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, Their faces aflame.

⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will look dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

¹¹ Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.

¹² I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold And mankind than the gold of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, And the earth will shake from its place At the fury of the LORD of hosts In the day of His burning anger.

¹⁴ And it will resemble a hunted gazelle, Or like sheep with none to gather them, They will each turn to his own people, And each one flee to his own land.

¹⁵ Anyone who remains you will thrust through, And anyone who falls into captivity will fall by the sword.

¹⁶ Their little ones the enemies will dash to pieces Before their eyes; Their houses will suffer plunder And their wives ravished.

Babylon Will Fall to the Medes

¹⁷Behold, I intend to stir up the Medes against them, Who will not value silver or take pleasure in gold.

¹⁸And their bows will mow down the young men, They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, Nor will their eye pity children.

¹⁹And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride, Will occur as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

²⁰It will never become inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, Nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there.

²¹But desert creatures will lie down there, And their houses will fill with owls; Ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there.

²²Hyenas will howl in their fortified towers And jackals in their luxurious palaces. Her fateful time also will soon come And her days will not prolong.

Isaiah 14

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Israel's Taunt

¹When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

²The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors.

³And it will happen in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have found yourselves enslaved,

⁴that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, And how fury has ceased!

⁵"The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of rulers

⁶Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, Which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution.

⁷"The whole earth has rested and has become quiet; They break forth into shouts of joy.

⁸"Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since you became laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.'

⁹" Sheol from beneath has become excited over you to meet you when you come; It arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

¹⁰" They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have become made weak as we, You have

become like us.

¹¹Your pomp and the music of your harps Have found themselves brought down to Sheol; Maggots spread out as your bed beneath you And worms cover you.'

¹²"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! God has cut you down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

¹³"But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

¹⁵"Nevertheless God will thrust you down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

¹⁶"Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying, 'Does this appear like the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

¹⁷Who made the world like a wilderness And overthrew its cities, Who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

¹⁸"All the kings of the nations lie in glory, Each in his own tomb.

¹⁹"But you have become cast out of your tomb Like a rejected branch, Clothed with the slain who have become pierced with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit Like a trampled corpse.

²⁰"You will not unite with them in burial, Because you have ruined your country, You have slain your people. May the offspring of evildoers not have mention forever.

²¹"Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter Because of the iniquity of their fathers. They must not arise and take possession of the earth And fill the face of the world with cities."

²²"I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity," declares the LORD.

²³"I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog and swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.

Judgment on Assyria

²⁴The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand,

²⁵to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains Then remove his yoke from them and his burden removed from their shoulder.

²⁶"This plan I have devised against the whole earth; and this hand I stretch out against all the nations.

²⁷"For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

²⁸In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle came:

Judgment on Philistia

²⁹"Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, Because the rod that struck you has broken; For from the serpent's root a viper will come out, And its fruit will consist of a flying serpent.

³⁰"Those who seem most helpless will eat, And the needy will lie down in security; I will destroy your root with famine, And it will kill off your survivors.

³¹"Wail, O gate; cry, O city; Melt away, O Philistia, all of you; For smoke comes from the north, And there remains no straggler in his ranks.

³²"How then will one answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, And the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it."

Isaiah 15

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Judgment on Moab

¹The oracle concerning Moab Surely in a night Ar of Moab has suffered devastation and ruin; Surely in a night Kir of Moab has suffered devastation and ruin.

²They have gone up to the temple and to Dibon, even to the high places to weep Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; Everyone's head has become bald and every beard they cut off.

³In their streets they have girded themselves with sackcloth; On their housetops and in their squares Everyone wails, dissolved in tears.

⁴Heshbon and Elealeh also cry out, Their voice we hear all the way to Jahaz; Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; His soul trembles within him.

⁵My heart cries out for Moab; His fugitives we find as far as Zoar and Eglath-shelishiyah, For they go up the ascent of Luhith weeping; Surely on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of distress over their ruin.

⁶For the waters of Nimrim have become desolate Surely the grass withered, the tender grass died out, There remains no green thing.

⁷Therefore the abundance which they have acquired and stored up They carry off over the brook of Arabim.

⁸For the cry of distress has gone around the territory of Moab, Its wail goes as far as Eglaim and its wailing even to Beer-elim.

⁹For the waters of Dimon have filled with blood; Surely I will bring added woes upon Dimon, A lion upon the fugitives of Moab and upon the remnant of the land.

Isaiah 16

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Prophecy of Moab's Devastation

¹ Send the tribute lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela by way of the wilderness to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

² Then, like fleeing birds or scattered nestlings, The daughters of Moab will stand at the fords of the Arnon.

³ "Give us advice, make a decision; Cast your shadow like night at high noon; Hide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive.

⁴ "Let the outcasts of Moab stay with you; Provide a hiding place to them from the destroyer." For the extortioner has come to an end, destruction has ceased, Oppressors have completely disappeared from the land.

⁵ A throne will even become established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And show promptness in righteousness.

⁶ We have heard of the pride of Moab, an excessive pride; Even of his arrogance, pride, and fury; His idle boasts have proven false.

⁷ Therefore Moab will wail; everyone of Moab will wail. You will moan for the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth As those who have become utterly stricken.

⁸ For the fields of Heshbon have withered, the vines of Sibmah as well; The lords of the nations have trampled down its choice clusters Which reached as far as Jazer and wandered to the deserts; Its tendrils spread themselves out and passed over the sea.

⁹ Therefore I will weep bitterly for Jazer, for the vine of Sibmah; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; For the shouting over your summer fruits and your harvest has fallen away.

¹⁰ Gladness and joy have left the fruitful field; In the vineyards also there will rise no cries of joy or jubilant shouting, No treader treads out wine in the presses, For I have made the shouting to cease.

¹¹ Therefore my heart intones like a harp for Moab And my inward feelings for Kir-hareseth.

¹² So it will come about when Moab presents himself, When he wearies himself upon his high place And comes to his sanctuary to pray, That he will not prevail.

¹³ This word the LORD spoke earlier concerning Moab.

¹⁴ But now the LORD speaks, saying, "Within three years, as a hired man would count them, the glory of Moab will suffer degradation along with all his great population, and his remnant will seem very small and impotent."

Isaiah 17

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Prophecy about Damascus

¹The oracle concerning Damascus "Behold, Damascus will soon cease from existing as a city And will become a fallen ruin.

²"The cities of Aroer have become forsaken; They will exist for flocks to lie down in, And no one will frighten them.

³"The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, And sovereignty from Damascus And the remnant of Aram; They will resemble the glory of the sons of Israel," Declares the LORD of hosts.

⁴Now in that day the glory of Jacob will fade, And the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

⁵It will occur that even like the reaper gathering the standing grain, As his arm harvests the ears, Or it will resemble one gleaning ears of grain In the valley of Rephaim.

⁶Yet gleanings will remain in it like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or three olives on the topmost bough, Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree, Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁷In that day man will have regard for his Maker And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

⁸He will not have regard for the altars, the work of his hands, Nor will he look to that which his fingers have made, Even the Asherim and incense stands.

⁹In that day their strong cities will resemble forsaken places in the forest, Or like branches which they abandoned before the sons of Israel; And the land will become desolate.

¹⁰For you have forgotten the God of your salvation And have not remembered the rock of your refuge. Therefore you plant delightful plants And set them with vine slips of a strange god.

¹¹In the day that you plant it you carefully fence it in, And in the morning you bring your seed to blossom; But the harvest will become a heap In a day of sickliness and incurable pain.

¹²Alas, the uproar of many peoples Who roar like the roaring of the seas, And the rumbling of nations Who rush on like the rumbling of mighty waters!

¹³The nations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters, But He will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And He will chase them like chaff in the mountains before the wind, Or like whirling dust before a gale.

¹⁴At evening time, behold, I feel terror! Before morning they no longer exist. Such will seem the portion of those who plunder us And the lot of those who pillage us.

Isaiah 18

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Message to Ethiopia

¹Alas, oh land of whirring wings Which lies beyond the rivers of Cush,
²Which sends envoys by the sea, Even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, To a people feared far and wide, A powerful and oppressive nation Whose land the rivers divide.

³All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth, As soon as a standard has become raised on the mountains, you will see it, And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.

⁴For thus the LORD has told me, "I will look from My dwelling place quietly Like dazzling heat in the sunshine, Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."

⁵For before the harvest, as soon as the bud blossoms And the flower becomes a ripening grape, Then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives And remove and cut away the spreading branches.

⁶They will remain together for mountain birds of prey, And for the beasts of the earth; And the birds of prey will spend the summer feeding on them, And all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.

⁷At that time a people tall and smooth will bring a gift of homage to the LORD of hosts From a people tall and smooth, Even from a people feared far and wide, A powerful and oppressive nation, Whose land the rivers divide--To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, even Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19

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Message to Egypt

¹The oracle concerning Egypt Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and will soon come to Egypt; The idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, And the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

²"So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians; And they will each fight against his brother and each against his neighbor, City against city and kingdom against kingdom.

³"Then the spirit of the Egyptians will suffer demoralization within them; And I will confound their strategy, So that they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead And to mediums and spiritists.

⁴"Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master, And a mighty king will rule over them," declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

⁵The waters from the sea will dry up, And the river will become parched and dry.

⁶The canals will emit a stench, The streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up; The reeds and

rushes will rot away.

⁷The bulrushes by the Nile, by the edge of the Nile And all the sown fields by the Nile Will become dry, drive away, and exist no more.

⁸And the fishermen will lament, And all those who cast a line into the Nile will mourn, And those who spread nets on the waters will pine away.

⁹Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from combed flax And the weavers of white cloth will feel utter dejection.

¹⁰And the pillars of Egypt will become crushed; All the hired laborers will suffer grief in soul.

¹¹The princes of Zoan have become mere fools; The advice of Pharaoh's wisest advisers has become stupid How can you men say to Pharaoh, "I proclaim myself a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings"?

¹²Well then, where can we find your wise men? Please let them tell you, And let them understand what the LORD of hosts Has purposed against Egypt.

¹³The princes of Zoan have acted foolishly, The princes of Memphis have deluded themselves; Those who represent the cornerstone of her tribes Have led Egypt astray.

¹⁴The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of distortion; They have led Egypt astray in all that it does, As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

¹⁵There will exist no work for Egypt Which its head or tail, its palm branch or bulrush, may do.

¹⁶In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and they will tremble and feel dread because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He will wave over them.

¹⁷The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt; everyone to whom it has become mentioned will have dread of it, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts which He purposes against them.

¹⁸In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swearing allegiance to the LORD of hosts; one will receive the name the City of Destruction.

¹⁹In that day there will stand an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD near its border.

²⁰It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

²¹Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

²²The LORD will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

²³In that day there will exist a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

²⁴In that day Israel will serve as the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

²⁵whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, " I will bless Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

Isaiah 20

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Prophecy about Egypt and Ethiopia

¹In the year that the commander came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him and he fought against Ashdod and captured it,

²at that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go and loosen the sackcloth from your hips and take your shoes off your feet " And he did so, going naked and barefoot.

³And the LORD said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a sign and token against Egypt and Cush,

⁴so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

⁵"Then they will feel dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and Egypt their boast.

⁶"So the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, 'Behold, such we place our hope, where we fled for help for deliverance from the king of Assyria; and we, how shall we escape?'"

Isaiah 21

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God Commands That Babylon Be Taken

¹The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea As windstorms in the Negev sweep on, It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

²A harsh vision I have seen; The treacherous one still deals treacherously, and the destroyer still destroys Go up, Elam, lay siege, Media; I have made an end of all the groaning she has caused.

³For this reason my loins feel full of anguish; Pains have seized me like the pains of a woman in labor. I feel so bewildered I cannot hear, so terrified I cannot see.

⁴My mind reels, horror overwhelms me; The twilight I longed for has turned me into

trembling.

⁵They set the table, they spread out the cloth, they eat, they drink; "Rise up, captains, oil the shields,"

⁶For thus the Lord says to me, "Go, station the lookout, let him report what he sees.

⁷"When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs, A train of donkeys, a train of camels, Let him pay close attention, very close attention."

⁸Then the lookout called, " O Lord, I stand continually by day on the watchtower, And I have become stationed every night at my guard post.

⁹"Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in pairs." And one said, " Fallen, fallen has Babylon; And all the images of her gods shattered on the ground."

¹⁰O my threshed people, and my afflicted of the threshing floor! What I have heard from the LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, I make known to you.

Oracles about Edom and Arabia

¹¹The oracle concerning Edom One keeps calling to me from Seir, "Watchman, how far gone spent the night? Watchman, how far gone has the night progressed?"

¹²The watchman says, "Morning comes but also night. If you would inquire, inquire; Come back again."

¹³The oracle about Arabia In the thickets of Arabia you must spend the night, O caravans of Dedanites.

¹⁴Bring water for the thirsty, O inhabitants of the land of Tema, Meet the fugitive with bread.

¹⁵For they have fled from the swords, From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow And from the press of battle.

¹⁶For thus the Lord said to me, "In a year, as a hired man would count it, all the splendor of Kedar will terminate;

¹⁷and the remainder of the number of bowmen, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will become few; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken."

Isaiah 22

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The Valley of Vision

¹The oracle concerning the valley of vision What troubles you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops?

²You who seemed so full of noise, You boisterous town, you exultant city; Your slain had not received execution with the sword, Nor did they die in battle.

³ All your rulers have fled together, And have fallen into captivity without the bow; All of you who found yourselves taken captive together, Though they had fled far away.

⁴Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me, Let me weep bitterly, Do not try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

⁵For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day of panic, subjugation and confusion In the valley of vision, A breaking down of walls And a crying to the mountain.

⁶Elam took up the quiver With the chariots, infantry and horsemen; And Kir uncovered the shield.

⁷Then your choicest valleys appeared full of chariots, And the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate.

⁸And He removed the defense of Judah. In that day you depended on the weapons of the house of the forest,

⁹And you saw that the breaches In the wall of the city of David you saw many; And you collected the waters of the lower pool.

¹⁰Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem And tore down houses to fortify the wall.

¹¹And you made a reservoir between the two walls For the waters of the old pool. But you did not depend on Him who made it, Nor did you take into consideration Him who planned it long ago.

¹²Therefore in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called you to weeping, to wailing, To shaving the head and to wearing sackcloth.

¹³Instead, one sees gaiety and gladness, Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep, Eating of meat and drinking of wine: " Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."

¹⁴But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself to me, "Surely this iniquity God shall not forgive you Until you die," says the Lord GOD of hosts.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, To Shebna, who has charge of the royal household,

¹⁶What right do you have here, And whom do you have here, That you have hewn a tomb for yourself here, You who hew a tomb on the height, You who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock?

¹⁷Behold, the LORD intends to hurl you headlong, O man. And He intends to grasp you firmly

¹⁸And roll you tightly like a ball, To cast you into a vast country; There you will die And there your splendid chariots will stand, You shame of your master's house.'

¹⁹"I will depose you from your office, And I will pull you down from your station.

²⁰"Then it will come about in that day, That I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,

²¹And I will clothe him with your tunic And tie your sash securely about him. I will entrust him with your authority, And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

²²"Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.

²³"I will drive him like a peg in a firm place, And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.

²⁴"So they will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, offspring and issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls to all the jars.

²⁵"In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "the peg driven in a firm place will give way; it will even break off and fall, and the load hanging on it will become cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 23

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The Fall of Tyre

¹The oracle concerning Tyre Wail, O ships of Tarshish, For Tyre has become destroyed, without house or harbor; They received a report from the land of Cyprus.

²Keep silent, you inhabitants of the coastland, You merchants of Sidon; Your messengers crossed the sea

³And sailed on many waters. The grain of the Nile, the harvest of the River became her revenue; And she became the market of nations.

⁴Have shame, O Sidon; For the sea speaks, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have neither travailed nor given birth, I have neither brought up young men nor reared virgins."

⁵When the report reaches Egypt, They will suffer anguish at the report of Tyre.

⁶Pass over to Tarshish; Wail, O inhabitants of the coastland.

⁷Do you call this your jubilant city, Whose origin comes from antiquity, Whose feet used to carry her to colonize distant places?

⁸Who has planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, Whose merchants served as princes, whose traders became the honored of the earth?

⁹The LORD of hosts has planned it, to defile the pride of all beauty, To despise all the honored of the earth.

¹⁰Overflow your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish, There exists no more restraint.

¹¹He has stretched His hand out over the sea, He has made the kingdoms tremble; The LORD has given a command concerning Canaan to demolish its strongholds.

¹²He has said, " You shall exult no more, O crushed virgin daughter of Sidon Arise, pass over to Cyprus; even there you will find no rest."

¹³Behold, the land of the Chaldeans--this we call the people which had not existed; Assyria appointed it for desert creatures--they erected their siege towers, they stripped its palaces, they made it a ruin.

¹⁴Wail, O ships of Tarshish, For your stronghold has suffered destruction.

¹⁵Now in that day people will forget Tyre for seventy years like the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

¹⁶Take your harp, walk about the city, O forgotten harlot; Pluck the strings skillfully, sing many songs, That people may remember you.

¹⁷It will come about at the end of seventy years that the LORD will visit Tyre Then she will go back to her harlot's wages and will play the harlot with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth.

¹⁸Her gain and her harlot's wages will become set apart to the LORD; people will not store it up or hoard it, but her gain will become sufficient food and choice attire for those who dwell in the presence of the LORD.

Isaiah 24

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Judgment on the Earth

¹Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface and scatters its inhabitants.

²And the people will resemble the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor.

³The earth will become completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word.

⁴The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away.

⁵The earth has also become polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant.

⁶Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it have had guilt Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth burn, and few men remain.

⁷The new wine mourns, The vine decays, All the merry-hearted sigh.

⁸The gaiety of tambourines ceases, The noise of revelers stops, The gaiety of the harp ceases.

⁹They do not drink wine with song; Strong drink tastes bitter to those who drink it.

¹⁰The city of chaos has broken down; Every house has become shut up so that none may enter.

¹¹We hear an outcry in the streets concerning the wine; All joy turns to gloom. The gaiety of the earth has dwindled.

¹²Desolation remains in the city And the gate has become battered to ruins.

¹³For thus it will seem in the midst of the earth among the peoples, As the shaking of an olive tree, As the gleanings when the grape harvest ends.

¹⁴They raise their voices, they shout for joy; They cry out from the west concerning the majesty of the LORD.

¹⁵Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, The name of the LORD, the God of Israel, In the coastlands of the sea.

¹⁶From the ends of the earth we hear songs, " Glory to the Righteous One," But I say, " Woe

to me! Woe to me! Alas for me! The treacherous deal treacherously, And the treacherous deal very treacherously."

¹⁷Terror and pit and snare Confront you, O inhabitant of the earth.

¹⁸Then it will seem that he who flees the report of disaster will fall into the pit, And he who climbs out of the pit will find himself caught in the snare; For the windows above open, and the foundations of the earth shake.

¹⁹The earth has broken asunder, The earth has split through, The earth shakes violently.

²⁰The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard And it totters like a shack, For its transgression lies heavy upon it, And it will fall, never to rise again.

²¹So it will happen in that day, That the LORD will punish the host of heaven on high, And the kings of the earth on earth.

²²They will gather together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And they will suffer confinement in prison; And after many days they will suffer punishment.

²³Then the moon will seem abashed and the sun ashamed, For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will shine before His elders.

Isaiah 25

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Song of Praise for God's Favor

¹O LORD, I acknowledge You as my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

²For You have made a city into a heap, A fortified city into a ruin; A palace of strangers has become a city no more, People will never rebuild it.

³Therefore a strong people will glorify You; Cities of ruthless nations will revere You.

⁴For You have proved yourself a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; For the breath of the ruthless Resembles a rain storm against a wall.

⁵Like heat in drought, You subdue the uproar of aliens; Like heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the ruthless has become silenced.

⁶The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine.

⁷And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which goes over all peoples, Even the veil which stretches over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

⁹And people will say in that day, "Behold, we acknowledge our God for whom we have waited that He might save us We acknowledge the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and feel glad in His salvation."

¹⁰For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, And Moab will become trodden down in his place As people trod down straw in the water of a manure pile.

¹¹And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it As a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim, But the Lord will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands.

¹²The unassailable fortifications of your walls He will bring down, Lay low and cast to the ground, even to the dust.

Isaiah 26

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Song of Trust in God's Protection

¹In that day people will sing this song in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; He sets up walls and ramparts for security.

²"Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, The one that remains faithful.

³"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.

⁴" Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

⁵"For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the unassailable city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust.

⁶" The foot will trample it, The feet of the afflicted, the steps of the helpless."

⁷The way of the righteous seems smooth; O Upright One, make the path of the righteous level.

⁸Indeed, while following the way of Your judgments, O LORD, We have waited for You eagerly; Your name, even Your memory, we desire in our souls.

⁹At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; For when the earth experiences Your judgments The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

¹⁰Though people show the wicked favor, He does not learn righteousness; He deals unjustly in the land of uprightness, And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.

¹¹O LORD, Your hand lifts up yet they do not see it They see Your zeal for the people and feel shame; Indeed, fire will devour Your enemies.

¹²LORD, You will establish peace for us, Since You have also performed for us all our works.

¹³O LORD our God, other masters besides You have ruled us; But through You alone we confess Your name.

¹⁴The dead will not live, the departed spirits will not rise; Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And You have wiped out all remembrance of them.

¹⁵You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation, You receive glory; You have extended all the borders of the land.

¹⁶O LORD, they sought You in distress; They could only whisper a prayer, Your chastening has come upon them.

¹⁷As the pregnant woman approaches the time to give birth, She writhes and cries out in her

labor pains, Thus have we become before You, O LORD.

¹⁸We seemed pregnant, we writhed in labor, We gave birth, as it seems, only to wind We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth, Nor did inhabitants of the world become born.

¹⁹Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew seems as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

²⁰Come, my people, enter into your rooms And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs its course.

²¹For behold, the LORD intends to come out from His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; And the earth will reveal her bloodshed And will no longer cover her slain.

Isaiah 27

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The Deliverance of Israel

¹In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.

²In that day, "A vineyard of wine, sing of it!

³"I, the LORD, serve as its keeper; I water it every moment So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day.

⁴"I have no wrath. Should someone give Me briars and thorns in battle, Then I would step on them, I would burn them completely.

⁵"Or let him rely on My protection, Let him make peace with Me, Let him make peace with Me."

⁶In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, And they will fill the whole world with fruit.

⁷Like the striking of Him who has struck them, has He struck them? Or like the slaughter of His slain, have they become slain?

⁸You contended with them by banishing them, by driving them away With His fierce wind He has expelled them on the day of the east wind.

⁹Therefore through this Jacob's iniquity will receive forgiveness; And this will constitute the full price of the pardoning of his sin: When he makes all the altar stones like pulverized chalk stones; When Asherim and incense altars will not stand.

¹⁰For the fortified city has become isolated, A homestead forlorn and forsaken like the desert; There the calf will graze, And there it will lie down and feed on its branches.

¹¹When its limbs have dried, they break off; Women come and make a fire with them, For they do not constitute a people of discernment, Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them. And their Creator will not show graciousness to them.

¹²In that day the LORD will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you will gather up one by one, O sons of Israel.

¹³It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet will blow, and those who perished in the land of Assyria and who had become scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

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Ephraim's Captivity Predicted

¹Woe to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which locates at the head of the fertile valley Of those who have become overcome with wine!

²Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty agent; As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction, Like a storm of mighty overflowing waters, He has cast it down to the earth with His hand.

³The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim has become trodden under foot.

⁴And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which locates at the head of the fertile valley, Will resemble the first-ripe fig prior to summer, Which one sees, And as soon as he has it in his hand, He swallows it.

⁵In that day the LORD of hosts will become a beautiful crown And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;

⁶A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, A strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

⁷And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, They have confusion by wine, they stagger from strong drink; They reel while having visions, They totter when rendering judgment.

⁸For all the tables have become full of filthy vomit, without a single clean place.

⁹"To whom would He teach knowledge, And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?

¹⁰"For He says, 'Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.'"

¹¹Indeed, He will speak to this people Through stammering lips and a foreign tongue,

¹²He who said to them, "Here we find rest, give rest to the weary," And, "Here we find repose," but they would not listen.

¹³So the word of the LORD to them will seem, "Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there," That they may go and stumble backward, become broken, snared and taken captive.

Judah Receives A Warning

¹⁴Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O scoffers, Who rule this people who live in Jerusalem,

¹⁵Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception."

¹⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD," Behold, I lay in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not suffer disturbance.

¹⁷"I will make justice the measuring line And righteousness the level; Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies And the waters will overflow the secret place.

¹⁸"Your covenant with death will become canceled, And your pact with Sheol will not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, Then you become its trampling place.

¹⁹"As often as it passes through, it will seize you; For morning after morning it will pass through, anytime during the day or night, And it will show sheer terror to understand what it means."

²⁰The bed remains too short on which to stretch out, And the blanket seems too small to wrap oneself in.

²¹For the LORD will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will become stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon, To do His task, His unusual task, And to work His work, His extraordinary work.

²²And now do not carry on as scoffers, Or your fetters we will make stronger; For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts Of decisive destruction on all the earth.

²³Give ear and hear my voice, Listen and hear my words.

²⁴Does the farmer plow continually to plant seed? Does he continually turn and harrow the ground?

²⁵Does he not level its surface And sow dill and scatter cummin And plant wheat in rows, Barley in its place and rye within its area?

²⁶For his God instructs and teaches him properly.

²⁷For dill we do not thresh with a threshing sledge, Nor do we drive the cartwheel over cummin; But dill we beat out with a rod, and cummin with a club.

²⁸Grain for bread we crush, Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever. Because the wheel of his cart and his horses eventually damage it, He does not thresh it longer.

²⁹This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who has made His counsel wonderful and His wisdom great.

Isaiah 29

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Jerusalem Receives A Warning

¹Woe, O Ariel, Ariel the city where David once camped! Add year to year, observe your feasts on schedule.

²I will bring distress to Ariel, And she will become a city of lamenting and mourning; And she will become like an Ariel to me.

³I will camp against you encircling you, And I will set siegeworks against you, And I will raise up battle towers against you.

⁴Then you will find yourselves brought low; From the earth you will speak, And from the dust where you lie prostrate Your words will come. Your voice will also resemble a spirit from the ground, And your speech will whisper from the dust.

⁵But the multitude of your enemies will become like fine dust, And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away; And it will happen instantly, suddenly.

⁶From the LORD of hosts you will receive punishment with thunder and earthquake and loud noise, With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.

⁷And the multitude of all the nations who wage war against Ariel, Even all who wage war against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, Will seem like a dream, a vision of the night.

⁸It will seem as when a hungry man dreams-- And behold, he eats; But when he awakens, his hunger has not become satisfied, Or as when a thirsty man dreams-- And behold, he drinks, But when he awakens, behold, he feels faint And his thirst has not become quenched. Thus the multitude of all the nations will seem Who wage war against Mount Zion.

⁹Stay delayed and wait, Blind yourselves and remain blind; They become drunk, but not with wine, They stagger, but not with strong drink.

¹⁰For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep sleep, He has shut your eyes, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, the seers.

¹¹The entire vision will appear to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the one who has become literate, saying, "Please read this," he will say, "I cannot, for someone has sealed it ."

¹²Then the book we will give to the one who cannot read, saying, "Please read this." And he will say, "I cannot read."

¹³Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,

¹⁴Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will have concealment."

¹⁵Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, And whose deeds they do in a dark place, And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things around! Shall we consider the potter as equal with the clay, That what has become made would say to its maker, "He did not make me"; Or what someone has formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Blessing after Discipline

¹⁷Does it not seem just a little while Before Lebanon will turn into a fertile field, And the fertile field we will consider as a forest?

¹⁸On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, And out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

¹⁹The afflicted also will increase their gladness in the LORD, And the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless will come to an end and the scorner will come to an end, Indeed all who feel intent on doing evil will become cut off;

²¹Who cause a person to receive indictment by a word, And ensnare him who adjudicates at the gate, And defraud the one in the right with meaningless arguments.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now feel ashamed, nor shall his face now turn pale;

²³But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, They will sanctify My name; Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴"Those who err in mind will know the truth, And those who criticize will accept instruction.

Isaiah 30

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Judah Warned against Egyptian Alliance

¹"Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD, "Who ^(B)execute a plan, but not Mine, And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin;

²Who proceed down to Egypt Without consulting Me, To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

³"Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will prove your shame And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your humiliation.

⁴"For their princes live at Zoan And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.

⁵"Everyone will feel ashamed because of a people who cannot profit them, Who live not for help or profit, but for shame and also for reproach."

⁶The oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev Through a land of distress and anguish, From where come lioness and lion, viper and flying serpent, They carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys And their treasures on camels' humps, To a people who cannot profit them;

⁷Even Egypt, whose help proves vain and empty Therefore, I have called her " Rahab who has become exterminated."

⁸Now go, write it on a tablet before them And inscribe it on a scroll, That it may serve in the time to come As a witness forever.

⁹For this appears a rebellious people, false sons, Sons who refuse to listen To the instruction of the LORD;

¹⁰Who say to the seers, "You must not see visions"; And to the prophets, "You must not prophesy to us that which appears right, Speak to us pleasant words, Prophecy illusions.

¹¹"Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, " Since you have rejected this word And have put your trust in oppression and guile, and have relied on them,

¹³Therefore this iniquity will come to you Like a breach about to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant,

¹⁴Whose collapse resembles the smashing of a potter's jar, So ruthlessly shattered That we will not find a sherd among its pieces To take fire from a hearth Or to scoop water from a cistern."

¹⁵For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will save yourselves, In quietness and trust reside your strength." But you did not seem willing,

¹⁶And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses," Therefore you shall flee! "And we will ride on swift horses, "Therefore those who pursue you shall seem swift.

¹⁷One thousand will flee at the threat of one man; You will flee at the threat of five, Until you remain as a flag on a mountain top And as a signal on a hill.

God Shows Graciousness and Justice

¹⁸Therefore the LORD longs to show graciousness to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you For the LORD proves himself a God of justice; How blessed we consider all those who long for Him.

¹⁹O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer He will surely show graciousness to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

²⁰Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

²¹Your ears will hear a word behind you, "Acknowledge the right way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

²²And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold You will scatter them as an impure thing, and say to them, " Good riddance!"

²³Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will grow rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

²⁴Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which you have winnowed with shovel and fork.

²⁵On every lofty mountain and on every high hill you will see streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

²⁶The light of the moon will seem almost as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will seem seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.

²⁷Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; His anger burns and His smoke appears dense; His lips fill with indignation And His tongue resembles a consuming fire;

²⁸His breath resembles an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin.

²⁹You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival, And gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute, To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

³⁰And the LORD will cause His voice of authority to resound, And the descending of His arm to appear in fierce anger, And in the flame of a consuming fire In cloudburst, downpour and hailstones.

³¹For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will feel terrified, When He strikes with the rod.

³²And every blow of the rod of punishment, Which the LORD will lay on him, Will sound with the music of tambourines and lyres; And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

³³For Topheth has long seemed ready, Indeed, it has become prepared for the king He has made it deep and large, A pyre of fire with plenty of wood; The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire.

Isaiah 31

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Help Not in Egypt but in God

¹Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help And rely on horses, And trust in chariots because they have many And in horsemen because they prove very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!

²Yet He also shows wisdom and will bring disaster And does not retract His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

³Now the Egyptians we acknowledge as men and not God, And their horses have flesh and not spirit; So the LORD will stretch out His hand, And he who helps will stumble And he who receives help will fall, And all of them will come to an end together.

⁴For thus says the LORD to me, "As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey, Against which a band of shepherds becomes called out, And he will not become terrified at their voice nor disturbed at their noise, So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill."

⁵Like flying birds so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it.

⁶Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel.

⁷For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your sinful hands have made for you as a sin.

⁸And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, And a sword not of man will devour him So he will not escape the sword, And his young men will become forced laborers.

⁹"His rock will pass away because of panic, And his princes will become terrified at the standard," Declares the LORD, whose fire burns in Zion and whose furnace stands in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 32

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The Glorious Future

¹Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly.

²Each will serve as a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

³Then the eyes of those who see will not become blind, And the ears of those who hear will listen.

⁴The mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

⁵No longer will they call the fool noble, Or will they call the rogue generous.

⁶For a fool speaks nonsense, And his heart inclines toward wickedness: To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD, To keep the hungry person unsatisfied And to withhold drink from the thirsty.

⁷As for a rogue, his weapons seem evil; He devises wicked schemes To destroy the afflicted with slander, Even though the needy one speaks right.

⁸But the noble man devises noble plans; And by noble plans he stands.

⁹Rise up, you women who feel at ease, And hear my voice; Give ear to my word, You complacent daughters.

¹⁰Within a year and a few days You will have trouble, O complacent daughters; For the vintage has ended, And the fruit gathering will not come.

¹¹Tremble, you women who feel at ease; Have trouble, you complacent daughters; Strip, undress and put sackcloth on your waist,

¹²Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine,

¹³For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses and for the jubilant city.

¹⁴Because the palace has become abandoned, the populated city forsaken Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;

¹⁵Until the we receive the Spirit from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field, And the fertile field they consider as a forest.

¹⁶Then justice will dwell in the wilderness And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.

¹⁷And the work of righteousness will become peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

¹⁸Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;

¹⁹And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will receive destruction.

²⁰How the Lord blesses you , you who sow beside all waters, Who let out freely the ox and the donkey.

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The Judgment of God

¹Woe to you, O destroyer, While you did not receive destruction; And he who proves treacherous, while others did not deal treacherously with him As soon as you finish destroying, you will receive destruction; As soon as you cease to deal treacherously, others will deal treacherously with you.

²O LORD, show graciousness to us; we have waited for You You prove their strength every morning, Our salvation also in the time of distress.

³At the sound of the tumult peoples flee; At the lifting up of Yourself nations disperse.

⁴Your enemies gather their spoil as the caterpillar gathers; As locusts rushing about men rush about on it.

⁵We exalt the LORD, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

⁶And He will serve as the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD proves his treasure.

⁷Behold, their brave men cry in the streets, The ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

⁸The highways look desolate, the traveler has ceased, He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, He has no regard for man.

⁹The land mourns and pines away, Lebanon has become shamed and withers; Sharon resembles a desert plain, And Bashan and Carmel lose their foliage.

¹⁰"Now I will arise," says the LORD, "Now I will receive exaltation, now I will become lifted up.

¹¹"You have conceived chaff, you will give birth to stubble; My breath will consume you like a fire.

¹²"The peoples will burn to lime, Like cut thorns which burn in the fire.

¹³"You who live far away, hear what I have done; And you who remain near, acknowledge My

might."

¹⁴Sinners in Zion feel terrified; Trembling has seized the godless "Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning?"

¹⁵He who walks righteously and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil;

¹⁶He will dwell on the heights, His refuge will resemble the impregnable rock; His bread God will give him, He will surely have water .

¹⁷Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will behold a far-distant land.

¹⁸Your heart will meditate on terror: "Where dwells he who counts? Where dwells he who weighs? Where dwells he who counts the towers?"

¹⁹You will no longer see a fierce people, A people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, Of a stammering tongue which no one understands.

²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed habitation, A tent which will not fold; Its stakes will never pull up, Nor any of its cords tear apart.

²¹But there the majestic One, the LORD, will protect us A place of rivers and wide canals On which no boat with oars will go, And on which no mighty ship will pass--

²²For the LORD serves as our judge, The LORD serves as our lawgiver, The LORD serves as our king; He will save us--

²³Your tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of an abundant spoil people will divide; The lame will take the plunder.

²⁴And no resident will say, "I have become sick"; The people who dwell there will receive forgiveness for their iniquity.

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God's Wrath against Nations

¹Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it.

²For the LORD'S indignation focuses against all the nations, And His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter.

³So their slain they will throw out, And their corpses will give off their stench, And the mountains will become drenched with their blood.

⁴And all the host of heaven will wear away, And the sky will roll up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as one withers from the fig tree.

⁵For My sword has reached satiation in heaven, Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction.

⁶The sword of the LORD fills with blood, It has become sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in

Bozrah And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

⁷ Wild oxen will also fall with them And young bulls with strong ones; Thus their land will soak with blood, And their dust become greasy with fat.

⁸ For the LORD has a day of vengeance, A year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

⁹ Its streams will turn into pitch, And its loose earth into brimstone, And its land will become burning pitch.

¹⁰ It will not quench night or day; Its smoke will go up forever From generation to generation it will remain desolate; None will pass through it forever and ever.

¹¹ But pelican and hedgehog will possess it, And owl and raven will dwell in it; And He will stretch over it the line of desolation And the plumb line of emptiness.

¹² Its nobles—they find no one there Whom they may proclaim king-- And all its princes will come to nothing.

¹³ Thorns will come up in its fortified towers, Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; It will also serve as a haunt of jackals And an abode of ostriches.

¹⁴ The desert creatures will meet with the wolves, The hairy goat also will cry to its kind; Yes, the night monster will settle there And will find herself a resting place.

¹⁵ The tree snake will make its nest and lay eggs there, And it will hatch and gather them under its protection. Yes, the hawks gather there, Every one with its kind.

¹⁶ Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these we will find missing; None will lack its mate For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them.

¹⁷ He has cast the lot for them, And His hand has divided it to them by line They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they will dwell in it.

Isaiah 35

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Zion's Happy Future

¹ The wilderness and the desert will have gladness, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus

² It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy The glory of Lebanon will accrue to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon They will see the glory of the LORD, The majesty of our God.

³ Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.

⁴ Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will open And the ears of the deaf will unstop.

⁶ Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.

⁷ The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway will lie there, a roadway, And people will call the Highway of Holiness The

unclean will not travel on it, But it will turn out for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it.

⁹No lion will live there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These no one will find there
But the redeemed will walk there,

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 36

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Sennacherib Invades Judah

¹ Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

² And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field.

³ Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who presided over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

⁴ Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence do you have?"

⁵ "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war prove only empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?"

⁶ "Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, even on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it So does Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

⁷ "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' do we not consider Him whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?"

⁸ "Now therefore, come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you have the ability on your part to set riders on them.

⁹ "How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master's servants and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"

¹⁰ "Have I now come up without the LORD'S approval against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.'""

¹¹Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and do not speak with us in Judean in the hearing of the people who stand on the wall."

¹²But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, doomed to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

¹³Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

¹⁴"Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not have the ability to deliver you;

¹⁵nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, this city will not fall into the hand of the king of Assyria."

¹⁶'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

¹⁸'Beware that Hezekiah does not mislead you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

¹⁹'Where do we find the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where do we find the gods of Sepharvaim? And when have they delivered Samaria from my hand?

²⁰'Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD would deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'"

²¹But they remained silent and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment consisted of, "Do not answer him."

²²Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who presided over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 37

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Hezekiah Seeks Isaiah's Help

¹And when King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

²Then he sent Eliakim who presided over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

³They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day we consider a day of distress, rebuke and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there exists no strength to deliver.

⁴Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for the remnant that remains.'"

⁵So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

⁶Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, " Do not fear because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

⁷"Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.'"

⁸Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish.

⁹When he heard them say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, "He has come out to fight against you," and when he heard it he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

¹⁰"Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ' Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem will not fall into the hand of the king of Assyria."

¹¹ Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you become spared?

¹²Did the gods of those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden who lived in Telassar?

¹³Where do we find the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?"

Hezekiah's Prayer in the Temple

¹⁴Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.

¹⁵Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,

¹⁶"O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who enthrones himself above the cherubim, We acknowledge You as God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth You have made heaven and earth.

¹⁷" Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent them to reproach the living God.

¹⁸"Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands,

¹⁹and have cast their gods into the fire, for they didn't prove as gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone So they have destroyed them.

²⁰"Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD we regard as God."

God Answers through Isaiah

²¹Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

²²this word the LORD has spoken against him: "She has despised you and mocked you, The virgin daughter of Zion; She has shaken her head behind you, The daughter of Jerusalem!

²³"Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised your voice And haughtily lifted up your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel!

²⁴"Through your servants you have reproached the Lord, And you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, To the remotest parts of Lebanon; And I cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypresses And I will go to its highest peak, its thickest forest.

²⁵'I dug wells and drank waters, And with the sole of my feet I dried up All the rivers of Egypt.'

²⁶" Have you not heard? Long ago I did it, From ancient times I planned it Now I have brought it to pass, That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

²⁷"Therefore their inhabitants seemed short of strength, They felt dismayed and put to shame; They appeared as the vegetation of the field and as the green herb, As grass on the housetops becomes scorched before it grows up.

²⁸"But I know your sitting down And your going out and your coming in And your raging against Me.

²⁹"Because of your raging against Me And because your arrogance has come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back by the way which you came.

³⁰"Then this shall serve as the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

³¹"The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

³²"For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

³³"Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; and he will not come before it with a shield, or throw up a siege ramp against it.

³⁴ By the way that he came, by the same he will return, and he will not come to this city,' declares the LORD.

³⁵"For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake."

Assyrians Destroyed

³⁶Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these died.

³⁷So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home and lived at Nineveh.

³⁸It came about as he worshiped in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat And Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

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Hezekiah Healed

¹ In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ' Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."

²Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,

³and said, " Remember now, O LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart, and have done good in Your sight " And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

⁵"Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.

⁶"I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city.'"

⁷"This shall serve as the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken:

⁸"Behold, I will cause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps " So the sun's shadow went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

⁹A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:

¹⁰I said, " In the middle of my life I will enter the gates of Sheol; I will become deprived of the rest of my years."

¹¹I said, "I will not see the LORD, The LORD in the land of the living; I will look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

¹²"Like a shepherd's tent my dwelling has become pulled up and removed from me; As a weaver I rolled up my life He cuts me off from the loom; From day until night You make an end of me.

¹³"I composed my soul until morning. Like a lion--so He breaks all my bones, From day until night You make an end of me.

¹⁴" Like a swallow, like a crane, so I twitter; I moan like a dove; My eyes look wistfully to the heights; O Lord, I feel oppressed, I acknowledge you as my security.

¹⁵" What shall I say? For He has spoken to me, and He Himself has done it; I will wander about all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.

¹⁶"O Lord, by these things men live, And in all these consists the life of my spirit; O restore me to health and let me live!

¹⁷"Lo, for my own welfare I had great bitterness; You have kept my soul from the pit of nothingness, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

¹⁸"For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot praise You; Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your faithfulness.

¹⁹" The living give thanks to You, as I do today; A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness.

²⁰"The LORD will surely save me; So we will play my songs on stringed instruments All the days of our life at the house of the LORD."

²¹Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs and apply it to the boil, that he may recover."

²²Then Hezekiah had said, "What will you provide as the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

Isaiah 39

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Hezekiah Shows His Treasures

¹ At that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had fallen sick and had recovered.

² Hezekiah felt pleased, and showed them all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and his whole armory and all that he found in his treasuries. He didn't leave anything in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

³ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon."

⁴ He said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that exists in my house; I haven't withheld anything among my treasuries that I have not shown them."

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts,

⁶ Behold, the days will come when all that you have in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day your enemies will carry it to Babylon; nothing will remain," says the LORD.

⁷ And some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, they will take away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon."

⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken we recognize as good " For he thought, "For I will have peace and truth in my days."

Isaiah 40

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The Greatness of God

¹ " Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.

² " Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, That her iniquity has become removed, That she has received of the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins."

³ A voice calls, " Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴"Let every valley become lifted up, And every mountain and hill God will make low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

⁵Then the glory of the LORD will become revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh appears as grass, and all its loveliness resembles the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people resemble grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

⁹Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift it up, do not fear Say to the cities of Judah, "Here you will find your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him Behold, His reward He has with Him And His recompense before Him.

¹¹Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales?

¹³Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him?

¹⁴With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And informed Him of the way of understanding?

¹⁵Behold, the nations seem like a drop from a bucket, And He regards them as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

¹⁶Even Lebanon does not seem enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

¹⁷All the nations have become as nothing before Him, He regards them as less than nothing and meaningless.

¹⁸To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

¹⁹As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

²⁰He who has become too impoverished for such an offering Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman To prepare an idol that will not totter.

²¹Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has God not declared it to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²He sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants resemble grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

²³He reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

²⁴Scarcely have they planted anything, Scarcely have they sown anything, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble.

²⁵" To whom then will you liken Me That I would seem his equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them has gone missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "I can hide my way from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired His understanding we find inscrutable.

²⁹He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power.

³⁰Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

³¹Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

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Israel Encouraged

¹" Coastlands, listen to Me in silence, And let the peoples gain new strength; Let them come forward, then let them speak; Let us come together for judgment.

²" Who has aroused one from the east Whom He calls in righteousness to His feet? He delivers up nations before him And subdues kings He makes them like dust with his sword, As the wind-driven chaff with his bow.

³"He pursues them, passing on in safety, By a way he had not traversed with his feet.

⁴" Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, proclaim myself the first, and with the last I proclaim myself as He."

⁵The coastlands have seen and fear; The ends of the earth tremble; They have drawn near and have come.

⁶Each one helps his neighbor And says to his brother, "Remain strong!"

⁷So the craftsman encourages the smelter, And he who smooths metal with the hammer encourages him who beats the anvil, Saying of the soldering, "It looks good"; And he fastens it with nails, So that it will not totter.

⁸"But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend,

⁹You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its remotest parts And said to you, ' I consider You My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.

¹⁰"Do not fear, for I remain with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I proclaim Myself as your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

¹¹"Behold, all those who have anger with you will have shame and dishonor; Those who

contend with you will come to nothing and will perish.

¹²"You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, Those who war with you will come to nothing and non-existent.

¹³"For I proclaim myself as the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

¹⁴"Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer you will acknowledge as the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵"Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, And will make the hills like chaff.

¹⁶"You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, And the storm will scatter them; But you will rejoice in the LORD, You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁷"The afflicted and needy seek water, but find none, And their tongue parches with thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them Myself, As the God of Israel I will not forsake them.

¹⁸"I will open rivers on the bare heights And springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water And the dry land fountains of water.

¹⁹"I will put the cedar in the wilderness, The acacia and the myrtle and the olive tree; I will place the juniper in the desert Together with the box tree and the cypress,

²⁰That they may see and recognize, And consider and gain insight as well, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

²¹"Present your case," the LORD says. "Bring forward your strong arguments," The King of Jacob says.

²²Let them bring forth and declare to us what will take place; As for the former events, declare what had turned out, That we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what will come;

²³Declare the things that will happen to come afterward, That we may know that you serve as gods; Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.

²⁴Behold, you have become of no account, And your work amounts to nothing; He who chooses you has become an abomination.

²⁵"I have aroused one from the north, and he has come; From the rising of the sun he will call on My name; And he will come upon rulers as upon mortar, Even as the potter treads clay."

²⁶Who has declared this from the beginning, that we might know? Or from former times, that we may say, "He has spoken correctly!"; Surely no one declared, Surely no one proclaimed, Surely no one heard your words.

²⁷"Formerly I said to Zion, 'Behold, here we see them ' And to Jerusalem, 'I will give a messenger of good news.'

²⁸"But when I look, I see no one, And no counselor appears among them Who, if I ask, can give an answer.

²⁹"Behold, all of them prove false; Their works prove worthless, Their molten images seem wind and emptiness.

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God's Promise concerning His Servant

¹" Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

²"He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.

³"A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴"He will not feel disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

⁵Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

⁶"I proclaim myself the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,

⁷To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

⁸" I proclaim myself the LORD, that people use as My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.

⁹"Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."

¹⁰Sing to the LORD a new song, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that lives in it You islands, and those who dwell on them.

¹¹Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, The settlements where Kedar inhabits Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud, Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains.

¹²Let them give glory to the LORD And declare His praise in the coastlands.

¹³ The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry He will prevail against His enemies.

The Blindness of the People

¹⁴" I have kept silent for a long time, I have kept still and restrained Myself. Now like a woman in labor I will groan, I will both gasp and pant.

¹⁵"I will lay waste the mountains and hills And wither all their vegetation; I will make the rivers into coastlands And dry up the ponds.

¹⁶"I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, In paths they do not know I will guide them I will make darkness into light before them And rugged places into plains These things I will do, And I will not leave them undone."

¹⁷They will turn back and utterly fall into shame, Who trust in idols, Who say to molten images, "You we regard as our gods."

¹⁸ Hear, you deaf! And look, you blind, that you may see.

¹⁹ Who seems blind but My servant, Or so deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who has become so blind as he that has peace with Me, Or so blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ You have seen many things, but you do not observe them; Your ears have opened, but none hears.

²¹ The LORD felt pleased for His righteousness' sake To make the law great and glorious.

²² But this people has become plundered and despoiled; All of them find themselves trapped in caves, Or have found themselves hidden away in prisons; They have become a prey with none to deliver them, And a spoil, with none to say, "Give them back!"

²³ Who among you will give ear to this? Who will give heed and listen hereafter?

²⁴ Who gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers? Did we not sin against the LORD, against whom we have sinned, And in whose ways they didn't seem willing to walk, And whose law they did not obey?

²⁵ So He poured out on him the heat of His anger And the fierceness of battle; And it set him aflame all around, Yet he did not recognize it; And it burned him, but he paid no attention

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Israel Redeemed

¹ But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who ormed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you belong to Me!

² "When you pass through the waters, I will stay with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you When you walk through the fire, you will not become scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

³ "For I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.

⁴ "Since I consider you precious in My sight, Since I honor you and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ "Do not fear, for I remain with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west.

⁶ "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back ' Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth,

⁷ "Everyone who I call by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

Israel Has Become God's Witness

⁸ Bring out the people who have become blind, even though they have eyes, And the deaf, even though they have ears.

⁹All the nations have gathered together So that the peoples may assemble Who among them can declare this And proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may become justified, Or let them hear and say, "I declare it as true."

¹⁰"I proclaim you My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I proclaim myself as He Before Me no God ever formed, And there will exist none after Me.

¹¹"I, even I, proclaim myself as the LORD, And no savior exists besides Me.

¹²"I have declared and saved and proclaimed, And no strange god exists among you; So you have become My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And I proclaim myself as God.

¹³"Even from eternity I proclaim Myself as He, And none can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"

Babylon destines for Destruction

¹⁴Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "For your sake I have sent to Babylon, And will bring them all down as fugitives, Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

¹⁵"I proclaim Myself the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, Who makes a way through the sea And a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷Who brings forth the chariot and the horse, The army and the mighty man (They will lie down together and not rise again; They have become quenched and extinguished like a wick):

¹⁸"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past.

¹⁹"Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not become aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

²⁰"The beasts of the field will glorify Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people.

²¹"The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise.

The Shortcomings of Israel

²²"Yet you have not called on Me, O Jacob; But you have become weary of Me, O Israel.

²³"You have not brought to Me the sheep of your burnt offerings, Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices I have not burdened you with offerings, Nor wearied you with incense.

²⁴"You have bought Me not sweet cane with money, Nor have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices; Rather you have burdened Me with your sins, You have wearied Me with your iniquities.

²⁵"I, even I, proclaim myself the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

²⁶"Put Me in remembrance, let us argue our case together; State your cause, that you may become proved right.

²⁷"Your first forefather sinned, And your spokesmen have transgressed against Me.

²⁸"So I will pollute the princes of the sanctuary, And I will consign Jacob to the ban and Israel to revilement.

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The Blessings of Israel

¹"But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, And Israel, whom I have chosen:

²Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, ' Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants;

⁴And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.'

⁵"This one will say, 'I belong to the LORD; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, 'Belonging to the LORD,' And will name Israel's name with honor.

⁶"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I proclaim myself as the first and the last, And there exists no God besides Me.

⁷'Who compares to Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that will come And the events that will take place.

⁸"Do not tremble and do not fear; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you witness for Me Does any God exist besides Me, Or do we know of any other Rock? I know of none."

The Folly of Idolatry

⁹Those who fashion a graven image behave in a futile manner, and their precious things have no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will fall into shame.

¹⁰Who has fashioned a god or cast an idol to no profit?

¹¹Behold, all his companions will fall into shame, for the craftsmen themselves show themselves mere men. Let them all assemble themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them together fall into shame.

¹²The man shapes iron into a cutting tool and does his work over the coals, fashioning it with hammers and working it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and his strength fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary.

¹³Another shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he outlines it with red chalk He works it with planes and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of man, so that it may sit in a house.

¹⁴Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a cypress or an oak and raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

¹⁵Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image and falls down before it.

¹⁶Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast and has become satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I feel warm, I have seen the fire."

¹⁷But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for I consider you as my god."

¹⁸They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

¹⁹No one recalls, nor can we find knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals I roast meat and eat it Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!"

²⁰He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside And he cannot deliver himself, nor say, " Do I not find a lie in my right hand?"

God Forgives and Redeems

²¹" Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you I consider My servant; I have formed you, I have made you My servant, O Israel, I will not forget you.

²²"I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

²³ Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

²⁴Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, have made all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,

²⁵ Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness,

²⁶ Confirming the word of His servant And performing the purpose of His messengers I say of Jerusalem, 'She shall become inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, ' People shall build them.' And I will raise up her ruins again.

²⁷" I say to the depth of the sea, ' Dry up!' And I will make your rivers dry.

²⁸" I say of Cyrus, ' I consider him my shepherd! And he will perform all My desire ' And he declares of Jerusalem, ' They will build her,' And of the temple, 'You will lay your foundation .'"

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God Uses Cyrus

¹Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not shut:

²"I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.

³"I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that I exist, The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

⁴"For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me.

⁵"I proclaim myself the LORD, and there exists no other; Besides Me no one can find God I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

⁶That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That no one exists besides Me. I proclaim myself the LORD, and no other exists,

⁷The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I proclaim myself the LORD who does all these.

God's Supreme Power

⁸" Drip down, O heavens, from above, And let the clouds pour down righteousness; Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit, And righteousness spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it.

⁹"Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker-- An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What have you done?' Or the thing you make say, 'He has no hands'?

¹⁰"Woe to him who says to a father, 'What have you begot?' Or to a woman, 'To whom have you given birth?'"

¹¹Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: " Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons, And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

¹²" I made the earth, and created man upon it I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host.

¹³"I have aroused him in righteousness And I will make all his ways smooth; He will build My city and will let My exiles go free, Without any payment or reward," says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴Thus says the LORD, "The products of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush And the Sabean, men of stature, Will come over to you and will become yours; They will walk behind you, they will come over in chains And will bow down to you; They will make supplication to you: 'Surely, God accompanies you, and no else exists, No other God.'"

¹⁵Truly, I acknowledge You as a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!

¹⁶They will fall into shame and even humiliation, all of them; The manufacturers of idols will

go away together in humiliation.

¹⁷Israel has received salvation from the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You will not suffer shame or humiliation To all eternity.

¹⁸For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it so people could inhabit it), "I proclaim Myself the LORD, and no one else exists.

¹⁹" I have not spoken in secret, In some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ' Seek Me in a waste place'; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, Declaring things that I know as upright.

²⁰" Gather yourselves and come; Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations; They have no knowledge, Who carry about their wooden idol And pray to a god who cannot save.

²¹" Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Have I not declared them, the LORD? And no other God exists besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; No other God exists except Me.

²²" Turn to Me and receive salvation, all the ends of the earth; For I proclaim Myself as God, and no other god can compare to Me.

²³" I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

²⁴"They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD do we find righteousness and strength ' Men will come to Him, And all who felt angry at Him will suffer shame.

²⁵"In the LORD all the offspring of Israel Will receive justification and glory."

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Babylon's Idols and the True God

¹ Bel has bowed down, Nebo stoops over; Their images they have consigned to the beasts and the cattle. The things that you carry have become burdensome, A load for the weary beast.

²They stooped over, they have bowed down together; They could not rescue the burden, But have themselves gone into captivity.

³" Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, You who have become borne by Me from birth And people have carried them from the womb;

⁴Even to your old age I will remain the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you.

⁵" To whom would you liken Me And make Me equal and compare Me, That we would seem alike?

⁶"Those who lavish gold from the purse And weigh silver on the scale Hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; They bow down, indeed they worship it.

⁷"They lift it upon the shoulder and carry it; They set it in its place and it stands there It does

not move from its place Though one may cry to it, it cannot answer; It cannot deliver him from his distress.

⁸" Remember this, and have assurance; Recall it to mind, you transgressors.

⁹"Remember the former things long past, For I proclaim myself as God, and there exists no other; I proclaim myself as God, and no one compares to Me,

¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not happened, Saying, ' My purpose will become established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

¹¹Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

¹²" Listen to Me, you stubborn-minded, Who remain far from righteousness.

¹³"I bring near My righteousness, it has not gone far off; And My salvation will not delay And I will grant salvation in Zion, And My glory for Israel.

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Lament for Babylon

¹" Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For people shall no longer call you tender and delicate.

²"Take the millstones and grind meal Remove your veil, strip off the skirt, Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.

³"Your nakedness I will uncover, I will expose your shame; I will take vengeance and will not spare a man."

⁴Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts we call His name, The Holy One of Israel.

⁵" Sit silently, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, For people will no longer call you The queen of kingdoms.

⁶"I felt angry with My people, I profaned My heritage And gave them into your hand. You did not show mercy to them, On the aged you made your yoke very heavy.

⁷"Yet you said, 'I will remain a queen forever 'These things you did not consider Nor remember the outcome of them.

⁸"Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart,' I sit securely, and there exists no one besides me I will not sit as a widow, Nor know loss of children.'

⁹"But these two things will come on you suddenly in one day: Loss of children and widowhood They will come on you in full measure In spite of your many sorceries, In spite of the great power of your spells.

¹⁰"You felt secure in your wickedness and said, ' No one sees me,' Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; For you have said in your heart, ' I sit securely, and there

exists no one besides me.'

¹¹"But evil will come on you Which you will not know how to charm away; And disaster will fall on you For which you cannot atone; And destruction about which you do not know Will come on you suddenly.

¹²"Stand fast now in your spells And in your many sorceries With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will have the ability to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.

¹³"You have wearied yourself with your many counsels; Let now the astrologers, Those who prophesy by the stars, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you.

¹⁴"Behold, they have become like stubble, Fire burns them; They cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame; They will have no coal to warm by Nor a fire to sit before!

¹⁵"So have those become to you with whom you have labored, Who have trafficked with you from your youth; Each has wandered in his own way; No one will save you.

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Israel's Obstinacy

¹" Hear this, O house of Jacob, who have the name of Israel And who came forth from the loins of Judah, Who swear by the name of the LORD And invoke the God of Israel, But not in truth nor in righteousness.

²"For they call themselves after the holy city And lean on the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts we call His name.

³"I declared the former things long ago And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

⁴"Because I know that you seem obstinate, And your neck resembles an iron sinew And your forehead bronze,

⁵"Therefore I declared them to you long ago, Before they took place I proclaimed them to you, So that you would not say, 'My idol has done them, And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'

⁶"You have heard; look at all this. And you, will you not declare it? I proclaim to you new things from this time, Even hidden things which you have not known.

⁷"They have become created now and not long ago; And before today you have not heard them, So that you will not say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

⁸"You have not heard, you have not known Even from long ago your ear has not opened, Because I knew that you would deal very treacherously; And people have called you a rebel from birth.

⁹" For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And for My praise I restrain it for you, In order not to cut you off.

¹⁰"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

¹¹" For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can you profane My name ? And My glory I will not give to another.

Deliverance Promised

¹²"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I proclaim Myself as God, people call Me the first, people call me the last.

¹³"Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

¹⁴" Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he will carry out His good pleasure on Babylon, And His arm will fall against the Chaldeans.

¹⁵"I, even I, have spoken; indeed I have called him, I have brought him, and He will make his ways successful.

¹⁶" Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I lived there And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit."

¹⁷Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I proclaim myself as the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go.

¹⁸"If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your contentment would have resembled a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

¹⁹"Your descendants would have resembled the sand, And your offspring like its grains; Their name would never disappear or destroyed from My presence."

²⁰Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! Declare with the sound of joyful shouting, proclaim this, Send it out to the end of the earth; Say, " The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob."

²¹They did not thirst when He led them through the deserts He made the water flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock and the water gushed forth.

²²" There exists no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

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Salvation Reaches to the End of the Earth

¹Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me.

²He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver.

³He said to Me, " I call you My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory."

⁴But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me remains with the LORD, And My reward with My God."

⁵And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to become His Servant, To bring

Jacob back to Him, so that He might gather Israel to Him (For I have received honor in the sight of the LORD, And My God has become My strength),

⁶He says, "It seems too small a thing that You should become My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, To the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers, "Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who remains faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

⁸Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

⁹Saying to those who feel bound, 'Go forth,' To those who live in darkness, 'Show yourselves ' Along the roads they will feed, And their pasture will locate on all bare heights.

¹⁰"They will not hunger or thirst, Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them And will guide them to springs of water.

¹¹"I will make all My mountains a road, And My highways will raise up.

¹²"Behold, these will come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of Sinim."

¹³Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.

Promise to Zion

¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And the Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵"Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

¹⁶"Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls I see continually before Me.

¹⁷"Your builders hurry; Your destroyers and devastators Will depart from you.

¹⁸"Lift up your eyes and look around; All of them gather together, they come to you As I live," declares the LORD, "You will surely put on all of them as jewels and bind them on as a bride.

¹⁹"For your waste and desolate places and your destroyed land--Surely now you will feel too cramped for the inhabitants, And those who swallowed you will have gone far away.

²⁰"The children of whom you had become bereaved will yet say in your ears, 'The place seems too cramped for me; Make room for me that I may live here.'

²¹"Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has begotten these for me, Since I have felt bereaved of my children And find myself barren, an exile and a wanderer? And who has reared these? Behold, I felt left alone; From where did these come?'"

²²Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations And set up My standard to the peoples; And they will bring your sons in their bosom, And your daughters they will carry on their shoulders.

²³"Kings will serve as your guardians, And their princesses your nurses They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth And lick the dust of your feet; And you will know Me as the

LORD; Those who hopefully wait for Me will not feel shame.

²⁴" Can someone take the prey from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant receive rescue?"

²⁵Surely, thus says the LORD, "Even the captives of the mighty man someone will take away, And the prey of the tyrant will have rescue; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons.

²⁶"I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have become your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

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God Helps His Servant

¹Thus says the LORD, "Where can we find the certificate of divorce By which I have sent your mother away? Or to whom of My creditors did I sell you? Behold, I sold you for your iniquities, And for your transgressions I sent your mother away.

²"Why did I find no man when I came? When I called, why did no one answer? Has My hand become so short that it cannot ransom? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, I dry up the sea with My rebuke, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink for lack of water And die of thirst.

³"I clothe the heavens with blackness And make sackcloth their covering."

⁴The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I did not disobey Nor did I turn back.

⁶I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

⁷For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I have not become disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not feel ashamed.

⁸He who vindicates Me draws near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; Who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

¹¹Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with firebrands, Walk in the light of your fire And among the brands you have set ablaze This you will have from My hand: You will lie down in torment.

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Israel Exhorted

¹" Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, Who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you had become hewn And to the quarry from which you people dug you.

²"Look to Abraham your father And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; When he had reached but one I called him, Then I blessed him and multiplied him."

³Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will appear in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

⁴" Pay attention to Me, O My people, And give ear to Me, O My nation; For a law will go forth from Me, And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.

⁵"My righteousness has come near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait for Me, And for My arm they will wait expectantly.

⁶" Lift up your eyes to the sky, Then look to the earth beneath; For the sky will vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment And its inhabitants will die in like manner; But My salvation will last forever, And My righteousness will not wane.

⁷" Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, A people in whose heart contains My law; Do not fear the reproach of man, Nor feel dismayed at their revilings.

⁸"For the moth will eat them like a garment, And the grub will eat them like wool But My righteousness will last forever, And My salvation to all generations."

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; Awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago Did You not cut Rahab in pieces, Who pierced the dragon?

¹⁰Did You not dry up the sea, The waters of the great deep; Who made the depths of the sea a pathway For the redeemed to cross over?

¹¹So the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, And everlasting joy they will have on their heads They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

¹²"I, even I comfort you Who do you consider yourself that you fear a man who dies And of the son of man who resembles grass,

¹³That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth, That you fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, As he makes ready to destroy? But where do we find the fury of the oppressor?

¹⁴"The exile will soon have liberation, and will not die in the dungeon, nor will his bread lack.

¹⁵"For I proclaim Myself the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea and its waves roar (the LORD of hosts we call His name).

¹⁶"I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, ' I consider you My people.'"

¹⁷Rouse yourself! Rouse yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk from the LORD'S hand the cup of His anger; The chalice of reeling you have drained to the dregs.

¹⁸No one will guide her among all the sons she has borne, Nor will anyone take her by the hand among all the sons she has reared.

¹⁹These two things have befallen you; Who will mourn for you? The devastation and destruction, famine and sword; How shall I comfort you?

²⁰Your sons have fainted, They lie helpless at the head of every street, Like an antelope in a net, Full of the wrath of the LORD, The rebuke of your God.

²¹Therefore, please hear this, you afflicted, Who have become drunk, but not with wine:

²²Thus says your Lord, the LORD, even your God Who contends for His people, "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of reeling, The chalice of My anger; You will never drink it again.

²³"I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, Who have said to you, ' Lie down that we may walk over you.' You have even made your back like the ground And like the street for those who walk over it."

Isaiah 52

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Cheer for Prostrate Zion

¹Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion; Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; For the uncircumcised and the unclean Will no longer come into you.

²Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; Loose yourself from the chains around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

³For thus says the LORD, " People sold you for nothing and you will have redemption without money."

⁴For thus says the Lord GOD, "My people went down at the first into Egypt to reside there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

⁵"Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have become taken away without cause?" Again the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and they blaspheme My name continually all day long.

⁶"Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I will speak, 'Here I proclaim myself.'"

⁷How lovely on the mountains we see the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion.

⁹Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has

comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared His holy arm In the sight of all the nations, That all the ends of the earth may see The salvation of our God.

¹¹Depart, depart, go out from there, Touch nothing unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

¹²But you will not go out in haste, Nor will you go as fugitives; For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will serve as your rear guard.

The Exalted Servant

¹³Behold, My servant will prosper, He will become high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

¹⁴Just as many felt astonished at you, My people, So His appearance had become marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.

¹⁵Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what they had heard them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

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The Suffering Servant

¹Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD become revealed?

²For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should feel attracted to Him.

³Men despised and forsook Him, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face They despised Him, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵But they pierced Him through for our transgressions, They crushed Him for our iniquities; The chastening for our salvation fell upon Him, And by His scourging we received healing.

⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

⁷They oppressed him and afflicted Him, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that people lead to slaughter, And like a sheep that remains silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment they took Him away; And as for His generation, who considered That they cut Him off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke had become intended?

⁹His grave he received with wicked men, Yet He shared the tomb of a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor could anyone find any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰But the LORD felt pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

¹¹As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and feel satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And they numbered Him with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

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The Fertility of Zion

¹"Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one will prove more numerous Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.

²"Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs.

³"For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities.

⁴"Fear not, for you will not fall into shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not become disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

⁵"For your husband you will also identify as your Maker, Who has the name of the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer we identify as the Holy One of Israel, Who we call the God of all the earth.

⁶"For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one's youth when she has become rejected," Says your God.

⁷"For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸"In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer.

⁹"For this resembles the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not have anger with you Nor will I rebuke you.

¹⁰"For the mountains remove and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not become removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not shake," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

¹¹"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

¹²"Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of crystal, And your entire wall of precious stones.

¹³" All your sons the LORD will teach them; And the success of your sons will become great.

¹⁴"In righteousness you will find yourself established; You will remain far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you.

¹⁵"If anyone fiercely assails you it will not come from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

¹⁶"Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals And brings out a weapon for its work; And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

¹⁷" No weapon that people form against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn This we reveal as the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication comes from Me," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 55

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The Free Offer of Mercy

¹"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.

²"Why do you spend money for what does not consist as bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what consists of good, And delight yourself in abundance.

³" Incline your ear and come to Me Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

⁴"Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵"Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

⁶ Seek the LORD while you can find Him; Call upon Him while He draws near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸"For My thoughts do not compare to your thoughts, Nor can you compare your ways with My ways," declares the LORD.

⁹"For as the heavens appear higher than the earth, So compare My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

¹¹ So will My word which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without

accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

¹²"For you will go out with joy And will lead forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

¹³"Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will serve as a memorial to the LORD, For an everlasting sign which will not disappear."

Isaiah 56

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Rewards for Obedience to God

¹Thus says the LORD," Preserve justice and do righteousness, For My salvation will soon come And My righteousness will become revealed.

²"How God blesses the man who does this, And the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

³Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from His people " Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I resemble a dry tree."

⁴For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,

⁵To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not disappear.

⁶"Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To work as His servants, everyone who keeps from profaning the Sabbath And holds fast My covenant;

⁷Even those I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful in My house of prayer Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices I will accept on My altar; For My house you will call a house of prayer for all the peoples."

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, declares, "Yet others I will gather to them, to those already gathered."

⁹All you beasts of the field, All you beasts in the forest, Come to eat.

¹⁰His watchmen have become blind, All of them know nothing. All of them resemble mute dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;

¹¹And the dogs show greed, they have no satisfaction And they act like shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.

¹²"Come," they say, "let us get wine, and let us drink heavily of strong drink; And tomorrow will resemble today, only more so."

Isaiah 57

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Evil Leaders Rebuked

¹The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart; And devout men perish, while no one understands For the righteous man has become taken away from evil,

²He enters into peace; They rest in their beds, Each one who walked in his upright way.

³"But come here, you sons of a sorceress, Offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.

⁴"Against whom do you jest? Against whom do you open wide your mouth And stick out your tongue? Do you not act like the children of rebellion, Offspring of deceit,

⁵Who inflame yourselves among the oaks, Under every luxuriant tree, Who slaughter the children in the ravines, Under the clefts of the crags?

⁶"Among the smooth stones of the ravine Do you claim your portion, they belong to you; Even to them you have poured out a drink offering, You have made a grain offering Shall I relent concerning these things?

⁷"Upon a high and lofty mountain You have made your bed. You also went up there to offer sacrifice.

⁸"Behind the door and the doorpost You have set up your sign; Indeed, far removed from Me, you have uncovered yourself, And have gone up and made your bed wide. And you have made an agreement for yourself with them, You have loved their bed, You have looked on their manhood.

⁹"You have journeyed to the king with oil And increased your perfumes; You have sent your envoys a great distance And made them go down to Sheol.

¹⁰"You became tired out by the length of your road, Yet you did not say, 'I find it hopeless.' You found renewed strength, Therefore you did not faint.

¹¹"Of whom did you worry about and show fear When you lied, and did not remember Me Nor give Me a thought? Did I not remain silent even for a long time So you do not fear Me?

¹²"I will declare your righteousness and your deeds, But they will not profit you.

¹³"When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you But the wind will carry all of them up, And a breath will take them away But he who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land And will possess My holy mountain."

¹⁴And people will say, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people."

¹⁵For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name we acknowledge as Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶"For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always show anger; For the spirit would grow faint before Me, And the breath of those whom I have made.

¹⁷"Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I became angry and struck him; I hid My face and

had anger, And he went on turning away, in the way of his heart.

¹⁸"I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners,

¹⁹Creating the praise of the lips Peace, peace to him who has gone far and to him who has come near," Says the LORD, "and I will heal him."

²⁰But the wicked resemble the tossing sea, For it cannot become quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud.

²¹"There comes no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Isaiah 58

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Observances of Fasts

¹" Cry loudly, do not hold back; Raise your voice like a trumpet, And declare to My people their transgression And to the house of Jacob their sins.

²"Yet they seek Me day by day and delight to know My ways, As a nation that has done righteousness And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God They ask Me for just decisions, They delight in the nearness of God.

³"Why have we fasted and You do not see? Why have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?" Behold, on the day of your fast you find your desire, And drive hard all your workers.

⁴"Behold, you fast for contention and strife and to strike with a wicked fist You do not fast like you do today to make your voice heard on high.

⁵"Do you fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Do you bow one's head like a reed And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed? Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the LORD?

⁶" Do you not fast the way which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?

⁷" Do you not do this to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸"Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will serve as your rear guard.

⁹"Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I come ' If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,

¹⁰And if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then your light will rise in darkness And your gloom will become like midday.

¹¹"And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will resemble a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

¹²"Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old

foundations; And you will receive the approbation of the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.

Keeping the Sabbath

¹³"If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word,

¹⁴Then you will take delight in the LORD, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 59

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Separation from God

¹Behold, the LORD'S hand has not grown so short That it cannot save; Nor has His ear become so dull That it cannot hear.

²But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

³For your hands you have defiled with blood And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken falsehood, Your tongue mutters wickedness.

⁴No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.

⁵They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which becomes crushed a snake breaks forth.

⁶Their webs will not become clothing, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works consist of works of iniquity, And an act of violence they commit with their hands.

⁷Their feet run to evil, And they hasten to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts have filled with iniquity, Devastation and destruction they find in their highways.

⁸They do not know the way of peace, And they have no justice in their tracks; They have made their paths crooked, Whoever treads on them does not know peace.

A Confession of Wickedness

⁹Therefore justice remains far from us, And righteousness does not overtake us; We hope for light, but behold, darkness, For brightness, but we walk in gloom.

¹⁰We grope along the wall like blind men, We grope like those who have no eyes; We stumble at midday as in the twilight, Among those who have vigor we resemble dead men.

¹¹All of us growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We hope for justice, but we find none, For salvation, but it stays far from us.

¹²For our transgressions have multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions remain with us, And we know our iniquities:

¹³Transgressing and denying the LORD, And turning away from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving in and uttering from the heart lying words.

¹⁴Justice turns back, And righteousness stands far away; For truth has stumbled in the street, And uprightness cannot enter.

¹⁵Yes, truth lacks; And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey Now the LORD saw, And it displeased Him that no justice existed.

¹⁶And He saw that there stood no man, And felt astonished that no one would intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.

¹⁷He put on righteousness like a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.

¹⁸According to their deeds, so He will repay, Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; To the coastlands He will make recompense.

¹⁹So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west And His glory from the rising of the sun, For He will come like a rushing stream Which the wind of the LORD drives.

²⁰"A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.

²¹"As for Me, this I consider My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which comes upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

Isaiah 60

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A Glorified Zion

¹" Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²"For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.

³" Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴" Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters they will carry them in the arms.

⁵"Then you will see and have radiance, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will turn to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

⁶"A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.

⁷"All the flocks of Kedar will gather together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to

you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house.

⁸"Who do we consider these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their lattices?

⁹"Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the LORD your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.

¹⁰"Foreigners will build up your walls, And their kings will minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you.

¹¹"Your gates will open continually; They will not close day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

¹²"For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will become utterly ruined.

¹³"The glory of Lebanon will come to you, The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.

¹⁴"The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵"Whereas you have found yourself forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation.

¹⁶"You will also suck the milk of nations And suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the LORD, serve as your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

¹⁷"Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your administrators And righteousness your overseers.

¹⁸"Violence we will not hear again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

¹⁹"No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory.

²⁰"Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will end.

²¹"Then all your people will remain righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may receive glorification.

²²"The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

Isaiah 61

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Exaltation of the Afflicted

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD has fallen upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

²To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

³To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting So they will have the name of the oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may receive glorification.

⁴Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

⁵Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will serve your farmers and your vinedressers.

⁶But you will serve as the priests of the LORD; You will have the reputation as ministers of our God You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.

⁷Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, Everlasting joy will come to them.

⁸For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Then their offspring will have reputation among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they have become the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 62

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Zion's Glory and New Name

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that burns.

²The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will have a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.

³You will also appear as a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴People will no longer say to you, "Forsaken," Nor to your land will people any longer say, "Desolate"; But you will have the designation, "I delight in her," And your land, "Married"; For the LORD delights in you, And to Him your land will marry.

⁵For as a young man marries a virgin, So your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you.

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;

⁷And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

⁸The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, "I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine for which you have labored."

⁹But those who garner it will eat it and praise the LORD; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, Clear the way for the people; Build up, build up the highway, Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes; Behold He brings His reward with Him, and His recompense before Him."

¹²And they will call them, "The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD"; And people will call you, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Isaiah 63

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God's Vengeance on the Nations

¹Who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who has majesty in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? "I speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

²Why have you made your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?

³"I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples no man accompanied Me I also

trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood sprinkles on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.

⁴"For the day of vengeance came in My heart, And My year of redemption has come.

⁵"I looked, and no one came to help, And I felt astonished and no one came to uphold; So My own arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me.

⁶"I trod down the peoples in My anger And made them drunk in My wrath, And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

God's Ancient Mercies Recalled

⁷I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has granted us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has granted them according to His compassion And according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.

⁸For He said, "Surely, I consider them My people, Sons who will not deal falsely " So He became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction He felt afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He transformed Himself into their enemy, He fought against them.

¹¹Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses Where do we find Him who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where do we find Him who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them,

¹²Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,

¹³Who led them through the depths? Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble;

¹⁴As the cattle which go down into the valley, The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest So You led Your people, To make for Yourself a glorious name.

"We Consider You Our Father"

¹⁵Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; Where do we find Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion You have restrained toward me.

¹⁶For we acknowledge You as our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us You, O LORD, we acknowledge you as our Father, Our Redeemer from of old we call Your name.

¹⁷Why, O LORD, do You cause us to stray from Your ways And harden our heart from fearing You? Return for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your heritage.

¹⁸Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary for a little while, Our adversaries have trodden it down.

¹⁹We have become like those over whom You have never ruled, Like those who I have not called you by Your name.

Isaiah 64

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Prayer for Mercy and Help

¹Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, That the mountains might quake at Your presence--

²As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil-- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

³When You did awesome things which we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

⁴For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

⁵You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways Behold, You had anger, for we sinned, We continued in them a long time; And shall we have salvation?

⁶For all of us have become like one who has become unclean, And all our righteous deeds appear like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷No one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, We call You our Father, We regard ourselves as the clay, and You our potter; And all of us you consider the work of Your hand.

⁹Do not have anger beyond measure, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us consider ourselves Your people.

¹⁰Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

¹¹Our holy and beautiful house, Where our fathers praised You, Has burned in the fire; And all our precious things have become a ruin.

¹²Will You restrain Yourself at these things, O LORD? Will You keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

Isaiah 65

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A Rebellious People

¹"I permitted those to seek Me who did not ask for Me; I permitted those who did not seek Me to find Me. I said, 'Here I come I, here I come,'
To a nation which did not call on My name.

²"I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in the way which does not seem good, following their own thoughts,

³A people who continually provoke Me to My face, Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks;

⁴Who sit among graves and spend the night in secret places; Who eat swine's flesh, And the broth of unclean meat stews in their pots.

⁵"Who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, For I consider myself holier than you!' These have become like smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day.

⁶"Behold, people have written before Me, I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will even repay into their bosom,

⁷Both their own iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers together," says the LORD
"Because they have burned incense on the mountains And scorned Me on the hills, Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."

⁸Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine we find found in the cluster, And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for we have benefit in it,' So I will act on behalf of My servants In order not to destroy all of them.

⁹"I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, And an heir of My mountains from Judah; Even My chosen ones shall inherit it, And My servants will dwell there.

¹⁰"Sharon will serve as a pasture land for flocks, And the valley of Achor a resting place for herds, For My people who seek Me.

¹¹"But you who forsake the LORD, Who forget My holy mountain, Who set a table for Fortune, And who fill cups with mixed wine for Destiny,

¹²I will destine you for the sword, And all of you will bow down to the slaughter Because I called, but you did not answer; I spoke, but you did not hear. And you did evil in My sight And chose that in which I did not delight."

¹³Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, My servants will eat, but you will hunger
Behold, My servants will drink, but you will thirst Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will fall into shame.

¹⁴"Behold, My servants will shout joyfully with a glad heart, But you will cry out with a heavy heart, And you will wail with a broken spirit.

¹⁵"You will leave your name for a curse to My chosen ones, And the Lord GOD will slay you
But My servants will people will call by another name.

¹⁶"Because he who has become blessed in the earth Will receive blessings by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles they have forgotten, And because they have become hidden from My sight!

New Heavens and a New Earth

¹⁷"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things they will not remember or come to mind.

¹⁸"But have gladness and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness.

¹⁹"I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and have gladness in My people; And people will no longer hear in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

²⁰"No longer will people find in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred People will think them accursed.

²¹"They will build houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²"They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so will seem the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

²³"They will not labor in vain, Or bear children for calamity; For they have become the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them.

²⁴"It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they still speak, I will hear.

²⁵"The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will serve as the serpent's food They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

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God's Throne Locates in Heaven

¹Thus says the LORD, "Heaven serves as My throne and the earth serves as My footstool Where then would you build a house for Me? And where could you find a place that I may rest?"

²"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD "But to this one I will look, To him who humbles himself and show contrition of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Hypocrisy Rebuked

³"But he who kills an ox resembles one who slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb resembles the one who breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering resembles one who offers swine's blood; He who burns incense resembles one who blesses an idol As they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations,

⁴So I will choose their punishments And will bring on them what they dread Because I called, but no one answered; I spoke, but they did not listen And they did evil in My sight And chose that in which I did not delight."

⁵Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word: "Your brothers who hate you, who exclude you for My name's sake, Have said, 'Let the LORD receive glorification, that we may see your joy ' But they will fall into shame.

⁶"A voice of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple, The voice of the LORD who renders recompense to His enemies.

⁷"Before she travailed, she brought forth; Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.

⁸" Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land receive its nativity in one day? Can a nation come into existence all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.

⁹"Shall I bring to the point of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Or shall I who gives delivery shut the womb?" says your God.

Joy in Jerusalem's Future

¹⁰" Have joy with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who love her; Have exceeding gladness with her, all you who mourn over her,

¹¹That you may nurse and feel satisfied with her comforting breasts, That you may suck and feel delight with her bountiful bosom."

¹²For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; And you will become nursed, they will carry them on the hip and fondle them on the knees.

¹³"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you will receive comfort in Jerusalem."

¹⁴Then you will see this, and your heart will have gladness, And your bones will flourish like the new grass; And the hand of the LORD His servants will know, But He will show indignity toward His enemies.

¹⁵For behold, the LORD will come in fire And His chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire.

¹⁶For the LORD will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And the LORD will slay many.

¹⁷"Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go to the gardens, Following one in the center, Who eat swine's flesh, detestable things and mice, Will come to an end altogether," declares the LORD.

¹⁸"For I know their works and their thoughts; the time comes to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

¹⁹"I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory And they will declare My glory among the nations.

²⁰"Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says

the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

²¹"I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites," says the LORD.

²²"For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure.

²³"And we shall mark it from new moon to new moon And from Sabbath to Sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD.

²⁴"Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me For their worm will not die And no one will quench their fire; And they will become an abhorrence to all mankind."

Jeremiah 1-52

Jeremiah 1

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Jeremiah's Call and Commission

¹The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests who lived in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

²to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you had become born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I acknowledge myself as a youth."

⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I consider myself only a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak.

⁸" Do not have fear for them, For I accompany you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

¹⁰"See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."

The Almond Rod and Boiling Pot

¹¹The word of the LORD came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree."

¹²Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I watch over My word to perform it."

¹³The word of the LORD came to me a second time saying, " What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, " Out of the north the evil will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

¹⁵"For, behold, I call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," declares the LORD; "and they will come and they will set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about and against all the cities of Judah.

¹⁶"I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

¹⁷"Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you Do not feel dismay before them, or I will dismay you before them.

¹⁸"Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land.

¹⁹"They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I accompany you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 2

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Judah's Apostasy

¹Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown.

³" The LORD considered Israel holy, The first of His harvest All who ate of it became guilty; Evil came upon them," declares the LORD."

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

⁵Thus says the LORD, "What injustice did your fathers find in Me, That they went far from Me And walked after emptiness and became empty?

⁶"They did not say, 'Where do we find the LORD Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, Through a land of deserts and of pits, Through a land of drought and of deep darkness, Through a land that no one crossed And where no man dwelt?'

⁷"I brought you into the fruitful land To eat its fruit and its good things But you came and defiled My land, And My inheritance you made an abomination.

⁸"The priests did not say, 'Where do we find the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; The rulers also transgressed against Me, And the prophets prophesied by Baal And walked after things that did not profit.

⁹"Therefore I will yet contend with you," declares the LORD, "And with your sons' sons I will contend.

¹⁰"For cross to the coastlands of Kittim and see, And send to Kedar and observe closely And see if they have seen such a thing as this!

¹¹"Has a nation changed gods When they did not even prove gods? But My people have changed their glory For that which does not profit.

¹²"Feel amazement, O heavens, at this, And shudder, become very desolate," declares the LORD.

¹³"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.

¹⁴"Has Israel become a slave? Or has he become a homeborn servant? Why has he become a prey?

¹⁵"The young lions have roared at him, They have roared loudly And they have made his land a waste; His cities have fallen into destruction, without inhabitant.

¹⁶"Also the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes Have shaved the crown of your head.

¹⁷"Have you not done this to yourself By your forsaking the LORD your God When He led you in the way?

¹⁸"But now what have you done on the road to Egypt, To drink the waters of the Nile? Or what have you done on the road to Assyria, To drink the waters of the Euphrates?

¹⁹"Your own wickedness will correct you, And your apostasies will reprove you; Know therefore and see that it has become evil and bitter For you to forsake the LORD your God, And you do not have the dread of Me in you," declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

²⁰"For long ago I broke your yoke And tore off your bonds; But you said, 'I will not serve!' For on every high hill And under every green tree You have lain down as a harlot.

²¹"Yet I planted you a choice vine, A completely faithful seed How then have you turned yourself before Me Into the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?

²²"Although you wash yourself with lye And use much soap, The stain of your iniquity has come before Me," declares the Lord GOD.

²³"How can you say, 'I have not defiled myself, I have not gone after the Baals'? Look at your way in the valley! Know what you have done! You resemble a swift young camel entangling her ways,

²⁴"A wild donkey accustomed to the wilderness, That sniffs the wind in her passion. In the time of her heat who can turn her away? All who seek her will not become weary; In her month they will find her.

²⁵"Keep your feet from becoming unshod And your throat from thirst; But you said, 'I find it hopeless! No! For I have loved strangers, And after them I will walk.'

²⁶"As the thief receives shame when they discover him, So the house of Israel receives shame; They, their kings, their princes And their priests and their prophets,

²⁷"Who say to a tree, 'I consider you my father,' And to a stone, 'You gave me birth.' For they have turned their back to Me, And not their face; But in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise and save us.'

²⁸"But where do you find your gods Which you made for yourself? Let them arise, if they can save you In the time of your trouble; For according to the number of your cities They have become your gods, O Judah.

²⁹"Why do you contend with Me? You have all transgressed against Me," declares the LORD.

³⁰"In vain I have struck your sons; They accepted no chastening Your sword has devoured your prophets Like a destroying lion.

³¹"O generation, heed the word of the LORD. Have I appeared a wilderness to Israel, Or a

land of thick darkness? Why do My people say, We feel free to roam; We will no longer come to You'?

³²"Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me Days without number.

³³"How well you prepare your way To seek love! Therefore even the wicked women You have taught your ways.

³⁴"Also on your skirts we find The lifeblood of the innocent poor; You did not find them breaking in. But in spite of all these things,

³⁵Yet you said, 'I consider myself innocent; Surely His anger turns away from me.' Behold, I will enter into judgment with you Because you say, 'I have not sinned.'

³⁶"Why do you go around so much Changing your way? Also, Egypt will put you to shame As Assyria put you to shame.

³⁷"From this place also you will go out With your hands on your head; For the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust, And you will not prosper with them."

Jeremiah 3

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The Polluted Land

¹God says, "If a husband divorces his wife And she goes from him And belongs to another man, Will he still return to her? Will not that land become completely polluted? But you have acted like a harlot with many lovers; Yet you turn to Me," declares the LORD.

²"Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see; Where have you not received violation? By the roads you have sat for them Like an Arab in the desert, And you have polluted a land With your harlotry and with your wickedness.

³"Therefore I have withheld the showers, And there has come no spring rain Yet you had a harlot's forehead; You refused to have shame.

⁴"Have you not just now called to Me, ' My Father, I consider you the friend of my youth?'

⁵Will He have anger forever? Will He have indignity to the end?' Behold, you have spoken And have done evil things, And you have had your way."

Faithless Israel

⁶Then the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she acted as a harlot there.

⁷" I thought, 'After she has done all these things she will return to Me'; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

⁸"And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and acted as a harlot also.

⁹"Because of the lightness of her harlotry, she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.

¹⁰"Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception," declares the LORD.

God Invites Repentance

¹¹And the LORD said to me, "Faithless Israel has proved herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

¹²"Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD; 'I will not look upon you in anger For I show graciousness,' declares the LORD; 'I will not remain angry forever.

¹³Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God And have scattered your favors to the strangers under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' declares the LORD.

¹⁴"Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD;' For I serve as a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.'

¹⁵"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

¹⁶"It shall come to pass in those days when you multiply and increased in the land," declares the LORD, "they will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' And it will not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor will they miss it, nor will they ever make it again.

¹⁷"At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the LORD,' and all the nations will gather to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the LORD; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

¹⁸" In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance.

¹⁹"Then I said, 'How I would set you among My sons And give you a pleasant land, The most beautiful inheritance of the nations!' And I said, 'You shall call Me, My Father, And not turn away from following Me.'

²⁰"Surely, as a woman treacherously departs from her lover, So you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel," declares the LORD.

²¹ We hear a voice on the bare heights, The weeping and the supplications of the sons of Israel; Because they have perverted their way, They have forgotten the LORD their God.

²²"Return, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to You; For we acknowledge You as the LORD our God.

²³"Surely, the hills have proved a deception, A tumult on the mountains Surely in the LORD our God We find the salvation of Israel.

²⁴"But the shameful thing has consumed the labor of our fathers since our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

²⁵"Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

Jeremiah 4

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Judah Threatened with Invasion

¹"If you will return, O Israel," declares the LORD, "Then you should return to Me. And if you will put away your detested things from My presence, And will not waver,

²And you will swear, 'As the LORD lives,' In truth, in justice and in righteousness; Then the nations will bless themselves in Him, And in Him they will glory."

³For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.

⁴"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD. And remove the foreskins of your heart, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Or else My wrath will go forth like fire. And burn with none to quench it, Because of the evil of your deeds."

⁵Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say, "Blow the trumpet in the land; Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves, and let us go Into the fortified cities.'

⁶"Lift up a standard toward Zion! Seek refuge, do not stand still, For I bring evil from the north, And great destruction.

⁷"A lion has gone up from his thicket, And a destroyer of nations has set out; He has gone out from his place To make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruin Without inhabitant.

⁸"For this, put on sackcloth, Lament and wail; For the fierce anger of the LORD Has not turned back from us."

⁹"It shall come about in that day," declares the LORD, "that the heart of the king and the heart of the princes will fail; and the priests will seem appalled and the prophets will feel astounded."

¹⁰Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Surely You have utterly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You will have peace'; whereas a sword touches the throat."

¹¹In that time someone will say to this people and to Jerusalem, "A scorching wind from the bare heights in the wilderness in the direction of the daughter of My people--not to winnow and not to cleanse,

¹²a wind too strong for this--will come at My command; now I will also pronounce judgments against them.

¹³"Behold, he goes up like clouds, And his chariots like the whirlwind; His horses seem swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we have fallen into ruin!"

¹⁴Wash your heart from evil, O Jerusalem, That you may receive salvation. How long will your wicked thoughts Lodge within you?

¹⁵For a voice declares from Dan, And proclaims wickedness from Mount Ephraim.

¹⁶"Report it to the nations, now! Proclaim over Jerusalem, 'Besiegers come from a far country, And lift their voices against the cities of Judah.

¹⁷'Like watchmen of a field they encompass her round about, Because she has rebelled against Me,' declares the LORD.

¹⁸"Your ways and your deeds Have brought these things to you This represents your evil How bitter! How it has touched your heart!"

Lament over Judah's Devastation

¹⁹My soul, my soul! I feel anguished! Oh, my heart! My heart pounds in me; I cannot keep silent, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war.

²⁰Disaster on disaster has become proclaimed, For the whole land has become devastated; Suddenly my tents have become devastated, My curtains in an instant.

²¹How long must I see the standard And hear the sound of the trumpet?

²²" For My people prove themselves foolish, They know Me not; They behave like stupid children And have no understanding They show themselves shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."

²³I looked on the earth, and behold, it looked formless and void; And to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and behold, they quaked, And all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and behold, no man existed, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

²⁶I looked, and behold, the fruitful land had become a wilderness, And all its cities had crumbled Before the LORD, before His fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the LORD, "The whole land shall become desolate, Yet I will not execute a complete destruction.

²⁸"For this the earth shall mourn And the heavens above become dark, Because I have spoken, I have purposed, And I will not change My mind, nor will I turn from it."

²⁹At the sound of the horseman and bowman every city flees; They go into the thickets and climb among the rocks; Every city has become forsaken, And no man dwells in them.

³⁰And you, O desolate one, what will you do? Although you dress in scarlet, Although you decorate yourself with ornaments of gold, Although you enlarge your eyes with paint, In vain you make yourself beautiful Your lovers despise you; They seek your life.

³¹For I heard a cry as of a woman in labor, The anguish as of one giving birth to her first child, The cry of the daughter of Zion gasping for breath, Stretching out her hands, saying, "Ah, woe to me, for I faint before murderers."

Jeremiah 5

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Jerusalem's Godlessness

¹"Roam to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, And look now and take note And seek in her open squares, If you can find a man, If we can find one who does justice, who seeks truth, Then I will pardon her.

²"And although they say, 'As the LORD lives,' Surely they swear falsely."

³O LORD, do not Your eyes look for truth? You have smitten them, But they did not weaken; You have consumed them, But they refused to take correction They have made their faces harder than rock; They have refused to repent.

⁴Then I said, "They represent only the poor, They act foolishly; For they do not know the way of the LORD Or the ordinance of their God.

⁵"I will go to the great And will speak to them, For they know the way of the LORD And the ordinance of their God " But they too, with one accord, have broken the yoke And burst the bonds.

⁶Therefore a lion from the forest will slay them, A wolf of the deserts will destroy them, A leopard watches their cities Everyone who goes out of them will become torn in pieces, Because their transgressions have become many, Their apostasies have become numerous.

⁷"Why should I pardon you? Your sons have forsaken Me And sworn by those who cannot act as gods When I had fed them to the full, They committed adultery And trooped to the harlot's house.

⁸"They resembled well-fed lusty horses, Each one neighing after his neighbor's wife.

⁹"Shall I not punish these people," declares the LORD, "And on a nation such as this Shall I not avenge Myself?"

¹⁰"Go up through her vine rows and destroy, But do not execute a complete destruction; Strip away her branches, For they do not belong to the LORD.

¹¹"For the house of Israel and the house of Judah Have dealt very treacherously with Me," declares the LORD.

¹²They have lied about the LORD And said, " Not He; Misfortune will not come on us, And we will not see sword or famine.

¹³"The prophets seem like wind, And the word does not reside in them. Thus it will happen to them!"

Judgment Proclaimed

¹⁴Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, "Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I make My words in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.

¹⁵"Behold, I bring a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel," declares the LORD "It looks like an enduring nation, It looks like an ancient nation, A nation whose language you do not know, Nor can you understand what they say.

¹⁶"Their quiver resembles an open grave, All of them we consider mighty men.

¹⁷"They will devour your harvest and your food; They will devour your sons and your

daughters; They will devour your flocks and your herds; They will devour your vines and your fig trees; They will demolish with the sword your fortified cities in which you trust.

¹⁸"Yet even in those days," declares the LORD, "I will not make you a complete destruction.

¹⁹"It shall come about when they say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' then you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you will serve strangers in a land that does not belong to you.'

²⁰"Declare this in the house of Jacob And proclaim it in Judah, saying,

²¹"Now hear this, O foolish and senseless people, Who have eyes but do not see; Who have ears but do not hear.

²²"Do you not fear Me?" declares the LORD 'Do you not tremble in My presence? For I have placed the sand as a boundary for the sea, An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it. Though the waves toss, yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it.

²³"But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; They have turned aside and departed.

²⁴"They do not say in their heart,"Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain in its season, Both the autumn rain and the spring rain, Who keeps for us The appointed weeks of the harvest."

²⁵Your iniquities have turned these away, And your sins have withheld good from you.

²⁶"For wicked men dwell among My people, They watch like fowlers lying in wait; They set a trap, They catch men.

²⁷"Like a cage full of birds, So their houses fill with deceit; Therefore they have become great and rich.

²⁸"They look fat, they look sleek, They also excel in deeds of wickedness; They do not plead the cause, The cause of the orphan, that they may prosper; And they do not defend the rights of the poor.

²⁹"Shall I not punish these people?" declares the LORD, 'On a nation such as this Shall I not avenge Myself?'

³⁰"An appalling and horrible thing Has happened in the land:

³¹"The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule on their own authority; And My people love it so! But what will you do at the end of it?

Jeremiah 6

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Destruction of Jerusalem Impending

¹"Flee for safety, O sons of Benjamin, From the midst of Jerusalem! Now blow a trumpet in Tekoa And raise a signal over Beth-haccerem; For evil looks down from the north, And a great destruction.

²"The comely and dainty one, the daughter of Zion, I will cut off.

³" Shepherds and their flocks will come to her, They will pitch their tents around her, They will pasture each in his place.

⁴"Prepare war against her; Arise, and let us attack at noon. Woe to us, for the day declines, For the shadows of the evening lengthen!

⁵"Arise, and let us attack by night And destroy her palaces!"

⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts, "Cut down her trees And cast up a siege against Jerusalem This city will receive punishment, In whose midst one sees only oppression.

⁷"As a well keeps its waters fresh, So she keeps fresh her wickedness People hear violence and destruction in her; I see sickness and wounds ever before Me.

⁸"Consider yourself warned, O Jerusalem, Or I shall feel alienated from you, And make you a desolation, A land not inhabited."

⁹Thus says the LORD of hosts, "They will thoroughly glean as the vine the remnant of Israel; Pass your hand again like a grape gatherer Over the branches."

¹⁰To whom shall I speak and give warning That they may hear? Behold, their ears have closed And they cannot listen Behold, the word of the LORD has become a reproach to them; They have no delight in it.

¹¹But I have become full of the wrath of the LORD; I feel weary with holding it in "Pour it out on the children in the street And on the gathering of young men together; For they shall take both husband and wife, The aged and the very old.

¹²"Their houses shall become turned over to others, Their fields and their wives together; For I will stretch out My hand Against the inhabitants of the land," declares the LORD.

¹³"For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone has become greedy for gain, And from the prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely.

¹⁴"They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But no peace occurs.

¹⁵"Did they have shame because of the abomination they have done? They didn't even seem ashamed at all; They did not even know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time that I punish them, They shall become cast down," says the LORD.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where you see the good way, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

¹⁷"And I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

¹⁸"Therefore hear, O nations, And know, O congregation, what appears among them.

¹⁹"Hear, O earth: behold, I bring disaster on this people, The fruit of their plans, Because they have not listened to My words, And as for My law, they have rejected it also.

²⁰"For what purpose does frankincense come to Me from Sheba And the sweet cane from a distant land? Your burnt offerings I do not accept And your sacrifices I do not find pleasing to Me."

²¹Therefore, thus says the LORD, "Behold, I lay stumbling blocks before this people And they will stumble against them, Fathers and sons together; Neighbor and friend will perish."

The Enemy from the North

²²Thus says the LORD, "Behold, a people comes from the north land, And a great nation will become aroused from the remote parts of the earth.

²³"They seize bow and spear; They seem cruel and have no mercy; Their voice roars like the sea, And they ride on horses, Arrayed as a man for the battle Against you, O daughter of Zion!"

²⁴We have heard the report of it; Our hands have gone limp Anguish has seized us, Pain as of a woman in childbirth.

²⁵Do not go out into the field And do not walk on the road, For the enemy has a sword, Terror appears on every side.

²⁶O daughter of my people, put on sackcloth And roll in ashes; Mourn as for an only son, A lamentation most bitter. For suddenly the destroyer Will come upon us.

²⁷"I have made you an assayer and a tester among My people, That you may know and assay their way."

²⁸All of them I consider stubbornly rebellious, Going about as a talebearer They resemble bronze and iron; They, all of them, have corrupted themselves.

²⁹The bellows blow fiercely, Fire consumes the lead ;In vain the refining goes on, But the wicked do not separate.

³⁰They call them rejected silver, Because the LORD has rejected them.

Jeremiah 7

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Message at the Temple Gate

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

²" Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house and proclaim there this word and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!'"

³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, " Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

⁴"Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ' We secure ourselves in the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'

⁵"For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor,

⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin,

⁷then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

⁸"Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail.

⁹"Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known,

¹⁰then come and stand before Me in this house, which you call by My name, and say, 'God has delivered us!'--that you may do all these abominations?

¹¹"Has this house, which you call by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares the LORD.

¹²"But go now to My place which located in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

¹³"And now, because you have done all these things," declares the LORD, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer,

¹⁴therefore, I will do to the house which you call by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

¹⁵"I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim.

¹⁶"As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

¹⁷"Do you not see 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 for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me.

¹⁹"Do they spite Me?" declares the LORD "Do they not spite themselves to their own shame?"

²⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, My anger and My wrath will pour out on this place, on man and on beast and on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not quench."

²¹Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh.

²²"For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

²³"But this I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will serve as your God, and you will become My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may go well with you.'

²⁴"Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

²⁵"Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them.

²⁶"Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck; they did more evil than their fathers.

²⁷"You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you.

²⁸"You shall say to them, 'This nation did not obey the voice of the LORD their God or accept correction; truth has perished and has disappeared from their mouth.

²⁹ Cut off your hair and cast it away, And take up a lamentation on the bare heights; For the LORD has rejected and forsaken The generation of His wrath.'

³⁰"For the sons of Judah have done evil in My sight," declares the LORD, "they have set their detestable things in the house which you call by My name, to defile it.

³¹"They have built the high places of Topheth, which lies in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind.

³²" Therefore, behold, days come," declares the LORD, "when it will no longer have the name of Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth because they can find no other place.

³³"The dead bodies of this people will become food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten them away.

³⁴"Then I will make to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land will become a ruin.

Jeremiah 8

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The Sin and Treachery of Judah

¹"At that time," declares the LORD, "they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves.

²"They will spread them out to the sun, the moon and to all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served, and which they have gone after and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped no one will gather or bury them; they will appear as dung on the face of the ground.

³"And the remnant that remains of this evil family will choose death rather than life that remains of this evil family, that remains in all the places to which I have driven them," declares the LORD of hosts.

⁴"You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do men fall and not get up again? Does one turn away and not repent?"

⁵"Why then has this people, Jerusalem, Turned away in continual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return.

⁶"I have listened and heard, They have spoken what we know as incorrect; No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turned to his course, Like a horse charging into the battle.

⁷"Even the stork in the sky Knows her seasons; And the turtledove and the swift and the thrush Observe the time of their migration; But My people do not know The ordinance of the LORD.

⁸" How can you say, 'We consider ourselves wise, And the law of the LORD we have with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes Has made it into a lie.

⁹"The wise men find themselves put to shame, They feel dismayed and caught; Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, And what kind of wisdom do they have?"

¹⁰"Therefore I will give their wives to others, Their fields to new owners; Because from the least even to the greatest Everyone has greed for gain; From the prophet even to the priest Everyone practices deceit.

¹¹"They heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there comes no peace.

¹²"Did they feel ashamed because of the abomination they had done? They certainly did not feel ashamed, And they did not know how to blush; Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time of their punishment people shall bring them down," Says the LORD.

¹³"I will surely snatch them away," declares the LORD; "There will grow no grapes on the vine And no figs on the fig tree, And the leaf will wither; And what I have given them will pass away.""

¹⁴"Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities And let us perish there, Because the LORD our God has doomed us And given us poisoned water to drink, For we have sinned against the LORD.

¹⁵"We waited for peace, but no good came; For a time of healing, but behold, terror!"

¹⁶"From Dan we heard the snorting of his horses; At the sound of the neighing of his stallions The whole land quakes; For they come and devour the land and its fullness, The city and its inhabitants.

¹⁷"For behold, I send serpents against you, Adders, for which no one can charm, And they will bite you," declares the LORD.

¹⁸"My sorrow has gone beyond healing, My heart feels faint within me!"

¹⁹Behold, listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land: "Does not the LORD live in Zion? Do we not find her King not within her?" "Why have they provoked Me with their graven images, with foreign idols?"

²⁰"Harvest has passed, summer has ended, And we do not have salvation."

²¹For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I feel broken; I mourn, dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Do we find no balm in Gilead? Do we find no physician there? Why then has not the health of the daughter of my people improved?

Jeremiah 9

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A Lament over Zion

¹ Oh that my head consisted of waters And my eyes 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 desert A wayfarers' lodging place; That I might leave my people And go from them! For all of them behave like adulterers, An assembly of treacherous men.

³"They bend their tongue like their bow; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD.

⁴"Let everyone stay on guard against his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; Because every brother deals craftily, And every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.

⁵"Everyone deceives his neighbor And does not speak the truth, They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves committing iniquity.

⁶"Your dwelling stands in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," declares the LORD.

⁷Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I will refine them and assay them; For what else can I do, because of the daughter of My people?"

⁸"Their tongue resembles a deadly arrow; It speaks deceit; With his mouth one speaks peace to his neighbor, But inwardly he sets an ambush for him.

⁹" Shall I not punish them for these things?" declares the LORD. "On a nation such as this Shall I not avenge Myself?"

¹⁰"For the mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing, And for the pastures of the wilderness a dirge, Because they lay waste so that no one passes through, And the lowing of the cattle no one can hear; Both the birds of the sky and the beasts have fled; they have gone.

¹¹"I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, A haunt of jackals; And I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant."

¹²Where can we find the wise man that may understand this? And who do we find to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? Why has the land suffered ruin, laid waste like a desert, so that no one passes through?

¹³The LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice nor walked according to it,

¹⁴but have walked after the stubbornness of their heart and after the Baals, as their fathers taught them,"

¹⁵therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood and give them poisoned water to drink.

¹⁶"I will scatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them until I have annihilated them."

¹⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider and call for the mourning women, that they may come; And send for the wailing women, that they may come!

¹⁸"Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, That our eyes may shed tears And our eyelids flow with water.

¹⁹"For a voice of wailing we hear from Zion, ' How have we become ruined! We feel great shame, For we have left the land, Because they have cast down our dwellings.'"

²⁰Now hear the word of the LORD, O you women, And let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, And everyone her neighbor a dirge.

²¹For death has come up through our windows; It has entered our palaces To cut off the children from the streets, The young men from the town squares.

²²Speak, "Thus says the LORD, 'The corpses of men will fall like dung on the open field, And like the sheaf after the reaper, But no one will gather them.'"

²³Thus says the LORD, " Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not the rich man boast of his riches;

²⁴but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I proclaim myself the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

²⁵"Behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "that I will punish all who consider themselves circumcised and yet behave as uncircumcised--

²⁶Egypt and Judah, and Edom and the sons of Ammon, and Moab and all those inhabiting the desert who clip the hair on their temples; for all the nations remain uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel seem uncircumcised of heart."

Jeremiah 10

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A Satire on Idolatry

¹Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.

²Thus says the LORD, " Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not feel terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations have feared them;

³For the customs of the peoples appear as delusion; Because it resembles wood cut from the forest, The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.

⁴"They decorate it with silver and with gold; They fasten it with nails and with hammers So that it will not totter.

⁵"Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field do they appear, And they cannot speak; They must carry them, Because they cannot walk! Do not fear them, For they can do no harm, Nor can they do any good."

⁶None compares to You, O LORD; We acknowledge You as great, and acknowledge Your name as great in might.

⁷Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed it will become Your due! For among all the wise men of the nations And in all their kingdoms, None can compare to You.

⁸But they seem altogether stupid and foolish In their discipline of delusion--their idol consists of wood!

⁹Beaten silver they bring from Tarshish, And gold from Uphaz, The work of a craftsman and of the hands of a goldsmith; Violet and purple appear their clothing; They all consist of the work of skilled men.

¹⁰But the LORD remains the true God; He we acknowledge as the living God and the everlasting King At His wrath the earth quakes, And the nations cannot endure His indignation.

¹¹Thus you shall say to them, "The gods that did not make the heavens and the earth will perish from the earth and from under the heavens."

¹²He made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.

¹³When He utters His voice, we find a tumult of waters in the heavens, And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain, And brings out the wind from His storehouses.

¹⁴Every man seems stupid, devoid of knowledge; Every goldsmith puts himself to shame by his idols; For his molten images we regard as deceitful, And we find no breath in them.

¹⁵They seem worthless, a work of mockery; In the time of their punishment they will perish.

¹⁶The portion of Jacob does not resemble these; For the Maker of all we acknowledge Him, And Israel we name as the tribe of His inheritance; The LORD of hosts we call His name.

¹⁷Pick up your bundle from the ground, You who dwell under siege!

¹⁸For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I sling out the inhabitants of the land At this time, And will cause them distress, That they may find themselves."

¹⁹Woe to me, because of my injury! My wound seems incurable But I said, "Truly this appears as a sickness, And I must bear it."

²⁰My tent has become destroyed, And all my ropes break; My sons have gone from me and I find them no more I find no one to stretch out my tent again Or to set up my curtains.

²¹For the shepherds have become stupid And have not sought the LORD; Therefore they have not prospered, And all their flock has scattered.

²²The sound of a report! Behold, it comes-- A great commotion out of the land of the north— To make the cities of Judah A desolation, a haunt of jackals.

²³I know, O LORD, that a man cannot find his way in himself, Nor does man walk to direct his steps.

²⁴Correct me, O LORD, but with justice; Not with Your anger, or You will bring me to nothing.

²⁵Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You And on the families that do not call Your name; For they have devoured Jacob; They have devoured him and consumed him And have laid waste his habitation.

Jeremiah 11

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The Broken Covenant

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

²" Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

³and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, " God curses the man who does not heed the words of this covenant

⁴which I commanded your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, ' Listen to My voice, and do according to all which I command you; so you shall become My people, and I will serve as your God,'

⁵in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it has occurred this day "" Then I said, " Amen, O LORD."

⁶And the LORD said to 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.

⁷For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them up from the land of Egypt, even to this day, warning persistently, saying, "Listen to My voice."

⁸Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked, each one, in the stubbornness of his evil heart; therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not."

⁹Then the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy we have found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁰"They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors 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."

¹¹Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold I bring disaster on them which they will not have the ability to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them.

¹²"Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they surely will not save them in the time of their disaster.

¹³"For your gods seem as many as your cities, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal.

¹⁴"Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

¹⁵"What right has My beloved in My house When she has done many vile deeds? Can the sacrificial flesh take away from you your disaster, So that you can rejoice?"

¹⁶The LORD called your name, "A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form"; With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, And its branches have become worthless.

¹⁷The LORD of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me by offering up sacrifices to Baal.

Plots against Jeremiah

¹⁸Moreover, the LORD made it known to me and I knew it; Then You showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I resembled a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; And I did not know that they had devised plots against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, And let us cut him off from the land of the living, That we remember his name no more."

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, Who tries the feelings and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You have I committed my cause.

²¹Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, "Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, so that you will not die at our hand";

²²therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I will soon punish them! The young men will die by the sword, their sons and daughters will die by famine;

²³and a remnant will not remain to them, for I will bring disaster on the men of Anathoth-- the year of their punishment."

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Jeremiah's Prayer

¹ Righteous we consider You, O LORD, that I would plead my case with You; Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You: Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why do all those who deal in treachery remain at ease?

² You have planted them, they have also taken root; They grow, they have even produced fruit You lie near to their lips But far from their mind.

³ But You know me, O LORD; You see me; And You examine my heart's attitude toward You Drag them off like sheep for the slaughter And set them apart for a day of carnage!

⁴ How long will the land mourn And the vegetation of the countryside to wither?

For the wickedness of those who dwell in it, Animals and birds intruders have snatched away, Because men have said, "He will not see our latter ending."

⁵ "If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out, Then how can you compete with horses? If you fall down in a land of peace, How will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?"

⁶ "For even your brothers and the household of your father, Even they have dealt treacherously with you, Even they have cried aloud after you Do not believe them, although they may say nice things to you."

God's Answer

⁷ "I have forsaken My house, I have abandoned My inheritance; I have given the beloved of My soul Into the hand of her enemies.

⁸ "My inheritance has become to Me Like a lion in the forest; She has roared against Me; Therefore I have come to hate her.

⁹ "Has My inheritance become like a speckled bird of prey to Me? Do the birds of prey come against her on every side? Go, gather all the beasts of the field, Bring them to devour!

¹⁰ "Many shepherds have ruined My vineyard, They have trampled down My field; They have made My pleasant field A desolate wilderness.

¹¹ "It has fallen into desolation, Desolate, it mourns before Me; The whole land has fallen into desolation, Because no man lays it to heart.

¹² "On all the bare heights in the wilderness Destroyers have come, For a sword of the LORD devours From one end of the land even to the other; We observe no peace for anyone.

¹³ "They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns, They have strained themselves to no profit But have shame for your harvest Because of the fierce anger of the LORD."

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD concerning all My wicked neighbors who strike at the inheritance with which I have endowed My people Israel, "Behold I will soon uproot them from their land and will uproot the house of Judah from among them.

¹⁵"And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will again have compassion on them; and I will bring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.

¹⁶"Then if they will really learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' even as they taught My people to swear by Baal, they have built it up in the midst of My people.

¹⁷"But if they will not listen, then I will uproot that nation, uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 13

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The Ruined Waistband

¹Thus the LORD said to me, "Go and buy yourself a linen waistband and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water."

²So I bought the waistband in accordance with the word of the LORD and put it around my waist.

³Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying,

⁴"Take the waistband that you have bought, which you have around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates and hide it there in a crevice of the rock."

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

⁶After many days the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates and take from there the waistband which I commanded you to hide there."

⁷Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the waistband from the place where I had hidden it; and lo, the waistband had become ruined, it had become totally worthless.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁹"Thus says the LORD, 'Just so will I destroy the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.

¹⁰This wicked people, who refuse to listen to My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts and have gone after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, let them resemble this waistband which has become totally worthless.

¹¹For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah cling to Me,' declares the LORD, 'that they might become for Me a people, for renown, for praise and for glory; but they did not listen.'

Captivity Threatened

¹²"Therefore you will speak this word to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every jug you will fill with wine.'" And when they say to you, 'Do we not very well know that we will fill every jug with wine?'

¹³then say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold I will soon fill all the inhabitants of this land—the kings that sit for David on his throne, the priests, the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness!

¹⁴"I will dash them against each other, both the fathers and the sons together," declares the LORD "I will not show pity nor have sorrow nor have compassion so as not to destroy them."""

¹⁵Listen and give heed, do not show haughtiness, For the LORD has spoken.

¹⁶Give glory to the LORD your God, Before He brings darkness And before your feet stumble On the dusky mountains, And while you hope for light He makes it into deep darkness, And turns it into gloom.

¹⁷But if you will not listen to it, My soul will sob in secret for such pride; And my eyes will bitterly weep And flow down with tears, Because the flock of the LORD an enemy has taken captive.

¹⁸Say to the king and the queen mother, " Take a lowly seat, For your beautiful crown Has come down from your head."

¹⁹The cities of the Negev have become locked up, And no one will open them; All Judah's captors have taken her into exile, Wholly carried into exile.

²⁰"Lift up your eyes and see Those coming from the north Where do we find the flock that received, Your beautiful sheep?

²¹"What will you say when He appoints over you-- And you yourself had taught them— Former companions will rule over you? Will not pangs take hold of you Like a woman in childbirth?

²²"If you say in your heart, ' Why have these things happened to me?' Because of the magnitude of your iniquity Your skirts have become removed And your heels you have exposed.

²³" Can the Ethiopian change his skin Or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good Who have the habit to do evil.

²⁴"Therefore I will scatter them like drifting straw To the desert wind.

²⁵"This has become your lot, the portion measured to you From Me," declares the LORD, "Because you have forgotten Me And trusted in falsehood.

²⁶"So I Myself have also stripped your skirts off over your face, That people may see your shame.

²⁷"As for your adulteries and your lustful neighings, The lewdness of your prostitution On the hills in the field, I have seen your abominations Woe to you, O Jerusalem! How long will you remain unclean?"

Jeremiah 14

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Drought and a Prayer for Mercy

¹That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah in regard to the drought:

²"Judah mourns And her gates languish; They sit on the ground in mourning, And the cry of Jerusalem has ascended.

³"Their nobles have sent their servants for water; They have come to the cisterns and found no water They have returned with their vessels empty; They have fallen into shame and humiliation, And they cover their heads.

⁴"Because the ground cracks, For there has fallen no rain on the land; The farmers have fallen into shame, They have covered their heads.

⁵"For even the doe in the field has given birth only to abandon her young, Because they find no grass.

⁶"The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights; They pant for air like jackals, Their eyes fail For no vegetation appears.

⁷"Although our iniquities testify against us, O LORD, act for Your name's sake! Truly our apostasies have multiplied, We have sinned against You.

⁸"O Hope of Israel, Its Savior in time of distress, Why have You become like a stranger in the land Or like a traveler who has pitched his tent for the night?

⁹"Why have You become like a man dismayed, Like a mighty man who cannot save? Yet You dwell in our midst, O LORD, And we call ourselves by Your name; Do not forsake us!"

¹⁰Thus says the LORD to this people, "Even so they have loved to wander; they have not kept their feet in check Therefore the LORD does not accept them; now He will remember their iniquity and call their sins to account."

¹¹So the LORD said to me, " Do not pray for the welfare of this people.

¹²"When they fast, I will not listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them Rather I will make an end of them by the sword, famine and pestilence."

False Prophets

¹³But, "Ah, Lord GOD!" I said, "Look, the prophets tell them, 'You will not see the sword nor will you have famine, but I will give you lasting peace in this place.'"

¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy falsehood in My name I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds.

¹⁵"Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, although I did not send them--yet they keep saying, 'There will come no sword or famine in this land'-- by sword and famine those prophets shall meet their end!

¹⁶"The people also to whom they prophesy people will throw them out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and no one will bury them--neither them, nor their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters--for I will pour out their own wickedness on them.

¹⁷"You will say this word to them, 'Let my eyes flow down with tears night and day, And let them not cease; For the virgin daughter of my people has become crushed with a mighty blow, With a sorely infected wound.

¹⁸"If I go out to the country, Behold, those slain with the sword! Or if I enter the city, Behold, diseases of famine! For both prophet and priest Have gone roving about in the land that they do not know."

¹⁹"Have You completely rejected Judah? Or have You loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us so that we have gone beyond healing? We waited for peace, but nothing good came; And for a time of healing, but behold, terror!

²⁰"We know our wickedness, O LORD, The iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against You.

²¹"Do not despise us, for Your own name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory; Remember and do not annul Your covenant with us.

²²"Do any among the idols of the nations give rain? Or can the heavens grant showers? Do we not acknowledge You, O LORD our God? Therefore we hope in You, For You who have done all these things.

Jeremiah 15

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Judgment Must Come

¹Then the LORD said to me, "Even though Moses and Samuel would stand before Me, My heart would not attend to this people; send them away from My presence and let them go!

²"And it shall come to pass that when they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you will tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Those destined for death, to death; And those destined for the sword, to the sword; And those destined for famine, to famine; And those destined for captivity, to captivity."

³"I will appoint over them four kinds of doom," declares the LORD: "the sword to slay, the dogs to drag off, and the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

⁴"I will make them an object of horror among all the kingdoms of the earth because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

⁵"Indeed, who will have pity on you, O Jerusalem, Or who will mourn for you, Or who will

turn aside to ask about your welfare?

⁶"You who have forsaken Me," declares the LORD, "You keep going backward So I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you; I have become tired of relenting!

⁷"I will winnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy My people; They did not repent of their ways.

⁸"Their widows will grow more numerous before Me Than the sand of the seas; I will bring against them, against the mother of a young man, A destroyer at noonday; I will suddenly bring down on her Anguish and dismay.

⁹"She who bore seven sons pines away; Her breathing has become labored Her sun has set while it remained yet day; She has fallen into shame and humiliation So I will give over their survivors to the sword Before their enemies," declares the LORD.

¹⁰Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me As a man of strife and a man of contention to all the land! I have not lent, nor have men lent money to me, Yet everyone curses me.

¹¹The LORD said, "Surely I will set you free for purposes of good; Surely I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you In a time of disaster and a time of distress.

¹²"Can anyone smash iron, Iron from the north, or bronze?

¹³"Your wealth and your treasures I will give for booty without cost, Even for all your sins And within all your borders.

¹⁴"Then I will cause your enemies to bring it Into a land you do not know; For I have kindled a fire in My anger, It will burn upon you."

Jeremiah's Prayer and God's Answer

¹⁵You who know, O LORD, Remember me, take notice of me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors Do not, in view of Your patience, take me away; Know that for Your sake I endure reproach.

¹⁶Your words I found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For You have called Me by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the circle of merry-makers, Nor did I exult Because of Your hand upon me I sat alone, For You filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why has my pain felt perpetual And my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will You indeed resemble to me like a deceptive stream With water that I find unreliable?

¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD, " If you return, then I will restore you--Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman. They for their part may turn to you, But as for you, you must not turn to them.

²⁰"Then I will make you to this people A fortified wall of bronze; And though they fight against you, They will not prevail over you; For I will stay with you to save you And deliver you," declares the LORD.

²¹"So I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grasp of the violent."

Jeremiah 16

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Distresses Foretold

¹The word of the LORD also came to me saying,

²"You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place."

³For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bear them, and their fathers who beget them in this land:

⁴"They will die of deadly diseases, people will not lament them or bury them; they will seem as dung on the surface of the ground and come to an end by sword and famine, and their carcasses will become food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth."

⁵For thus says the LORD, "Do not enter a house of mourning, or go to lament or to console them; for I have withdrawn My peace from this people," declares the LORD, "My lovingkindness and compassion.

⁶"Both great men and small will die in this land; people will not bury them or lament them, nor will anyone gash himself or shave his head for them.

⁷"Men will not break bread in mourning for them, to comfort anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone's father or mother.

⁸"Moreover you shall not go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink."

⁹For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I intend to eliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride.

¹⁰"Now when you tell this people all these words, they will say to you, ' For what reason has the LORD declared all this great calamity against us? And what kind of iniquity have we committed, or what kind of sin have we committed against the LORD our God?'

¹¹"Then you will say to them, ' Because your forefathers have forsaken Me,' declares the LORD, 'and have followed other gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken and have not kept My law.

¹²"You too have done evil, even more than your forefathers; for behold, you all walk according to the stubbornness of your own evil heart, without listening to Me.

¹³"So I will hurl you out of this land into the land which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will grant you no favor.'

God Will Restore Them

¹⁴"Therefore behold, days will come," declares the LORD, "when people will no longer say, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

¹⁵but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶"Behold, I intend to send for many fishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them; and afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks.

¹⁷"For My eyes fix on all their ways; they do not hide from My face, nor have they concealed their iniquity concealed from My eyes.

¹⁸"I will first doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with their abominations."

¹⁹O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge in the day of distress, To You the nations will come From the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, Futility and things of no profit."

²⁰Can man make gods for himself? Yet you cannot call them gods!

²¹"Therefore behold, I intend to make them know-- This time I will make them know My power and My might; And they shall know My name as the LORD."

Jeremiah 17

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The Deceitful Heart

¹The sin of Judah I have written down with an iron stylus; With a diamond point I have engraved upon the tablet of their heart And on the horns of their altars,

²As they remember their children, So they remember their altars and their Asherim By green trees on the high hills.

³O mountain of Mine in the countryside, I will give over your wealth and all your treasures for booty, Your high places for sin throughout your borders.

⁴And you will, even of yourself, let go of your inheritance That I gave you; And I will make you serve your enemies In the land which you do not know; For you have kindled a fire in My anger Which will burn forever.

⁵Thus says the LORD, " I curse the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶"For he will resemble a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant.

⁷" I bless the man who trusts in the LORD And who trusts in the LORD.

⁸"For he will resemble a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will remain green, And it will not have anxiety in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.

⁹"The heart has more deceit than all else And has become desperately sick; Who can understand it?

¹⁰"I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

¹¹"As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid, Compares to him who makes a fortune, but unjustly; In the midst of his days it will forsake him, And in the end he will end up a fool."

¹² A glorious throne on high from the beginning Do we regard the place of our sanctuary.

¹³O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will fall into to shame Those who turn away on earth I will write down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the LORD.

¹⁴ Heal me, O LORD, and I will receive healing; Save me and I will have salvation, For I regard You as my praise.

¹⁵ Look, they keep saying to me, "Where do we find the word of the LORD? Let it come now!"

¹⁶ But as for me, I have not hurried away from being a shepherd after You, Nor have I longed for the woeful day; You Yourself know that the utterance of my lips Came in Your presence.

¹⁷ Do not become a terror to me; I regard You as my refuge in the day of disaster.

¹⁸ Let those who persecute me fall into shame, but as for me, let me not fall into shame; Let them feel dismayed, but let me not feel dismayed Bring on them a day of disaster, And crush them with twofold destruction!

People Must Keep The Sabbath

¹⁹ Thus the LORD said to me, "Go and stand in the public gate, through which the kings of Judah come in and go out, as well as in all the gates of Jerusalem;

²⁰ and say to them, ' Listen to the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah and all inhabitants of Jerusalem who come in through these gates:

²¹ Thus says the LORD, "Take heed for yourselves, and do not carry any load on the sabbath day or bring anything in through the gates of Jerusalem.

²² "You shall not bring a load out of your houses on the sabbath day nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers.

²³ "Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but stiffened their necks in order not to listen or take correction.

²⁴ "But it will come about, if you listen attentively to Me," declares the LORD, "to bring no load in through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to keep the sabbath day holy by doing no work on it,

²⁵ then there will come in through the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on 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 will have inhabitants forever.

²⁶"They will come in from the cities of Judah and from the environs of Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the LORD.

²⁷"But if you do not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy by not carrying a load and coming in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem and not quench them.""

Jeremiah 18

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The Potter and the Clay

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying,

²"Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will announce My words to you."

³Then I went down to the potter's house, and there I found him, making something on the wheel.

⁴But the vessel that he made of clay has become spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁶"Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so I compare you in My hand, O house of Israel.

⁷"At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it;

⁸ if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

⁹"Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it;

¹⁰if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it.

¹¹"So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I fashion calamity against you and devising a plan against you Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds.'"

¹²"But they will say, ' I find it hopeless! For we intend to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

¹³"Therefore thus says the LORD,' Ask now among the nations, Who ever heard the like of this? The virgin of Israel Has done a most appalling thing.

¹⁴"Does the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the open country? Or has the cold flowing water from a foreign land ever become snatched away?

¹⁵"For My people have forgotten Me, They burn incense to worthless gods And they have stumbled from their ways, From the ancient paths, To walk in bypaths, Not on a highway,

¹⁶To make their land a desolation, An object of perpetual hissing; Everyone who passes by it will feel astonished And shake his head.

¹⁷"Like an east wind I will scatter them Before the enemy; I will show them My back and not My face In the day of their calamity.'"

¹⁸Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah Surely the priest will not lose access to the law, nor counsel to the sage, nor the divine word to the prophet! Come on and let us strike at him with our tongue, and let us give no heed to any of his words."

¹⁹"Do give heed to me, O LORD, And listen to what my opponents say!

²⁰Should people repay good with evil? For they have dug a pit for me Remember how I stood before You To speak good on their behalf, So as to turn away Your wrath from them.

²¹Therefore, give their children over to famine And deliver them up to the power of the sword; And let their wives become childless and widowed Let their men also fall smitten to death, Their young men struck down by the sword in battle.

²²May we hear an outcry from their houses, When You suddenly bring raiders upon them; For they have dug a pit to capture me And hidden snares for my feet.

²³Yet You, O LORD, know All their deadly designs against me; Do not forgive their iniquity Or blot out their sin from Your sight But may they become overthrown before You; Deal with them in the time of Your anger!

Jeremiah 19

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The Broken Jar

¹Thus says the LORD, "Go and buy a potter's earthenware jar, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the senior priests.

²"Then go out to the valley of Ben-hinnom, which lies by the entrance of the potsherd gate, and proclaim there the words that I tell you,

³and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold I intend to bring a calamity upon this place, at which the ears of everyone that hears of it will tingle.

⁴"Because they have forsaken Me and have made this an alien place and have burned sacrifices in it to other gods, that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had ever known, and because they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent

⁵and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, a thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it ever enter My mind;

⁶therefore, behold, days will come," declares the LORD, "when this place will no longer have the name Topheth or the valley of Ben-hinnom, but rather the valley of Slaughter.

⁷"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 those who seek their life; and I will give over their carcasses as food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

⁸"I will also make this city a desolation and an object of hissing; everyone who passes by it will feel astonished and hiss because of all its disasters.

⁹"I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."

¹⁰"Then you will break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you

¹¹and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Just so will I break this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which no one cannot again repair; and they will bury in Topheth because they can find no other place for burial.

¹²" I will treat this place and its inhabitants like this," declares the LORD, "so as to make this city like Topheth.

¹³"The houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah will become defiled like the place Topheth, because of all the houses on whose rooftops they burned sacrifices to all the heavenly host and poured out drink offerings to other gods.'""

¹⁴Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD'S house and said to all the people:

¹⁵"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I intend to bring on this city and all its towns the entire calamity that I have declared against it, because they have stiffened their necks so as not to heed My words.'"

Jeremiah 20

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Pashhur Persecutes Jeremiah

¹When Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who served as chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

²Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put him in the stocks that stood at the upper Benjamin Gate, which stood by the house of the LORD.

³On the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has not called you, but rather Magor-missabib.

⁴"For thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I intend to make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and while your eyes look on, they will fall by the sword of their enemies So I will give over all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them away as exiles to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.

⁵I will also give over all the wealth of this city, all its produce and all its costly things; even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give over to the hand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away and bring them to Babylon.

⁶And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into captivity; and you will enter Babylon, and there you will die and there people will bury you, you and all your friends to whom you have falsely prophesied."

Jeremiah's Complaint

⁷O LORD, You have deceived me and I became deceived; You have overcome me and prevailed I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me.

⁸For each time I speak, I cry aloud; I proclaim violence and destruction, Because for me the word of the LORD has resulted in reproach and derision all day long.

⁹But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I feel weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

¹⁰For I have heard the whispering of many, "Terror on every side! Denounce him; yes, let us denounce him!" All my trusted friends, Watching for my fall, say:"Perhaps he will fall into deception, so that we may prevail against him And take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD stays with me like a dread champion; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail They will feel utterly ashamed, because they have failed, With an everlasting disgrace that people will not forget.

¹²Yet, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous, Who see the mind and the heart; Let me

see Your vengeance on them; For to You I have set forth my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD! For He has delivered the soul of the needy one From the hand of evildoers.

¹⁴ Cursed I consider the day when my birth occurred; Let the day not receive blessing when my mother bore me!

¹⁵ I curse the man who brought the news To my father, saying, " You have a new baby boy born to you !" And made him very happy.

¹⁶ But let that man resemble the cities Which the LORD overthrew without relenting, And let him hear an outcry in the morning And a shout of alarm at noon;

¹⁷ Because he did not kill me before birth, So that my mother would have become my grave, And her womb ever pregnant.

¹⁸ Why did I ever come forth from the womb To look on trouble and sorrow, So that I have spent my days in shame?

Jeremiah 21

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Jeremiah's Message for Zedekiah

¹ The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

² "Please inquire of the LORD on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon wars against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful acts, so that the enemy will withdraw from us."

³ Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall say to Zedekiah as follows:

⁴ Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Behold, I intend to turn back the weapons of war which you hold in your hands, with which you war against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the wall; and I will gather them into the center of this city.

⁵ "I Myself will war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in anger and wrath and great indignation.

⁶ "I will also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence.

⁷ "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, " I will give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion."

⁸"You shall also say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

⁹"He who dwells in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence; but he who goes out and falls away to the Chaldeans who besiege you will live, and he will have his own life as booty.

¹⁰"For I have set My face against this city for harm and not for good," declares the LORD "I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it with fire."

¹¹"Then say to the household of the king of Judah, 'Hear the word of the LORD,

¹²O house of David, thus says the LORD: " Administer justice every morning; And deliver the person who has become robbed from the power of his oppressor, That My wrath may not go forth like fire And burn with none to extinguish it, Because of the evil of their deeds.

¹³"Behold, I declare myself against you, O valley dweller, O rocky plain," declares the LORD, "You men who say, ' Who will come down against us? Or who will enter into our habitations?'

¹⁴"But I will punish you according to the results of your deeds," declares the LORD," And I will kindle a fire in its forest That it may devour all its environs."""

Jeremiah 22

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Warning of Jerusalem's Fall

¹Thus says the LORD, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word

²and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on David's throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates.

³Thus says the LORD, "Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one whom the oppressor has robbed. Also do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

⁴"For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then kings will enter the gates of this house, sitting in David's place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, even the king himself and his servants and his people.

⁵" But if you will not obey these words, I swear by Myself," declares the LORD, "that this house will become a desolation."""

⁶For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: "You resemble Gilead to Me, Like the summit of Lebanon; Yet most assuredly I will make you like a wilderness, Like cities which people do not inhabit.

⁷"For I will set apart destroyers against you, Each with his weapons; And they will cut down your choicest cedars And throw them on the fire.

⁸"Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?'

⁹"Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.'"

¹⁰Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him, But weep continually for the one who goes away; For he will never return Or see his native land.

¹¹For thus says the LORD in regard to Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place, "He will never return there;

¹²but in the place where they led him captive, there he will die and not see this land again.

Messages about the Kings

¹³"Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness And his upper rooms without justice, Who uses his neighbor's services without pay And does not give him his wages,

¹⁴Who says, 'I will build myself a roomy house With spacious upper rooms, And cut out its windows, Paneling it with cedar and painting it bright red.'

¹⁵"Do you become a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink And do justice and righteousness? Then it seemed well with him.

¹⁶"He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; Then it became well Does that not suggest what it means to know Me?" Declares the LORD.

¹⁷"But your eyes and your heart Have become intent only upon your own dishonest gain, And on shedding innocent blood And on practicing oppression and extortion."

¹⁸Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, "They will not lament for him: 'Alas, my brother!' or, 'Alas, sister!' They will not lament for him: 'Alas for the master!' or, 'Alas for his splendor!'

¹⁹"His people will bury him with a donkey's burial, Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

²⁰"Go up to Lebanon and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry out also from Abarim, For all your lovers I have crushed.

²¹"I spoke to you in your prosperity; But you said, 'I will not listen!' This has served as your practice from your youth, That you have not obeyed My voice.

²²"The wind will sweep away all your shepherds, And your lovers will go into captivity; Then you will surely feel shame and humiliation Because of all your wickedness.

²³"You who dwell in Lebanon, Nested in the cedars, How you will groan when pangs come upon you, Pain like a woman in childbirth!

²⁴"As I live," declares the LORD, "even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah resembled a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;

²⁵and I will give you over into the hand of those who seek your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

²⁶"I will hurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you did not have your nativity, and there you will die.

²⁷"But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

²⁸"Has this man Coniah become a despised, shattered jar? Or has he become an undesirable vessel? Why has the Lord cast him out and hurled his descendants out And cast into a land that they had not known?

²⁹"O land, land, land, Hear the word of the LORD!

³⁰"Thus says the LORD, 'Write this man down childless, A man who will not prosper in his days; For no man of his descendants will prosper Sitting on the throne of David Or ruling again in Judah.'"

Jeremiah 23

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The Coming Messiah: the Righteous Branch

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who tend My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I will soon attend to you for the evil of your deeds," declares the LORD.

³"Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will grow fruitful and multiply.

⁴"I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not fear any longer, nor have terror, nor will any turn up missing," declares the LORD.

⁵"Behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶"In His days Judah will have salvation, And Israel will dwell securely; And this we recognize His name by which we call Him,' The LORD our righteousness.'

⁷" Therefore behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "when they will no longer say, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,'

⁸ but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will live on their own soil."

False Prophets Denounced

⁹As for the prophets: My heart breaks within me, All my bones tremble; I have become like a drunken man, Even like a man overcome with wine, Because of the LORD And because of His holy words.

¹⁰For the land has become full of adulterers; For the land mourns because of the curse The pastures of the wilderness have dried up. Their course also has also become evil And their might does not bring about right.

¹¹"For both prophet and priest have polluted themselves; Even in My house I have found their wickedness," declares the LORD.

¹²"Therefore their way will resemble slippery paths to them, I will drive them away into the gloom and fall down in it; For I will bring calamity upon them, The year of their punishment," declares the LORD.

¹³"Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an offensive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led My people Israel astray.

¹⁴"Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: The committing of adultery and walking in falsehood; And they strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one has turned back from his wickedness All of them have become to Me like Sodom, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

¹⁵"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets, 'Behold, I intend to feed them wormwood And make them drink poisonous water, For from the prophets of Jerusalem Pollution has gone forth into all the land.'"

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts, " Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you They lead you into futility; They speak a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷"They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, " You will have peace"; And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, They say, ' Calamity will not come upon you.'

¹⁸"But who has stood in the council of the LORD, That he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?

¹⁹"Behold, the storm of the LORD has gone forth in wrath, Even a whirling tempest; It will swirl down on the head of the wicked.

²⁰"The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; In the last days you will clearly understand it.

²¹" I did not send these prophets, But they ran. I did not speak to them, But they prophesied.

²²"But if they had stood in My council, Then they would have announced My words to My people, And would have turned them back from their evil way And from the evil of their deeds.

²³" Do you consider me a God who remains near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far

off?

²⁴"Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD " Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

²⁵"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a dream, I had a dream!'

²⁶"How long? Can anything emanate from the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even these prophets of the deception of their own heart,

²⁷who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?

²⁸"The prophet who has a dream may relate his dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth What does straw have in common with grain?" declares the LORD.

²⁹" Does not My word resemble a fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

³⁰"Therefore behold, I resist the prophets," declares the LORD, "who steal My words from each other.

³¹"Behold, I resist the prophets," declares the LORD, "who use their tongues and declare, 'The Lord declares.'

³²"Behold, I resist those who have prophesied false dreams," declares the LORD, "and related them and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit," declares the LORD.

³³"Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks you saying, ' Can you give us oracle of the LORD?' then you shall say to them, 'What oracle?' The LORD declares, 'I will abandon you.'

³⁴"Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, 'The oracle of the LORD,' I will bring punishment upon that man and his household.

³⁵"Thus will each of you say to his neighbor and to his brother, ' What has the LORD answered?' or, 'What has the LORD spoken?'

³⁶"For you will no longer remember the oracle of the LORD, because every man's own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.

³⁷"Thus you will say to that prophet, 'What has the LORD answered you?' and, 'What has the LORD spoken?'

³⁸"For if you say, 'The oracle of the LORD!' surely thus says the LORD, 'Because you said this word, "The oracle of the LORD!" I have also sent to you, saying, "You shall not say, 'The oracle of the LORD!'"'"

³⁹"Therefore behold, I will surely forget you and cast you away from My presence, along with the city which I gave you and your fathers.

Jeremiah 24

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Baskets of Figs and the Returnees

¹After Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me: behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD!

²One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, and the other basket had very bad figs which people could not eat due to rottenness.

³Then the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad figs, very bad, which people cannot eat due to rottenness."

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans.

⁶For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

⁷I will give them a heart to know Me, for I proclaim Myself the LORD; and I will regard them My people, and I will serve as their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.

⁸But like the bad figs which people cannot eat due to rottenness--indeed, thus says the LORD--so I will abandon Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land and the ones who dwell in the land of Egypt.

⁹I will make them a terror and an evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places where I will scatter them.

¹⁰I will send the sword, the famine and the pestilence upon them until they have become destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers."

Jeremiah 25

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Prophecy of the Captivity

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

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

³"From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.

⁴"And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

⁵saying, ' Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever;

⁶and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.'

⁷"Yet you have not listened to Me," declares the LORD, "in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

⁸"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Because you have not obeyed My words,

⁹behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' declares the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

¹⁰Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

¹¹' This whole land will become a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Babylon Will Receive Judgment

¹²Then when seventy years have passed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

¹³I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that we read in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

¹⁴(For many nations and great kings will make slaves of them, even them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds and according to the work of their hands.)"

¹⁵For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, "Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.

¹⁶"They will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them."

¹⁷Then I took the cup from the LORD'S hand and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it:

¹⁸Jerusalem and the cities of Judah and its kings and its princes, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing and a curse, as we still do to this day;

¹⁹Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes and all his people;

²⁰and all the foreign people, all the kings of the land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (even Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron and the remnant of Ashdod);

²¹Edom, Moab and the sons of Ammon;

²²and all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon and the kings of the coastlands which lie beyond the sea;

²³and Dedan, Tema, Buz and all who cut the corners of their hair;

²⁴and all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the foreign people who dwell in the desert;

²⁵and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam and all the kings of Media;

²⁶and all the kings of the north, near and far, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the earth which lie upon the face of the ground, and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

²⁷"You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Drink, get drunk, vomit, fall and rise no more because of the sword which I will send among you.'"

²⁸"And it will come to pass, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: " You shall surely drink!

²⁹"For behold, I begin to work calamity in this city which they call by My name, and shall you remain completely free from punishment? You will not remain free from punishment; for I summon a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth," declares the LORD of hosts.'

³⁰"Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these words, and you shall say to them, 'The LORD will roar from on high And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth.

³¹'A clamor has come to the end of the earth, Because the LORD has a controversy with the nations He has entered into judgment with all flesh; As for the wicked, He has given them to the sword,' declares the LORD."

³²Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, evil goes forth From nation to nation, And a great storm stirs up From the remotest parts of the earth.

³³"Those slain by the LORD on that day will come from one end of the earth to the other People will not lament, gather, or bury them; they will resemble dung on the face of the ground.

³⁴"Wail, you shepherds, and cry; And wallow in ashes, you masters of the flock; For the days of your slaughter and your dispersions have come, And you will fall like a choice vessel.

³⁵" Flight will perish from the shepherds, And escape from the masters of the flock.

³⁶"Hear the sound of the cry of the shepherds, And the wailing of the masters of the flock! For the LORD has destroyed their pasture,

³⁷"And the peaceful folds have become silent Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

³⁸"He has left His hiding place like the lion; For their land has become a horror Because of the fierceness of the oppressing sword And because of His fierce anger."

Jeremiah 26

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Cities of Judah Warned

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD, ' Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah who have come to worship in the LORD'S house all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them Do not omit a word!

³ Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.'

⁴"And you will say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, " If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you,

⁵to listen to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I have sent you again and again, but you have not listened;

⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and this city I will make a curse to all the nations of the earth.'""

A Plot to Murder Jeremiah

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

⁸When Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, " You must die!

⁹"Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, 'This house will resemble like Shiloh and this city will become desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD'S house.

¹¹Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city as you have heard in your hearing."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, " The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

¹³"Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

¹⁴"But as for me, behold, I yield myself to you; do with me as you feel good and right in your sight.

¹⁵"Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

They Spare Jeremiah

¹⁶Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, "No death sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."

¹⁷Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

¹⁸" Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus the LORD of hosts has said, " Zion will become plowed as a field, And Jerusalem will become ruins, And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.'"

¹⁹"Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we have committed a great evil against ourselves."

²⁰Indeed, there lived also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.

²¹When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard it, and he feared and fled and went to Egypt.

²²Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: Elnathan the son of Achbor and certain men with him went into Egypt.

²³And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who slew him with a sword and cast his dead body into the burial place of the common people.

²⁴But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan stayed with Jeremiah, so that they did not give him into the hands of the people to put him to death.

Jeremiah 27

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The Nations to Submit to Nebuchadnezzar

¹In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying--

²thus says the LORD to me--"Make for yourself bonds and yokes and put them on your neck,

³and send word to the king of Edom, to the king of Moab, to the king of the sons of Ammon, to the king of Tyre and to the king of Sidon by the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

⁴"Command them to go to their masters, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, thus you shall say to your masters,

⁵" I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which live on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who pleases My sight.

⁶"Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him.

⁷" All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant.

⁸"It will occur, that the nation or the kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine and with pestilence," declares the LORD, "until I have destroyed it by his hand.

⁹"But as for you, do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers or your sorcerers who speak to you, saying, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon.'

¹⁰"For they prophesy a lie to you in order to remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out and you will perish.

¹¹"But the nation which will bring its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will let remain on its land," declares the LORD, "and they will till it and dwell in it.'"

¹²I spoke words like all these to Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and live!

¹³"Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, famine and pestilence, as the LORD has spoken to that nation which will not serve the king of Babylon?

¹⁴"So do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy a lie to you;

¹⁵for I have not sent them," declares the LORD, "but they prophesy falsely in My name, in order that I may drive you out and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you."

¹⁶Then I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, we will now shortly bring the vessels of the LORD'S house again from Babylon'; for they prophesy a lie to you.

¹⁷"Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why should this city become a ruin?

¹⁸"But if they do prophesy, and if they have the word of the LORD with them, let them now entreat the LORD of hosts that the vessels which remain in the house of the LORD, in the house of the king of Judah and in Jerusalem may not go to Babylon.

¹⁹"For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, concerning the sea, concerning the stands and concerning the rest of the vessels that remain in this city,

²⁰which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he carried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

²¹"Yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD and in the house of the king of Judah and in Jerusalem,

²²"They will carry them to Babylon and they will remain there until the day I visit them,' declares the LORD 'Then I will bring them back and restore them to this place.'"

Jeremiah 28

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Hananiah's False Prophecy

¹Now in the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who came from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

³'Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD'S house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.

⁴'I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'"

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD,

⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, " Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD confirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the LORD'S house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place.

⁷"Yet hear now this word which I intend to speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people!"

⁸"The prophets who preached before me and before you from ancient times prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence.

⁹"The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet they will know as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

¹⁰Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.

¹¹Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, " Thus says the LORD, 'Even so will I break within two full years the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.'" Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

¹²The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

¹³"Go and speak to Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made instead of them yokes of iron."

¹⁴For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they will serve him And I have also given him the beasts of the field.""

¹⁵Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, "Listen now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie.

¹⁶"Therefore thus says the LORD, ' Behold, I will shortly remove you from the face of the earth This year you will die, because you have counseled rebellion against the LORD."

¹⁷So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29

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Message to the Exiles

¹Now these constitute the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

²(This occurred after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)

³ Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, sent the letter, saying,

⁴"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

⁵ Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce.

⁶Take wives and become the fathers of 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 do not decrease.

⁷ Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

⁸"For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Do not let your prophets who live in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams which they dream.

⁹'For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,' declares the LORD.

¹⁰"For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have reached completion for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.

¹¹'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

¹²Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

¹³You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

¹⁴ You will find me,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

¹⁵"Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon'--

¹⁶for thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who did not go with you into exile--

¹⁷thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I send upon them the sword, famine and pestilence, and I will make them like split-open figs that people cannot be eat due to rotteness.

¹⁸I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will make them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to become a curse and a horror and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,

¹⁹because they have not listened to My words,' declares the LORD, 'which I sent to them again and again by My servants the prophets; but you did not listen,' declares the LORD.

²⁰"You, therefore, hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

²¹"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy to you falsely in My name, 'Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will slay them before your eyes.

²²"Because of them a the exiles who live in Babylon will learn a curse , saying, "May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire,

²³because they have acted foolishly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives and have spoken words in My name falsely, which I did not command them; and I proclaim myself as He who knows and serves as a witness," declares the LORD."

²⁴To Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

²⁵"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who live in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

²⁶"The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to serve as the overseer in the house of the LORD over every madman who prophesies, to put him in the stocks and in the iron collar,

²⁷now then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth who prophesies to you?

²⁸"For he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, 'The exile will last a long time; build houses and live in them and plant gardens and eat their produce.'""

²⁹Zephaniah the priest read this letter to Jeremiah the prophet.

³⁰Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

³¹"Send to all the exiles, saying, 'Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite, "Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, although I did not send him, and he has made you trust in a lie,"

³²therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will soon punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants; he will not have anyone living among this people, and he will not see the good that I will soon do to My people," declares the LORD, "because he has preached rebellion against the LORD."""

Jeremiah 30

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Deliverance from Captivity Promised

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ' Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.

³'For behold, days will come,' declares the LORD, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah ' The LORD says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.'"

⁴Now these words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:

⁵"For thus says the LORD, 'I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and you can find no peace.

⁶'Ask now, and see If a male can give birth. Why do I see every man With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And why have all faces turned pale?

⁷'Alas! for that day seems great, None can compare to it; And it has come the time of Jacob's distress, But he will receive deliverance from it.

⁸'It shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves.

⁹'But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

¹⁰'Fear not, O Jacob My servant,' declares the LORD, 'And do not feel dismay, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar And your offspring from the land of their captivity And Jacob will return and will remain quiet and at ease, And no one will make him afraid.

¹¹'For I accompany you,' declares the LORD, 'to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, Only I will not destroy you completely But I will chasten you justly And will by no means leave you unpunished.'

¹²'For thus says the LORD,'Your wound has become incurable And your injury has become serious.

¹³'No one pleads your cause; No healing for your sore, No recovery for you.

¹⁴'All your lovers have forgotten you, They do not seek you; For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, With the punishment of a cruel one, Because your iniquity has become great And your sins have grown numerous.

¹⁵Why do you cry out over your injury? Your pain no one can cure. Because your iniquity has grown so great And your sins have grown numerous, I have done these things to you.

¹⁶Therefore all who devour you will become devoured; And all your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity; And those who plunder you will also find themselves plundered, And all who prey upon you I will give for prey.

¹⁷For I will restore you to health And I will heal you of your wounds,' declares the LORD, 'Because they have called you an outcast, saying: "Here we see Zion; no one cares for her.'"

Restoration of Jacob

¹⁸"Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob And have compassion on his dwelling places; And the city people will rebuild on its ruin, And the palace will stand on its rightful place.

¹⁹From them will proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who celebrate; And I will multiply them and they will not diminish; I will also honor them and they will not remain insignificant.

²⁰Their children also will multiply as formerly, And their congregation shall become established before Me; And I will punish all their oppressors.

²¹Their leader shall come from one of them, And their ruler shall come forth from their midst; And I will bring him near and he shall approach Me; For who would dare to risk his life to approach Me?' declares the LORD.

²² I shall call you My people, And you will call Me your God."

²³Behold, the tempest of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, A sweeping tempest; It will burst on the head of the wicked.

²⁴The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has performed and until He has accomplished The intent of His heart; In the latter days you will understand this.

Jeremiah 31

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Israel's Mourning Turned to Joy

¹"At that time," declares the LORD, "You will call me the God of all the families of Israel, and I shall call them My people."

²Thus says the LORD, "The people who survived the sword Found grace in the wilderness-- Israel, when it went to find its rest."

³The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

⁴" Again I will build you and you will rebuild your family, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, And go forth to the dances of the merrymakers.

⁵"Again you will plant vineyards On the hills of Samaria;The planters will plant And will enjoy them.

⁶"For there will come a day when watchmen On the hills of Ephraim call out, 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, To the LORD our God.'"

⁷For thus says the LORD, " Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise and say, 'O LORD, save Your people, The remnant of Israel.'

⁸"Behold, I bring them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child and she who labors with child, together; A great company, they will return here.

⁹" With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I have become a father to Israel, And Ephraim I consider My firstborn."

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare in the coastlands afar off, And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob And redeemed him from the hand of him who seemed stronger than he.

¹²"They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, And they will have radiance over the bounty of the LORD-- Over the grain and the new wine and the oil, And over the young of the flock and the herd; And their life will resemble a watered garden, And they will never languish again.

¹³"Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy And will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.

¹⁴"I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people will have satisfaction with My goodness," declares the LORD.

¹⁵Thus says the LORD, " We hear a voice in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping Rachel weeps for her children; She refuses comfort for her grieving for her children, Because they no longer live."

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, " Restrain your voice from weeping And your eyes from tears; For your work will receive a reward," declares the LORD, "And they will return from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷"You have hope for your future," declares the LORD, "And your children will return to their own territory.

¹⁸"I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, 'You have chastised me, and I received chastisement Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may have restoration, For I acknowledge You as the LORD my God.

¹⁹For after I turned back, I repented; And after I received instruction, I smote on my thigh; I felt shamed and also humiliation Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

²⁰"Did I not consider Ephraim My dear son? Does he not seem a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the LORD.

²¹"Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities.

²²"How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth-- A woman will encompass a man."

²³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities when I restore their fortunes, 'The LORD bless you, O abode of righteousness, O holy hill!'"

²⁴"Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the farmer and they who go about with flocks.

²⁵" For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes."

²⁶At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep became pleasant to me.

A New Covenant

²⁷"Behold, days will come," declares the LORD, "when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast.

²⁸"As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD.

²⁹"In those days they will not say again, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth have become set on edge.'

³⁰"But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will become set on edge.

³¹" Behold, days will come," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

³²not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I served as a husband to them," declares the LORD.

³³"But this covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, " I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and they will acknowledge me as their God, and I shall regard them as my people.

³⁴"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

³⁵Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts we know His name:

³⁶" If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the LORD, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From living as a nation before Me forever."

³⁷Thus says the LORD, " If you can measure the heavens above And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

³⁸"Behold, days will come," declares the LORD, "when you will rebuild the city for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

³⁹"The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah.

⁴⁰"And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall become holy to the LORD; no one will pluck it up or overthrow it anymore forever."

Jeremiah 32

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Jeremiah Imprisoned

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which we mark as the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

²Now at that time the army of the king of Babylon besieged Jerusalem, and he shut up Jeremiah the prophet in the court of the guard, which stood in the house of the king of Judah,

³because Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, saying, ' Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I intend to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;

⁴and Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but he will surely fall into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye;

⁵and he will take Zedekiah to Babylon, and he will remain there until I visit him," declares the LORD "If you fight against the Chaldeans, you will not succeed"?"

⁶And Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁷"Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, "Buy for yourself my field which stands at Anathoth, for you have the right of redemption to buy it."

⁸"Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD and said to me, 'Buy my field, please, that stands at Anathoth, which lies in the land of Benjamin; for you have the right of possession and the redemption belongs to you; buy it for yourself' Then I knew that this came from the word of the LORD.

⁹"I bought the field which stood at Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I weighed out the silver for him, seventeen shekels of silver.

¹⁰"I signed and sealed the deed, and called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales.

¹¹"Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions and the open copy;

¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

¹³"And I commanded Baruch in their presence, saying,

¹⁴"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds, this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, that they may last a long time."

¹⁵"For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, " Houses and fields and vineyards people will again buy in this land."

Jeremiah Prays and God Explains

¹⁶"After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, then I prayed to the LORD, saying,

¹⁷ Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing proves too difficult for You,

¹⁸who shows lovingkindness to thousands, but repays the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and mighty God The LORD of hosts we acknowledge His name;

¹⁹great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

²⁰who has set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day both in Israel and among mankind; and You have made a name for Yourself, as at this day.

²¹You brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and with wonders, and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm and with great terror;

²²and gave them this land, which You swore to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

²³They came in and took possession of it, but they did not obey Your voice or walk in Your law; they have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do; therefore You have made all this calamity come upon them.

²⁴Behold, the siege ramps have reached the city to take it; and the city You have given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, the famine and the pestilence; and what You have spoken has come to pass; and behold, You see it.

²⁵You have said to me, O Lord GOD, "Buy for yourself the field with money and call in witnesses"--although the city I have given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

²⁶Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

²⁷"Behold, I proclaim Myself the LORD, the God of all flesh; does anything prove too difficult for Me?"

²⁸Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I intend to give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will take it.

²⁹"The Chaldeans who fight against this city will enter and set this city on fire and burn it, with the houses where people have offered incense to Baal on their roofs and poured out drink offerings to other gods to provoke Me to anger.

³⁰"Indeed the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have done only evil in My sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have only provoked Me to anger by the work of their hands," declares the LORD.

³¹"Indeed this city has proved to Me a provocation of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it, even to this day, so that I should remove it before My face,

³²because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger--they, their kings, their leaders, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

³³"They have turned their back to Me and not their face; though I taught them, teaching again and again, they would not listen and receive instruction.

³⁴"But they put their detestable things in the house which they call by My name, to defile it.

³⁵"They built the high places of Baal that stand in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I had not commanded them nor had it entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

³⁶"Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning this city of which you say, 'God has given it into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine and by pestilence.'

³⁷"Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety.

³⁸"They shall call Me their God and I will call them my people;

³⁹and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them.

⁴⁰"I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

⁴¹"I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

⁴²"For thus says the LORD, ' Just as I brought all this great disaster on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I promise them.

⁴³ People will buy fields in this land of which you say, " It has become a desolation, without man or beast; God has given it into the hand of the Chaldeans."

⁴⁴"Men will buy fields for money, sign and seal deeds, and call in witnesses in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland and in the cities of the Negev; for I will restore their fortunes,' declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 33

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Restoration Promised

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he remained confined in the court of the guard, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD we call His name,

³ Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

⁴"For thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which they had broken down to make a defense against the siege ramps and against the sword,

⁵While they come to fight with the Chaldeans and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have hidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness:

⁶Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth.

⁷I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they had first appeared.

⁸I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me.

⁹It will become to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.'

¹⁰"Thus says the LORD, 'Yet again people will hear in this place, of which you say, "It has become a waste, without man and without beast," namely, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that have become desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

¹¹the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, For the LORD does good, For His lovingkindness lasts forever"; and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they had appeared at first,' says the LORD.

¹²"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'There will again live in this place which has become waste, without man or beast, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds who rest their flocks.

¹³In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the Negev, in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of the one who numbers them,' says the LORD.

The Davidic Kingdom

¹⁴Behold, days come,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.

¹⁶In those days Judah will receive salvation and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this name by which she will call ourselves: the LORD we regard as our righteousness.'

¹⁷"For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

¹⁸and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually."

¹⁹The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

²⁰"Thus says the LORD, 'If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not occur at their appointed time,

²¹then My covenant may also cease with David My servant so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

²²As the host of heaven no man may count and no man may measure the sand of the sea, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me."

²³And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

²⁴"Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they despise My people, no longer live they as a nation in their sight.

²⁵"Thus says the LORD, 'If My covenant for day and night stand not, and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established,

²⁶then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

Jeremiah 34

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A Prophecy against Zedekiah

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, with all the kingdoms of the earth that fell under his dominion and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ' Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him: "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

³ You will not escape from his hand, for he will surely capture you and I will deliver you into his hand; and you will see the king of Babylon eye to eye, and he will speak with you face to face, and you will go to Babylon.'"

⁴"Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you, 'You will not die by the sword.

⁵'You will die in peace; and as spices people burned for your fathers, the former kings who lived before you, so they will burn spices for you; and they will lament for you, "Alas, lord!" For I have spoken the word," declares the LORD.

⁶Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

⁷when the army of the king of Babylon fought against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah, namely, Lachish and Azekah, for they alone remained as fortified cities among the cities of Judah.

⁸The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who lived in Jerusalem to proclaim release to them:

⁹that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman; so that no one should keep them, a Jew his brother, in bondage.

¹⁰And all the officials and all the people obeyed who had entered into the covenant that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, so that no one should keep them any longer in bondage; they obeyed, and set them free.

¹¹But afterward they turned around and took back the male servants and the female servants whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection for male servants and for female servants.

¹²Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

¹³"Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'I made a covenant with your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, saying,

¹⁴" At the end of seven years each of you shall set free his Hebrew brother who you have bought and has served you six years, you shall send him out free from you; but your forefathers did not obey Me or incline their ear to Me.

¹⁵"Although recently you had turned and done right in My sight, each man proclaiming release to his neighbor, and you had made a covenant before Me in the house which calls itself by My name.

¹⁶"Yet you turned and profaned My name, and each man took back his male servant and each man his female servant whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to serve as your male servants and female servants."

¹⁷"Therefore thus says the LORD, 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming release each man to his brother and each man to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim a release to you,' declares the LORD, 'to the sword, to the pestilence and to the famine; and I will make you a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

¹⁸I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts--

¹⁹the officials of Judah and the officials of Jerusalem, the court officers and the priests and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf--

²⁰I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life And their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

²¹Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has gone away from you.

²²'Behold, I intend to command,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring them back to this city; and they will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.'"

Jeremiah 35

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The Rechabites' Obedience

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

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

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

⁴and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which stood near the chamber of the officials, which rested above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the doorkeeper.

⁵Then I set before the men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine and cups; and I said to them, " Drink wine!"

⁶But they said, "We will not drink wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall not drink wine, you or your sons, forever.

⁷'You shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in tents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn.'

⁸"We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons or our daughters,

⁹nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we do not have vineyard or field or seed.

¹⁰"We have only dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and have done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

¹¹"But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, we said, 'Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Arameans.' So we have dwelt in Jerusalem."

Judah Rebuked

¹²Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

¹³"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, " Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?" declares the LORD.

¹⁴"The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, they observed So they do not drink wine to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command But I have spoken to you again and again; yet you have not listened to Me.

¹⁵"Also I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending them again and again, saying: ' Turn now every man from his evil way and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to worship them Then you will dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

¹⁶Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have observed the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.'"

¹⁷"Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I spoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.'"

¹⁸Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands and done according to all that he commanded you;

¹⁹therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me always.'"

Jeremiah 36

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Jeremiah's Scroll Read in the Temple

¹In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

²"Take a scroll and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you concerning Israel and concerning Judah, and concerning all the nations, from the day I first spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

³" Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will turn from his evil way; then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin."

⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him.

⁵Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I have become restricted; I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

⁶"So you go and read from the scroll which you have written at my dictation the words of the LORD to the people in the LORD'S house on a fast day. And also you shall read them to all the people of Judah who come from their cities.

⁷" Perhaps their supplication will come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way, for the LORD has pronounced great anger and wrath against this people."

⁸Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house.

⁹Now in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD.

¹⁰Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD'S house, to all the people.

¹¹Now when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

¹²he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber. And behold, all the officials had gathered 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 other officials.

¹³Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read from the book to the people.

¹⁴Then all the officials sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read to the people and come " So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and went to them.

¹⁵They said to him, "Sit down, please, and read it to us." So Baruch read it to them.

¹⁶When they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one to another and said to Baruch, "We will surely report all these words to the king."

¹⁷And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? Did he dictate it to you?"

¹⁸Then Baruch said to them, "He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book."

¹⁹Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, hide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let anyone know where you keep yourself."

The Scroll Burns

²⁰So they went to the king in the court, but they had deposited the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and they reported all the words to the king.

²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it to the king as well as to all the officials who stood beside the king.

²²Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning in the brazier before him.

²³When Jehudi had read three or four columns, the king cut it with a scribe's knife and threw it into the fire that burned in the brazier, until all the scroll became consumed in the fire that burned in the brazier.

²⁴Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words did not fear, nor did they rend their garments.

²⁵Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah pleaded with the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

²⁶And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

Jeremiah Replaces The Scroll

²⁷Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch had written at the dictation of Jeremiah, saying,

²⁸" Take again another scroll and write on it all the former words that you read on the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

²⁹"And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Thus says the LORD, "You have burned this scroll, saying, ' Why have you written on it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will make man and beast to cease from it?'"

³⁰Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah, "He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body we shall cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

³¹"I will also punish him and his descendants and his servants for their iniquity, and I will bring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the calamity that I have declared to them--but they did not listen."""

³²Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the son of Neriah, the scribe, and he wrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many similar words he added to them.

Jeremiah 37

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Jeremiah Warns against Trust in Pharaoh

¹Now Zedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim.

²But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet.

³Yet King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, " Please pray to the LORD our God on our behalf."

⁴Now Jeremiah still came in and went out among the people, for they had not yet put him in the prison.

⁵Meanwhile, Pharaoh's army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had besieged Jerusalem heard the report about them, they lifted the siege from Jerusalem.

⁶Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

⁷"Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ' Thus you will say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army which has come out for your assistance wills return to its own land of Egypt.

⁸"The Chaldeans will also return and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire."

⁹"Thus says the LORD, 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will surely go away from us," for they will not go.

¹⁰For even if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who had fought against you, and there remained only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would rise up and burn this city with fire."

Jeremiah Imprisoned

¹¹Now it happened when the army of the Chaldeans had lifted the siege from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

¹²that Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin in order to take possession of some property there among the people.

¹³While he stood at the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard who had the name of Irijah, the son of Shelemiah the son of Hananiah stood there; and he arrested Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You will go over to the Chaldeans!"

¹⁴But Jeremiah said, "A lie! I do not go over to the Chaldeans"; yet he would not listen to him. So Irijah arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

¹⁵Then the officials expressed anger at Jeremiah and beat him, and they put him in jail in the house of Jonathan the scribe, which they had made into the prison.

¹⁶For Jeremiah had come into the dungeon, namely, the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

¹⁷Now King Zedekiah sent and took him out; and in his palace the king secretly asked him and said, "Do you have a word from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, "I do!" Then he said, "You will fall into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

¹⁸Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "In what way have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?"

¹⁹"Where then do you find your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land'?"

²⁰"But now, please listen, O my lord the king; please let my petition come before you and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I may not die there."

²¹Then King Zedekiah gave commandment, and they committed Jeremiah to the court of the guardhouse and gave him a loaf of bread daily from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city had disappeared. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guardhouse.

Jeremiah 38

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Jeremiah Thrown into the Cistern

¹Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD, 'He who stays in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live and have his own life as booty and stay alive.'

³"Thus says the LORD, 'This city will certainly fall into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon and he will capture it.'"

⁴Then the officials said to the king, "Now let us put this man to death, inasmuch as he discourages the men of war who remain in this city and all the people, by speaking such words to them; for this man does not seek the well-being of this people but rather their harm."

⁵So King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he has fallen into your hands; for the king can do nothing against you."

⁶Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which located in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern no water remained but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

⁷But Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, while he lived in the king's palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. Now the king sat in the Gate of Benjamin;

⁸and Ebed-melech went out from the king's palace and spoke to the king, saying,

⁹"My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet whom they have cast into the cistern; and he will die right where there in the cistern because of the famine, for we have no more bread in the city."

¹⁰Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take thirty men from here under your authority and bring up Jeremiah the prophet from the cistern before he dies."

¹¹So Ebed-melech took the men under his authority and went into the king's palace to a place beneath the storeroom and took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags and let them down by ropes into the cistern to Jeremiah.

¹²Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these worn-out clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes"; and Jeremiah did so.

¹³So they pulled Jeremiah up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern, and Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guardhouse.

¹⁴Then King Zedekiah sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance that stands in the house of the LORD; and the king said to Jeremiah, "I intend to ask you something; do not hide anything from me."

¹⁵Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, will you not certainly put me to death? Besides, if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

¹⁶But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in secret saying, "As the LORD lives, who made this life for us, surely I will not put you to death nor will I give you over to the hand of these men who seek your life."

Interview with Zedekiah

¹⁷Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you will indeed go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then you will live, this city they will not burn with fire, and you and your household will survive.

¹⁸"But if you will not go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then this city will fall over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape from their hand."

¹⁹Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I dread the Jews who have gone over to the Chaldeans, for they may give me over into their hand and they will abuse me."

²⁰But Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over. Please obey the LORD in what I say to you, that it may go well with you and you may live.

²¹"But if you keep refusing to go out, this I proclaim to you the word which the LORD has shown me:

²²Then behold, all of the women who have remained in the palace of the king of Judah they will bring out to the officers of the king of Babylon; and those women will say, "Your close friends Have misled and overpowered you; While your feet sunk in the mire, They turned back."

²³They will also bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape from their hand, but the king of Babylon will seize them and burn this city with fire."

²⁴Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know about these words and you will not die.

²⁵"But if the officials hear that I have talked with you and come to you and say to you, 'Tell us now what you said to the king and what the king said to you; do not hide it from us and we will not put you to death,'

²⁶then you will say to them, 'I presented my petition before the king, not to make me return to the house of Jonathan to die there.'"

²⁷Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him. So he reported to them in accordance with all these words which the king had commanded; and they ceased speaking with him, since no one had overheard the conversation.

²⁸So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guardhouse until the day that Jerusalem fell into captivity.

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Jerusalem Captured

¹Now when Jerusalem fell into captivity in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it;

²in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the city wall had become breached.

³Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the Middle Gate: Nergal-sar-ezer, Samgar-nebu, Sar-sekim the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, and all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

⁴When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah.

⁵But the army of the Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and they seized him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.

⁶Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes at Riblah; the king of Babylon also slew all the nobles of Judah.

⁷He then blinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters of bronze to bring him to Babylon.

⁸The Chaldeans also burned with fire the king's palace and the houses of the people, and they broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

⁹As for the rest of the people who remained in the city, the deserters who had gone over to him and the rest of the people who remained, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard carried them into exile in Babylon.

¹⁰But some of the poorest people who had nothing, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard left behind in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at that time.

Jeremiah Spared

¹¹Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave orders about Jeremiah through Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, saying,

¹²"Take him and look after him, and do nothing harmful to him, but rather deal with him just as he tells you."

¹³So Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard sent word, along with Nebushazban the Rab-saris, and Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, and all the leading officers of the king of Babylon;

¹⁴they even sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guardhouse and entrusted him to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to take him home. So he stayed among the people.

¹⁵Now the word of the LORD had come to Jeremiah while they confined him in the court of the guardhouse, saying,

¹⁶"Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will soon bring My words on this city for disaster and not for prosperity; and they will take place before you on that day.

¹⁷"But I will deliver you on that day," declares the LORD, "and you will not fall into the hand of the men whom you dread.

¹⁸"For I will certainly rescue you, and you will not fall by the sword; but you will have your own life as booty, because you have trusted in Me," declares the LORD."

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Jeremiah Remains in Judah

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD after Nebuzaradan captain of the bodyguard had released him from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah who had gone into exile in Babylon.

²Now the captain of the bodyguard had taken Jeremiah and said to him, "The LORD your God promised this calamity against this place;

³and the LORD has brought it on and done just as He promised. Because you people sinned against the LORD and did not listen to His voice, therefore this thing has happened to you.

⁴"But now, behold, I free you today from the chains which you have on your hands. If you would prefer to come with me to Babylon, come along, and I will look after you; but if you would prefer not to come with me to Babylon, never mind. Look, the whole land you have before you; go wherever it seems good and right for you to go."

⁵As Jeremiah had not looked back, he said, "Go on back then to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed over the cities of Judah, and stay with him among the people; or else go anywhere it seems right for you to go." So the captain of the bodyguard gave him a ration and a gift and let him go.

⁶Then Jeremiah went to Mizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and stayed with him among the people who remained in the land.

⁷Now all the commanders of the forces that remained in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had put him in charge of the men, women and children, those of the poorest of the land who had not gone into exile in Babylon.

⁸So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, along with 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 the Maacathite, both they and their men.

⁹Then Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, "Do not fear serving the Chaldeans; stay in the land and serve the king of Babylon, that it may go well with you.

¹⁰"Now as for me, behold, I will stay at Mizpah to stand for you before the Chaldeans who come to us; but as for you, gather in wine and summer fruit and oil and put them in your storage vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken over."

¹¹Likewise, also all the Jews who lived in Moab and among the sons of Ammon and in Edom and who lived in all the other countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant for Judah, and that he had appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.

¹²Then all the Jews returned from all the places to which people had driven them away and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered in wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

¹³Now Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that stood in the field came to Gedaliah at Mizpah

¹⁴and said to him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the sons of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

¹⁵Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "Let me go and kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and not a man will know! Why should he take your life, so that all the Jews whom you have gathered would become scattered and the remnant of Judah would perish?"

¹⁶But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "Do not do this thing, for you have told a lie about Ishmael."

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Gedaliah's Murder

¹ In the seventh month Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family and one of the chief officers of the king, along with ten men, came to Mizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. While they ate bread together there in Mizpah,

² Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men who accompanied him arose and struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword and put to death the one whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

³ Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who accompanied him, namely with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who they found there, the men of war.

⁴ Now it happened on the next day after the killing of Gedaliah, when no one knew about it,

⁵ that eighty men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria with their beards shaved off and their clothes torn and their bodies gashed, having grain offerings and incense in their hands to bring to the house of the LORD.

⁶ Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went; and as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!"

⁷ Yet it turned out that as soon as they came inside the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the men that accompanied him slaughtered them and cast them into the cistern.

⁸ But ten men who they found among them said to Ishmael, "Do not put us to death; for we have stores of wheat, barley, oil and honey hidden in the field." So he refrained and did not put them to death along with their companions.

⁹ Now as for the cistern where Ishmael had cast all the corpses of the men whom he had struck down because of Gedaliah, the one that King Asa had made on account of Baasha, king of Israel; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

¹⁰ Then Ishmael took captive all the remnant of the people who lived in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had put under the charge of Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; thus Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and proceeded to cross over to the sons of Ammon.

Johanan Rescues the People

¹¹ But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that remained with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done.

¹²So they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and they found him by the great pool that lies in Gibeon.

¹³Now as soon as all the people who accompanied Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah and the commanders of the forces that accompanied him, they felt glad.

¹⁴So all the people whom Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

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

¹⁶Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that accompanied him took from Mizpah all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, namely, the men who served as soldiers, the women, the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

¹⁷And they went and stayed in Geruth Chimham, which locates beside Bethlehem, in order to proceed into Egypt

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

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Warning against Going to Egypt

¹Then all the commanders of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people both small and great approached

²and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our petition come before you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, namely for all this remnant; because we remain but a few out of many, as your own eyes now see us,

³that the LORD your God may tell us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do."

⁴Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Behold, I will pray to the LORD your God in accordance with your words; and I will tell you the whole message which the LORD will answer you I will not keep back a word from you."

⁵Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD prove a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act in accordance with the whole message with which the LORD your God will send you to us.

⁶"Whether we find it pleasant or unpleasant, we will listen to the voice of the LORD our God to whom we send you, so that it may go well with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God."

⁷Now at the end of ten days the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

⁸Then he called for Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that accompanied him, and for all the people both small and great,

⁹and said to them, "Thus says the LORD the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him:

¹⁰"If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I will relent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you.

¹¹'Do not fear the king of Babylon, whom you now fear; do not have anxiety because of him,' declares the LORD, 'for I will stay with you to save you and deliver you from his hand.

¹²I will also show you compassion, so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil.

¹³But if you will say, "We will not stay in this land," so as not to listen to the voice of the LORD your God,

¹⁴saying, "No, but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see war or hear the sound of a trumpet or hunger for bread, and we will stay there";

¹⁵then in that case listen to the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "If you really set your mind to enter Egypt and go in to reside there,

¹⁶then the sword, which you fear, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you feel anxious, will follow closely after you there in Egypt, and you will die there.

¹⁷"So all the men who set their mind to go to Egypt to reside there will die by the sword, by famine and by pestilence; and they will have no survivors or refugees from the calamity that I will bring on them."""

¹⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "As I have poured out My anger and wrath on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so My wrath I will pour out on you when you enter Egypt And you will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach; and you will see this place no more."

¹⁹The LORD has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, "Do not go into Egypt!" You should clearly understand that today I have testified against you.

²⁰For you have only deceived yourselves; for you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, "Pray for us to the LORD our God; and whatever the LORD our God says, tell us so, and we will do it."

²¹So I have told you today, but you have not obeyed the LORD your God, even in whatever He has sent me to tell you.

²²Therefore you should now clearly understand that you will die by the sword, by famine and by pestilence, in the place where you wish to go to reside.

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In Egypt Jeremiah Warns of Judgment

¹But as soon as Jeremiah, whom the LORD their God had sent, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God--namely, all these words--

²Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You tell a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You must not enter Egypt to reside there';

³but Baruch the son of Neriah incites you against us to give us over into the hand of the Chaldeans, so they will put us to death or exile us to Babylon."

⁴So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD to stay in the land of Judah.

⁵But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took the entire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which their enemies had driven them away, in order to reside in the land of Judah--

⁶the men, the women, the children, the king's daughters and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan, together with Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah--

⁷and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the LORD) and went in as far as Tahpanhes.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

⁹"Take some large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the brick terrace which stands at the entrance of Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of some of the Jews;

¹⁰and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will send and get Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and I intend to set his throne right over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them.

¹¹"He will also come and strike the land of Egypt; those who have become marked for death will receive their penalty, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword.

¹²"And I shall set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive So he will wrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely.

¹³"He will also shatter the obelisks of Heliopolis, which stand in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire.'""

Jeremiah 44

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Conquest of Egypt Predicted

¹The word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who had lived in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying,

²"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they have fallen into ruins and no one lives in them,

³because of their wickedness which they committed so as to provoke Me to anger by continuing to burn sacrifices and to serve other gods whom they had not known, neither they, you, nor your fathers.

⁴"Yet I sent you all My servants the prophets, again and again, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate."

⁵"But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods.

⁶Therefore I poured out My wrath and My anger and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it still occurs to this day.

⁷Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, "Why have you done great harm to yourselves, so as to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant,

⁸provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you enter to reside, so that you God might cut you off and you become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

⁹"Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

¹⁰"But they have not become contrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers."

¹¹"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I intend to set My face against you for woe, even to cut off all Judah.

¹²And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword and meet their end by famine Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach.

¹³And I will punish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine and with pestilence.

¹⁴So you will have no refugees or survivors for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they long to return and live; for none will return except a few refugees."

¹⁵Then all the men who had become aware that their wives burned sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who stood by, as a large assembly, including all the people who lived in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying,

¹⁶"As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we do not intend to listen to you!

¹⁷"But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and seemed well off and saw no misfortune.

¹⁸"But since we stopped burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine."

¹⁹"And," said the women, "when we burned sacrifices to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we do it without our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes in her image and poured out drink offerings to her?"

Calamity for the Jews

²⁰Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and women--even to all the people who gave him such an answer--saying,

²¹"As for the smoking sacrifices that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your forefathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them and did not all this come into His mind?"

²²"So the LORD could no longer endure it, because of the evil of your deeds, because of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a ruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as it occurs to this day.

²³"Because you have burned sacrifices and have sinned against the LORD and not obeyed the voice of the LORD or walked in His law, His statutes or His testimonies, therefore this calamity has befallen you, as it has this day."

²⁴Then Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who live in the land of Egypt,

²⁵thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, as follows: 'As for you and your wives, you have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, "We will certainly perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her." Go ahead and confirm your vows, and certainly perform your vows!'

²⁶"Nevertheless hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who live in the land of Egypt, 'Behold, I have sworn by My great name,' says the LORD, 'never shall any man of Judah invoke My name in all the land of Egypt, saying, "As the Lord GOD lives."'

²⁷'Behold, I watch over them for harm and not for good, and all the men of Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt will meet their end by the sword and by famine until they completely disappear.

²⁸Those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah few in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know whose word will stand, Mine or theirs.

²⁹'This I will give as a sign to you,' declares the LORD, 'that I intend to punish you in this place, so that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for harm.'

³⁰"Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I intend to give over Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave over Zedekiah king of

Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who remained his enemy and sought his life."

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Message to Baruch

¹This message Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written down these words in a book at Jeremiah's dictation, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying:

²"Thus says the LORD the God of Israel to you, O Baruch:

³"You said, "Ah, woe unto me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I feel weary with my groaning and have found no rest."

⁴"Thus you will say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, what I have built I intend to tear down, and what I have planted I will soon uproot, namely, the whole land."

⁵"But you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I intend to bring disaster on all flesh,' declares the LORD, 'but I will give your life to you as booty in all the places where you may go.'"

Jeremiah 46

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Defeat of Pharaoh Foretold

¹That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

²To Egypt, concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt, which camped by the Euphrates River at Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

³" Line up the shield and buckler, And draw near for the battle!

⁴"Harness the horses, And mount the steeds, And take your stand with helmets on! Polish the spears, Put on the scale-armor!

⁵"Why have I seen it? They feel terrified, They draw back, And their mighty men have suffered defeat And have taken refuge in flight, Without facing back; Terror lies on every side!" Declares the LORD.

⁶Let not the swift man flee, Nor the mighty man escape; In the north beside the river Euphrates They have stumbled and fallen.

⁷Who rises like the Nile, Like the rivers whose waters surge about?

⁸Egypt rises like the Nile, Even like the rivers whose waters surge about; And He has said, "I will rise and cover that land; I will surely destroy the city and its inhabitants."

⁹Go up, you horses, and drive madly, you chariots, That the mighty men may march forward: Ethiopia and Put, that handle the shield, And the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.

¹⁰For that day belongs to the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His foes; And the sword will devour and become satiated And drink its fill of their blood; For there will occur a slaughter for the Lord GOD of hosts, In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.

¹¹Go up to Gilead and obtain balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt! In vain have you multiplied remedies; You can find no healing for you.

¹²The nations have heard of your shame, And the earth has heard of your cry of distress; For one warrior has stumbled over another, And both of them have fallen down together.

¹³This message the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to smite the land of Egypt:

¹⁴"Declare in Egypt and proclaim in Migdol, Proclaim also in Memphis and Tahpanhes; Say, 'Take your stand and get yourself ready, For the sword has devoured those around you.'

¹⁵"Why have your mighty ones become prostrate? They do not stand because the LORD has thrust them down.

¹⁶"They have repeatedly stumbled; Indeed, they have fallen one against another Then they said, 'Get up! And let us go back To our own people and our native land Away from the sword of the oppressor.'

¹⁷"They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt has proven himself but a big noise; He has let the appointed time pass by!'

¹⁸"As I live," declares the King Who has the name the LORD of hosts, "Surely one shall come who looms up like Tabor among the mountains, Or like Carmel by the sea.

¹⁹"Make your baggage ready for exile, O daughter dwelling in Egypt, For Memphis will become a desolation; It will even burn down and become bereft of inhabitants.

²⁰"Egypt resembles a pretty heifer, But a horsefly will come from the north--it comes!

²¹"Also her mercenaries in her midst Act like fattened calves, For even they too have turned back and have fled away together; They did not stand their ground For the day of their calamity has come upon them, The time of their punishment.

²²"Its sound moves along like a serpent; For they move on like an army And come to her as woodcutters with axes.

²³"They have cut down her forest," declares the LORD; "Surely no one will find it again, Even though they have grown now more numerous than locusts And have no number.

²⁴"The daughter of Egypt has fallen into shame, Given over to the power of the people of the north."

²⁵The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says, "Behold, I will punish Amon of Thebes, and Pharaoh, and Egypt along with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

²⁶"I shall give them over to the power of those who seek their lives, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of his officers. Afterwards, however, it will have inhabitants as in the days of old," declares the LORD.

²⁷"But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear, nor have dismay, O Israel! For, see, I intend to save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob will return and have no disturbance and secure, with no one making him tremble.

²⁸"O Jacob My servant, do not fear," declares the LORD, "for I will stay with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you, yet I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you properly and by no means leave you unpunished."

Jeremiah 47

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Prophecy against Philistia

¹That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh conquered Gaza.

²Thus says the LORD: "Behold, waters will rise from the north and become an overflowing torrent, and overflow the land and all its fullness, the city and those who live in it; and the men will cry out, and every inhabitant of the land will wail.

³"Because of the noise of the galloping hoofs of his stallions, the tumult of his chariots, and the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers have not turned back for their children, because of the limpness of their hands,

⁴On account of the day that will come to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every ally that remains; for the LORD intends to destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the coastland of Caphtor.

⁵"Baldness has come upon Gaza; Ashkelon has fallen into ruin. O remnant of their valley, how long will you gash yourself?

⁶"Ah, sword of the LORD, how long will you not remain quiet? Withdraw into your sheath; remain at rest and stay still.

⁷"How can it remain quiet, when the LORD has given it an order? Against Ashkelon and against the seacoast-- there He has assigned it."

Jeremiah 48

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Prophecy against Moab

¹Concerning Moab Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Woe to Nebo, for God has destroyed it; Kiriathaim has fallen into shame, it has fallen into captivity; The lofty stronghold has fallen into shame and shattered.

²"No one praises for Moab no longer; In Heshbon they have devised calamity against her: 'Come and let us cut her off from existing a nation!' You too, Madmen, will fall into silence; The sword will follow after you.

³"The sound of an outcry from Horonaim, 'Devastation and great destruction!'

⁴"Moab has broken, Her little ones have sounded out a cry of distress.

⁵"For by the ascent of Luhith They will ascend with continual weeping; For at the descent of Horonaim They have heard the anguished cry of destruction.

⁶" Flee, save your lives, That you may resemble a juniper in the wilderness.

⁷"For because of your trust in your own achievements and treasures, Even you yourself will fall into captivity; And Chemosh will go off into exile Together with his priests and his princes.

⁸"A destroyer will come to every city, So that no city will escape; The valley also will fall into ruin And the plateau will suffer destruction, As the LORD has said.

⁹"Give wings to Moab, For she will flee away; And her cities will become a desolation, Without inhabitants in them.

¹⁰" God will curse the one who does His work negligently, And will curse the one who restrains his sword from blood.

¹¹"Moab has remained at ease since his youth; He has also remained undisturbed, like wine on its dregs, And he has not become emptied from vessel to vessel, Nor has he gone into exile. Therefore he retains his flavor, And his aroma has not changed.

¹²"Therefore behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "when I will send to him those who tip vessels, and they will tip him over, and they will empty his vessels and shatter his jars.

¹³"And Moab will feel shame because of Chemosh, as the house of Israel felt shame because of Bethel, their confidence.

¹⁴"How can you say, 'We serve as mighty warriors, And men valiant for battle'?"

¹⁵"Moab has fallen into destruction and men have gone up to his cities; His choicest young men have also gone down to the slaughter," Declares the King, who has the name of the LORD of hosts.

¹⁶"The disaster of Moab will soon come, And his calamity has swiftly hastened.

¹⁷"Mourn for him, all you who live around him, Even all of you who know his name; Say, 'How has the mighty scepter broken, A staff of splendor!'

¹⁸" Come down from your glory And sit on the parched ground, O daughter dwelling in Dibon, For the destroyer of Moab has come up against you, He has ruined your strongholds.

¹⁹"Stand by the road and keep watch, O inhabitant of Aroer; Ask him who flees and her who escapes And say, 'What has happened?'

²⁰"Moab has fallen into shame, for it has shattered. Wail and cry out; Declare by the Arnon That Moab has become destroyed.

²¹"Judgment has also come upon the plain, upon Holon, Jahzah and against Mephaath,

²²against Dibon, Nebo and Beth-diblathaim,

²³against Kiriathaim, Beth-gamul and Beth-meon,

²⁴against Kerioth, Bozrah and all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.

²⁵"The God has cut off the horn of Moab and has broken his arm," declares the LORD.

²⁶" Make him drunk, for he has become arrogant toward the LORD; so Moab will wallow in his vomit, and he also will become a laughingstock.

²⁷"Now did not Israel become a laughingstock to you? Or did he catch you among thieves? For each time you speak about him you shake your head in scorn.

²⁸"Leave the cities and dwell among the crags, O inhabitants of Moab, And resemble a dove that nests Beyond the mouth of the chasm.

²⁹" We have heard of the pride of Moab--he has become very proud-- Of his haughtiness, his pride, his arrogance and his self-exaltation.

³⁰"I know his fury," declares the LORD, "But it has become futile; His idle boasts have accomplished nothing.

³¹"Therefore I will wail for Moab, Even for all Moab will I cry out; I will moan for the men of Kir-heres.

³²"More than the weeping for Jazer I will weep for you, O vine of Sibmah! Your tendrils stretched across the sea, They reached to the sea of Jazer; Upon your summer fruits and your grape harvest The destroyer has fallen.

³³"So gladness and joy I have taken away From the fruitful field, even from the land of Moab And I have made the wine to cease from the wine presses; No one will tread them with shouting, The shouting will not emanate from joy.

³⁴" From the outcry at Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz they have raised their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim and to Eglath-shelishiyah; for even the waters of Nimrim will become desolate.

³⁵"I will make an end of Moab," declares the LORD, "the one who offers sacrifice on the high place and the one who burns incense to his gods.

³⁶"Therefore My heart wails for Moab like flutes; My heart also wails like flutes for the men of Kir-heres Therefore they have lost the abundance it produced.

³⁷"For every head has become bald and every beard cut short; gashes have appeared on all the hands and sackcloth on the loins.

³⁸"On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets we hear lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like an undesirable vessel," declares the LORD.

³⁹"How shattered it has become! How they have wailed! How Moab has turned his back--he feels shame! So Moab will become a laughingstock and an object of terror to all around him."

⁴⁰For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one will fly swiftly like an eagle And spread out his wings against Moab.

⁴¹"Kerioth has fallen into captivity And the enemies have seized the strongholds , So the hearts of the mighty men of Moab in that day Will resemble the heart of a woman in labor.

⁴²"Moab will suffer destruction from existing as a people Because he has become arrogant toward the LORD.

⁴³"Terror, pit and snare will come upon you, O inhabitant of Moab," declares the LORD.

⁴⁴"The one who flees from the terror Will fall into the pit, And the one who climbs up out of the pit Will become caught in the snare; For I shall bring upon her, even upon Moab, The year of their punishment," declares the LORD.

⁴⁵"In the shadow of Heshbon The fugitives stand without strength; For a fire has gone forth from Heshbon And a flame from the midst of Sihon, And it has devoured the forehead of Moab And the scalps of the riotous revelers.

⁴⁶"Woe to you, Moab! The people of Chemosh have perished; For your sons have fallen into captivity And your daughters into captivity.

⁴⁷"Yet I will restore the fortunes of Moab In the latter days," declares the LORD. Thus far the judgment on Moab

Jeremiah 49

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Prophecy against Ammon

¹Concerning the sons of Ammon. Thus says the LORD: "Does Israel have no sons? Or has he no heirs? Why then has Malcam taken possession of Gad And his people settled in its cities?"

²"Therefore behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "That I will cause people to hear a trumpet blast of war Against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon; And it will become a desolate heap, And her towns her enemies will set on fire Then Israel will take possession of his possessors," Says the LORD.

³"Wail, O Heshbon, for God has destroyed Ai ! Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah, Gird yourselves with sackcloth and lament, And rush back and forth inside the walls; For Malcam will go into exile Together with his priests and his princes.

⁴"How you boast about the valleys! Your valley flows away, O backsliding daughter Who trusts in her treasures, saying, ' Who will come against me?'

⁵"Behold, I intend to bring terror upon you," Declares the Lord GOD of hosts, "From all directions around you; And each of you I will drive out headlong, With no one to gather the

fugitives together.

⁶"But afterward I will restore The fortunes of the sons of Ammon," Declares the LORD.

Prophecy against Edom

⁷Concerning Edom Thus says the LORD of hosts, " Do we find no longer any wisdom in Teman? Has the prudent lost their good counsel? Has their wisdom decayed?

⁸"Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan, For I will bring the disaster of Esau upon him At the time I punish him.

⁹" If grape gatherers came to you, Would they not leave gleanings? If thieves came by night, They would destroy only until they had enough.

¹⁰"But I have stripped Esau bare, I have uncovered his hiding places So that he will not have the ability to conceal himself; His enemies have destroyed his offspring along with his relatives And his neighbors, and he exists no more.

¹¹"Leave your orphans behind, I will keep them alive; And let your widows trust in Me."

¹²For thus says the LORD, "Behold, those who did not receive the sentence to drink the cup will certainly drink it, and you will have complete acquittal? You will not receive acquittal, but you will certainly drink it.

¹³"For I have sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror, a reproach, a ruin and a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."

¹⁴I have heard a message from the LORD, And an envoy I will send among the nations, saying, " Gather yourselves together and come against her, And rise up for battle!"

¹⁵"For behold, I have made you small among the nations, Despised among men.

¹⁶"As for the terror of you, The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, O you who live in the clefts of the rock, Who occupy the height of the hill Though you make your nest as high as an eagle's, I will bring you down from there," declares the LORD.

¹⁷"Edom will become an object of horror; everyone who passes by it will feel horrified and will hiss at all its wounds.

¹⁸"Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, " no one will live there, nor will a son of man reside in it.

¹⁹" Behold, one will come up like a lion from the thickets of the Jordan against a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I will make him run away from it, and whoever people choose I shall appoint over it For who compares to Me, and who will summon Me into court? And who then serves as the shepherd who can stand against Me?"

²⁰Therefore hear the plan of the LORD which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: surely they will drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their pasture desolate because of them.

²¹The earth has quaked at the noise of their downfall. An outcry takes place! The noise of it people have heard at the Red Sea.

²²Behold, He will mount up and swoop like an eagle and spread out His wings against Bozrah; and the hearts of the mighty men of Edom in that day will resemble the heart of a woman in labor.

Prophecy against Damascus

²³Concerning Damascus" Hamath and Arpad fall into shame, For they have heard bad news; They have become disheartened They feel anxiety by the sea, It cannot calm.

²⁴"Damascus has become helpless; She has turned away to flee, And panic has gripped her; Distress and pangs have taken hold of her Like a woman in childbirth.

²⁵"How the city of praise has not become deserted, The town of My joy!

²⁶"Therefore, her young men will fall in her streets, And all the men of war will fall into silence in that day," declares the LORD of hosts.

²⁷"I will set fire to the wall of Damascus, And it will devour the fortified towers of Ben-hadad."

Prophecy against Kedar and Hazor

²⁸Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated Thus says the LORD, "Arise, go up to Kedar And devastate the men of the east.

²⁹"They will take away their tents and their flocks; They will carry off for themselves Their tent curtains, all their goods and their camels, And they will call out to one another, ' Terror on every side!'

³⁰"Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD; "For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a plan against you And devised a scheme against you.

³¹"Arise, go up against a nation which dwells at ease, Which lives securely," declares the LORD "It has no gates or bars; They dwell alone.

³²"Their camels will become plunder, And their many cattle for booty, And I will scatter to all the winds those who cut the corners of their hair; And I will bring their disaster from every side," declares the LORD.

³³"Hazor will become a haunt of jackals, A desolation forever; No one will live there, Nor will a son of man reside in it."

Prophecy against Elam

³⁴That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying:

³⁵"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I intend to break the bow of Elam, The finest of their might.

³⁶"I will bring upon Elam the four winds From the four ends of heaven, And will scatter them to all these winds; And there will exist no nation To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.

³⁷"So I will shatter Elam before their enemies And before those who seek their lives; And I will bring calamity upon them, Even My fierce anger,' declares the LORD, 'And I will send out the sword after them Until I have consumed them.

³⁸"Then I will set My throne in Elam And destroy out of it king and princes,' Declares the LORD.

³⁹"But it will come about in the last days That I will restore the fortunes of Elam,'" Declares the LORD.

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Prophecy against Babylon

¹The word which the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

²" Declare and proclaim among the nations Proclaim it and lift up a standard Do not conceal it but say, ' Babylon has fallen into captivity, Bel has fallen into shame, Marduk has shattered; Her images have God has put to shame, her idols God has shattered.'

³"For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land an object of horror, and there will live no inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!

⁴"In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and the LORD their God they will seek.

⁵"They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that they will not forget.

⁶"My people have become lost sheep; Their shepherds have led them astray They have made them turn aside on the mountains; They have gone along from mountain to hill And have forgotten their resting place.

⁷"All who came upon them have devoured them; And their adversaries have said, ' We have no guilt, Inasmuch as they have sinned against the LORD who serves as the habitation of righteousness, Even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.'

⁸"Wander away from the midst of Babylon And go forth from the land of the Chaldeans; Behave also like male goats at the head of the flock.

⁹"For behold, I intend to arouse and bring up against Babylon A horde of great nations from the land of the north, And they will draw up their battle lines against her; From there she will fall into captivity. Their arrows will resemble an expert warrior Who does not return empty-handed.

¹⁰" Chaldea will become plunder; All who plunder her will have enough," declares the LORD.

¹¹"Because you have become glad, because you feel jubilant, O you who pillage My heritage, Because you skip about like a threshing heifer And neigh like stallions,

¹²Your mother will feel great shame, She who gave you birth will feel humiliation Behold, she will become the least of the nations, A wilderness, a parched land and a desert.

¹³"Because of the indignation of the LORD she will not have inhabitants, But she will not have

complete desolation; Everyone who passes by Babylon will feel horrified And will hiss because of all her wounds.

¹⁴"Draw up your battle lines against Babylon on every side, All you who bend the bow; Shoot at her, do not spare your arrows, For she has sinned against the LORD.

¹⁵"Raise your battle cry against her on every side! She has given herself up, her pillars have fallen, Her walls have become torn down For this represents the vengeance of the LORD: Take vengeance on her; As she has done to others, so do to her.

¹⁶"Cut off the sower from Babylon And the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest; From before the sword of the oppressor They will each turn back to his own people And they will each flee to his own land.

¹⁷"Israel resembles a scattered flock, the lions have driven them away The first one who devoured him we identify as the king of Assyria, and this last one who has broken his bones we identified as Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

¹⁸"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I intend to punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria.

¹⁹"And I will bring Israel back to his pasture and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan, and his desire will have satisfaction in the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.

²⁰"In those days and at that time,' declares the LORD, ' I will search for the iniquity of Israel, but I will find none; and for the sins of Judah, but no one will find them; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.'

²¹"Against the land of Merathaim, go up against it, And against the inhabitants of Pekod. Slay and utterly destroy them," declares the LORD, "And do according to all that I have commanded you.

²²"The noise of battle we hear in the land, And great destruction.

²³"How the hammer of the whole earth Has become cut off and broken! How Babylon has become An object of horror among the nations!

²⁴"I set a snare for you and caught you, O Babylon, While you yourself felt no awareness; I have found you and also seized you Because you have engaged in conflict with the LORD."

²⁵The LORD has opened His armory And has brought forth the weapons of His indignation, For the Lord GOD of hosts has done a work In the land of the Chaldeans.

²⁶"Come to her from the farthest border; Open up her barns, Pile her up like heaps And utterly destroy her, Let nothing remain to her.

²⁷Put all her young bulls to the sword; Let them go down to the slaughter! Woe upon them, for their day has come, The time of their punishment.

²⁸We hear a sound of fugitives and refugees from the land of Babylon, To declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, Vengeance for His temple.

²⁹"Summon many against Babylon, All those who bend the bow: Encamp against her on every side, Let her find no escape. Repay her according to her work; According to all that she has done, so do to her; For she has become arrogant against the LORD, Against the Holy One of Israel.

³⁰"Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, And all her men of war will fall into silence in that day," declares the LORD.

³¹"Behold, I place Myself against you, O arrogant one," Declares the Lord GOD of hosts, "For your day has come, The time when I will punish you.

³²"The arrogant one will stumble and fall With no one to raise him up; And I will set fire to his cities And it will devour all his environs."

³³Thus says the LORD of hosts, "The sons of Israel have suffered oppression, And the sons of Judah as well; And all who took them captive have held them fast, They have refused to let them go.

³⁴"Their Redeemer we acknowledge as strong, the LORD of hosts they call Him; He will vigorously plead their case So that He may bring rest to the earth, But turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon.

³⁵"A sword against the Chaldeans," declares the LORD, "And against the inhabitants of Babylon And against her officials and her wise men!

³⁶"A sword against the oracle priests, and they will become fools! A sword against her mighty men, and they will shatter!

³⁷"A sword against their horses and against their chariots And against all the foreigners who dwell in the midst of her, And they will become women! A sword against her treasures, and they will become plundered!

³⁸"A drought on her waters, and they will dry up! For it has become a land of idols, And they have become mad over fearsome idols.

³⁹"Therefore the desert creatures will live there along with the jackals; The ostriches also will live in it, And it will never again have inhabitants Or dwelt in from generation to generation.

⁴⁰"As when God overthrew Sodom And Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD, "No man will live there, Nor will any son of man reside in it.

⁴¹"Behold, a people come from the north, And a great nation and many kings Will come from the remote parts of the earth.

⁴²"They seize their bow and javelin; They have cruelty and no mercy Their voice roars like the sea; And they ride on horses, Marshalled like a man for the battle Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

⁴³"The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, And his hands hang limp; Distress has gripped him, Agony like a woman in childbirth.

⁴⁴" Behold, one will come up like a lion from the thicket of the Jordan to a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I will make them run away from it, and whoever they choose I will appoint over it For who compares to Me, and who will summon Me into court? And who then serves as the shepherd who can stand before Me?"

⁴⁵Therefore hear the plan of the LORD which He has planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: surely they will drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their pasture desolate because of them.

⁴⁶At the shout, "Babylon has become seized!" the earth shakes, and an outcry we hear among the nations.

Jeremiah 51

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Babylon Judged for Sins against Israel

¹Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will arouse against Babylon And against the inhabitants of Leb-kamai The spirit of a destroyer.

²"I will dispatch foreigners to Babylon that they may winnow her And may devastate her land; For on every side they will oppose her In the day of her calamity.

³"Let not him who bends his bow bend it, Nor let him rise up in his scale-armor; So do not spare her young men; Devote all her army to destruction.

⁴"They will fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, And pierced through in their streets."

⁵For neither Israel nor Judah I have forsaken By his God, the LORD of hosts, Although their land has filled with guilt Before the Holy One of Israel.

⁶Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not suffer her destruction and punishment, For this we identify as the LORD'S time of vengeance; He intends to render recompense to her.

⁷Babylon has served as a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, Intoxicating all the earth The nations have drunk of her wine; Therefore the nations have gone mad.

⁸Suddenly Babylon has fallen and has broken; Wail over her! Bring balm for her pain; Perhaps she may receive healing.

⁹We applied healing to Babylon, but she did not receive healing; Forsake her and let us each go to his own country, For her judgment has reached to heaven And towers up to the very skies.

¹⁰The LORD has brought about our vindication; Come and let us recount in Zion The work of the LORD our God!

¹¹Sharpen the arrows, fill the quivers! The LORD has aroused the spirit of the kings of the Medes, Because His purpose focuses against Babylon to destroy it; For it represents the vengeance of the LORD, vengeance for His temple.

¹²Lift up a signal against the walls of Babylon; Post a strong guard, Station sentries, Place men in ambush! For the LORD has both purposed and performed What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.

¹³O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your end.

¹⁴The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:"Surely I will fill you with a population like locusts, And they will cry out with shouts of victory over you."

¹⁵He made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.

¹⁶When He utters His voice, there appears a tumult of waters in the heavens, And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain And brings forth the wind from His storehouses.

¹⁷All mankind remains stupid, devoid of knowledge; Every goldsmith falls into shame by his idols, For his molten images seem deceitful, And they have no breath in them.

¹⁸They appear worthless, a work of mockery; In the time of their punishment they will perish.

¹⁹The portion of Jacob we do not regard like these; For God makes them all, And of the tribe of His inheritance; The LORD of hosts we acknowledge as His name.

²⁰He says, "You resemble My war-club, My weapon of war; And with you I shatter nations, And with you I destroy kingdoms.

²¹"With you I shatter the horse and his rider, And with you I shatter the chariot and its rider,

²²And with you I shatter man and woman, And with you I shatter old man and youth, And with you I shatter young man and virgin,

²³And with you I shatter the shepherd and his flock, And with you I shatter the farmer and his team, And with you I shatter governors and prefects.

²⁴"But I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all their evil that they have done in Zion before your eyes," declares the LORD.

²⁵"Behold, I fight against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys the whole earth," declares the LORD, "And I will stretch out My hand against you, And roll you down from the crags, And I will make you a burnt out mountain.

²⁶"They will not take from you even a stone for a corner Nor a stone for foundations, But you will remain desolate forever," declares the LORD.

²⁷Lift up a signal in the land, Blow a trumpet among the nations! Consecrate the nations against her, Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni and Ashkenaz; Appoint a marshal against her, Bring up the horses like bristly locusts.

²⁸Consecrate the nations against her, The kings of the Medes, Their governors and all their prefects, And every land of their dominion.

²⁹So the land quakes and writhes, For the purposes of the LORD against Babylon stand, To make the land of Babylon A desolation without inhabitants.

³⁰The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting, They stay in the strongholds; Their strength has become exhausted, They have become like women; Their dwelling places I set on fire, The bars of her gates have broken.

³¹One courier runs to meet another, And one messenger to meet another, To tell the king of Babylon That his city has fallen into captivity from end to end;

³²The fords the enemies also have seized, And they have burned the marshes with fire, And the men of war feel terror.

³³For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon resembles a threshing floor At the time it has become stamped firm; Yet in a little while the time of harvest will come for her."

³⁴"Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me and crushed me, He has set me down like an empty vessel; He has swallowed me like a monster, He has filled his stomach with my delicacies; He has washed me away.

³⁵"May the violence done to me and to my flesh fall upon Babylon," The inhabitant of Zion will say; And, "May someone pour my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea," Jerusalem will say.

³⁶Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I intend to plead your case And exact full vengeance for you; And I will dry up her sea And make her fountain dry.

³⁷"Babylon will become a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, An object of horror and hissing, without inhabitants.

³⁸"They will roar together like young lions, They will growl like lions' cubs.

³⁹"When they become heated up, I will serve them their banquet And make them drunk, that they may become jubilant And may sleep a perpetual sleep And not wake up," declares the LORD.

⁴⁰"I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, Like rams together with male goats.

⁴¹"How Sheshak has fallen into captivity, And the praise of the whole earth has become seized! How Babylon has become an object of horror among the nations!

⁴²"The sea has come up over Babylon; She has become engulfed with its tumultuous waves.

⁴³"Her cities have become an object of horror, A parched land and a desert, A land in which no man lives And through which no son of man passes.

⁴⁴" I will punish Bel in Babylon, And I will make what he has swallowed come out of his mouth; And the nations will no longer stream to him Even the wall of Babylon has fallen down!

⁴⁵" Come forth from her midst, My people, And each of you save yourselves From the fierce anger of the LORD.

⁴⁶"Now so that your heart does not grow faint, And you have no fear at the report that people will hear in the land-- For the report will come one year, And after that another report in another year, And violence will occur in the land With ruler against ruler--

⁴⁷"Therefore behold, days will come When I will punish the idols of Babylon; And her whole land will fall into shame And all her slain will fall in her midst.

⁴⁸"Then heaven and earth and all that dwells in them Will shout for joy over Babylon, For the destroyers will come to her from the north," Declares the LORD.

⁴⁹ Indeed Babylon will fall for the slain of Israel, As also for Babylon the slain of all the earth have fallen.

⁵⁰"You who have escaped the sword, Depart! Do not stay! Remember the LORD from afar, And let Jerusalem come to your mind.

⁵¹ We feel shame because we have heard reproach; Disgrace has covered our faces, For aliens have entered The holy places of the LORD'S house.

⁵²"Therefore behold, the days will come," declares the LORD, "When I will punish her idols, And the mortally wounded will groan throughout her land.

⁵³"Though Babylon should ascend to the heavens, And though she should fortify her lofty stronghold, From Me destroyers will come to her," declares the LORD.

⁵⁴"The sound of an outcry from Babylon, And of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!

⁵⁵"For the LORD intends to destroy Babylon, And He will make her loud noise vanish from her. And their waves will roar like many waters; The tumult of their voices sounds forth.

⁵⁶"For the destroyer comes against her, against Babylon, And her mighty men will fall into captivity, Their bows shatter; For the LORD serve as a God of recompense, He will fully repay.

⁵⁷"I will make her princes and her wise men drunk, Her governors, her prefects and her mighty men, That they may sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake up," Declares the King, whose name we identify as the LORD of hosts.

⁵⁸"Thus says the LORD of hosts, "The broad wall of Babylon will completely collapse And her high gates will burn; So the peoples will toil for nothing, And the nations become exhausted only for fire."

⁵⁹The message which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the grandson of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah served as quartermaster.)

⁶⁰So Jeremiah wrote in a single scroll all the calamity which would come upon Babylon, namely, all these words which I have written concerning Babylon.

⁶¹Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "As soon as you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words aloud,

⁶²and say, 'You, O LORD, have promised concerning this place to cut it off, so that nothing will dwell in it, whether man or beast, but it will fall into a perpetual desolation.'

⁶³"And as soon as you finish reading this scroll, you will tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates,

⁶⁴and say, 'Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I intend to bring upon her; and they will become exhausted "' Thus far we record the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 52

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The Fall of Jerusalem

¹ Zedekiah reached twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother had the name of Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

²He did evil in the sight of the LORD like all that Jehoiakim had done.

³For through the anger of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

⁴Now it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it.

⁵ So the city fell under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

⁶On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine seemed so severe in the city that no one could find food for the people of the land.

⁷Then enemies broke into the city, and all the men of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which located by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans camped all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

⁸But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho, and all his army scattered from him.

⁹Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.

¹⁰The king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

¹¹Then he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon and put him in prison until the day of his death.

¹²Now on the tenth day of the fifth month, which we mark as the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, who served the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

¹³He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every large house he burned with fire.

¹⁴So all the army of the Chaldeans who remained with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls around Jerusalem.

¹⁵Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile some of the poorest of the people, the rest of the people who remained in the city, the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the artisans.

¹⁶But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to the vinedressers and plowmen.

¹⁷Now the bronze pillars which belonged to the house of the LORD and the stands and the bronze sea, which served in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried all their bronze to Babylon.

¹⁸They also took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the pans and all the bronze vessels which they used in temple service.

¹⁹The captain of the guard also took away the bowls, the firepans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the pans and the drink offering bowls, made of fine gold and of fine silver.

²⁰The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that stood under the sea, and the stands, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD--the bronze of all these vessels measured beyond weight.

²¹As for the pillars, the height of each pillar measured eighteen cubits, and it measured twelve cubits in circumference and four fingers in thickness, and hollow.

²²Now a capital of bronze appeared on it; and the height of each capital measured five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar resembled these, including pomegranates.

²³We counted ninety-six exposed pomegranates; all the pomegranates numbered a hundred on the network all around.

²⁴Then the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest, with the three officers of the temple.

²⁵He also took from the city one official who served as overseer of the men of war, and seven of the king's advisers who they found in the city, and the scribe of the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who they found in the midst of the city.

²⁶Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

²⁷Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath So Judah's enemies led her away into exile from its land.

²⁸These we identify as the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away into exile: in the seventh year 3,023 Jews;

²⁹in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar 832 persons from Jerusalem;

³⁰in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile 745 Jewish people; we counted 4,600 persons in all.

³¹Now it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.

³²Then he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who dwelled with him in Babylon.

³³So Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and had his meals in the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

³⁴For his allowance, a regular allowance he received from the king of Babylon, a daily portion all the days of his life until the day of his death.

Lamentations 1

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The Sorrows of Zion

¹How lonely sits the city That formerly had many people! She has become like a widow Who had once achieved greatness among the nations! She who ruled as a princess among the provinces Has become a forced laborer!

²She weeps bitterly in the night And her tears roll down her cheeks; She has none to comfort her Among all her lovers All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile under affliction And under harsh servitude; She dwells among the nations, But she has found no rest; All her pursuers have overtaken her In the midst of distress.

⁴The roads of Zion have fullness of mourning Because no one comes to the appointed feasts All her gates appear desolate; Her priests groan, Her virgins have become afflicted, And she herself has grown bitter.

⁵Her adversaries have become her masters, Her enemies prosper; For the LORD has caused her grief Because of the multitude of her transgressions; Her little ones have gone away As captives before the adversary.

⁶All her majesty Has departed from the daughter of Zion; Her princes have become like deer That have found no pasture; And they have fled without strength Before the pursuer.

⁷In the days of her affliction and homelessness Jerusalem remembers all her precious things That existed from the days of old, When her people fell into the hand of the adversary And no one helped her The adversaries saw her, They mocked at her ruin.

⁸Jerusalem sinned greatly, Therefore she has become an unclean thing All who honored her despise her Because they have seen her nakedness; Even she herself groans and turns away.

⁹Her uncleanness penetrated in her skirts; She did not consider her future Therefore she has fallen astonishingly; She has no comforter " See, O LORD, my affliction, For the enemy has magnified himself!"

¹⁰The adversary has stretched out his hand Over all her precious things, For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, The ones whom You commanded That they should not enter into Your congregation.

¹¹All her people groan seeking bread; They have given their precious things for food To restore their lives themselves "See, O LORD, and look, For I feel despised."

¹²"Do you consider it nothing to all you who pass this way? Look and see if any pain exists like my pain Which the LORD severely dealt out to me, Which the LORD inflicted on the day of His fierce anger.

¹³"From on high He sent fire into my bones, And it prevailed over them He has spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back; He has made me desolate, Faint all day long.

¹⁴"The yoke of my transgressions have bound me; By His hand He knits them together They have come upon my neck; He has made my strength fail The Lord has given me into the hands Of those against whom I cannot stand.

¹⁵"The Lord has rejected all my strong men In my midst; He has called an appointed time against me To crush my young men; The Lord has trodden as in a wine press The virgin daughter of Judah.

¹⁶"For these things I weep; My eyes run down with water; Because a comforter exists far from me, One who restores my soul. My children have become desolate Because the enemy has prevailed."

¹⁷Zion stretches out her hands; No one comforts her; The LORD has commanded concerning Jacob That the ones round about him should become his adversaries; Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.

¹⁸"The LORD acts righteously; For I have rebelled against His command; Hear now, all peoples, And behold my pain; My virgins and my young men Have gone into captivity.

¹⁹"I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; My priests and my elders perished in the city While they sought food to restore their strength themselves.

²⁰"See, O LORD, for I have fallen in distress; My spirit feels greatly troubled; My heart has become overturned within me, For I have behaved very rebelliously. In the street the sword slays; In the house it feels like death.

²¹"They have heard that I groan; No one to comforts me; All my enemies have heard of my calamity; They have gladness that You have done it Oh, that You would bring the day which You have proclaimed, That they may become like me.

²²"Let all their wickedness come before You; And deal with them as You have dealt with me For all my transgressions; For my groans have multiplied and my heart have become faint."

Lamentations 2

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God's Anger over Israel

¹How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion With a cloud in His anger! He has cast from heaven to earth The glory of Israel, And has not remembered His footstool In the day of His anger.

²The Lord has swallowed up; He has not spared All the habitations of Jacob In His wrath He has thrown down The strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought them down to the ground; He has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

³In fierce anger He has cut off All the strength of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand From before the enemy And He has burned in Jacob like a flaming fire Consuming round about.

⁴He has bent His bow like an enemy; He has set His right hand like an adversary And slain all that seemed pleasant to the eye; In the tent of the daughter of Zion He has poured out His wrath like fire.

⁵The Lord has become like an enemy He has swallowed up Israel; He has swallowed up all its palaces, He has destroyed its strongholds And multiplied in the daughter of Judah Mourning and moaning.

⁶And He has violently treated His tabernacle like a garden booth; He has destroyed His appointed meeting place The LORD has caused to become forgotten The appointed feast and sabbath in Zion, And He has despised king and priest In the indignation of His anger.

⁷The Lord has rejected His altar, He has abandoned His sanctuary; He has delivered into the hand of the enemy The walls of her palaces They have made a noise in the house of the LORD As in the day of an appointed feast.

⁸The LORD determined to destroy The wall of the daughter of Zion. He has stretched out a line, He has not restrained His hand from destroying, And He has caused rampart and wall to lament; They have languished together.

⁹Her gates have sunk into the ground, He has destroyed and broken her bars Her king and her princes live among the nations; The law has ceased Also, her prophets find No vision from the LORD.

¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit on the ground, they remain silent They have thrown dust on their heads; They have girded themselves with sackcloth The virgins of Jerusalem Have bowed their heads to the ground.

¹¹My eyes fail because of tears, My spirit feels greatly troubled; My heart has become poured out on the earth Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, When little ones and infants faint In the streets of the city.

¹²They say to their mothers, " Where can we find grain and wine?" As they faint like a wounded man In the streets of the city, As their life pours out On their mothers' bosom.

¹³How shall I admonish you? To what shall I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? To what shall I liken you as I comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin has become as vast as the sea; Who can heal you?

¹⁴Your prophets have seen for you False and foolish visions; And they have not exposed your iniquity So as to restore you from captivity, But they have seen for you false and misleading oracles.

¹⁵All who pass along the way Clap their hands in derision at you; They hiss and shake their heads At the daughter of Jerusalem, "Do we call this the city of which they said, ' The perfection of beauty, A joy to all the earth?'"

¹⁶All your enemies Have opened their mouths wide against you; They hiss and gnash their teeth They say, "We have swallowed her up! Surely this has become the day for which we waited; We have reached it, we have seen it."

¹⁷The LORD has done what He purposed; He has accomplished His word Which He commanded from days of old He has thrown down without sparing, And He has caused the enemy to rejoice over you; He has exalted the might of your adversaries.

¹⁸Their heart cried out to the Lord, " O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let your tears run down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief, Let your eyes have no rest.

¹⁹"Arise, cry aloud in the night At the beginning of the night watches; Pour out your heart like water Before the presence of the Lord; Lift up your hands to Him For the life of your little ones Who faint because of hunger At the head of every street."

²⁰See, O LORD, and look! With whom have You dealt thus? Should women eat their offspring, The little ones who whose birth appeared healthy? Should priest and prophet become slain In the sanctuary of the Lord?

²¹On the ground in the streets Lie young and old; My virgins and my young men Have fallen by the sword You have slain them in the day of Your anger, You have slaughtered, not sparing.

²²You called as in the day of an appointed feast My terrors on every side; And no one escaped or survived In the day of the LORD'S anger Those whom I bore and reared, My enemy annihilated them.

Lamentations 3

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Jeremiah Shares Israel's Affliction

- ¹I proclaim myself the man who has seen affliction Because of the rod of His wrath.
²He has driven me and made me walk In darkness and not in light.
³Surely against me He has turned His hand Repeatedly all the day.
⁴He has caused my flesh and my skin to waste away, He has broken my bones.
⁵He has besieged and encompassed me with bitterness and hardship.
⁶In dark places He has made me dwell, Like those who have long died.
⁷He has walled me in so that I cannot go out; He has made my chain heavy.
⁸Even when I cry out and call for help, He shuts out my prayer.
⁹He has blocked my ways with hewn stone; He has made my paths crooked.
¹⁰He appears to me like a bear lying in wait, Like a lion in secret places.
¹¹He has turned aside my ways and torn me to pieces; He has made me desolate.
¹²He bent His bow And set me as a target for the arrow.
¹³He made the arrows of His quiver To enter into my inward parts.
¹⁴I have become a laughingstock to all my people, Their mocking song all the day.
¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness, He has made me drunk with wormwood.
¹⁶He has broken my teeth with gravel; He has made me cower in the dust.
¹⁷My soul has become rejected from peace; I have forgotten happiness.
¹⁸So I say, "My strength has perished, And so has my hope from the LORD."

Hope of Relief in God's Mercy

- ¹⁹Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.
²⁰Surely my soul remembers And bows down within me.
²¹This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.
²²The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.
²³They renew every morning; Greatly we acknowledge Your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD I regard as my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."
²⁵The LORD proves good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.
²⁶It appears good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It seems good for a man that he should bear The yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone and remain silent Since He has laid it on him.
²⁹Let him put his mouth in the dust, Perhaps there remains hope.
³⁰Let him give his cheek to the smiter, Let him have his fill of reproach.
³¹For the Lord will not reject forever,
³²For if He causes grief, Then He will have compassion According to His abundant lovingkindness.
³³For He does not afflict willingly Or grieve the sons of men.

³⁴To crush under His feet All the prisoners of the land,
³⁵To deprive a man of justice In the presence of the Most High,
³⁶To defraud a man in his lawsuit-- Of these things the Lord does not approve.
³⁷Who speaks and it comes to pass, Unless the Lord has commanded it?
³⁸Does it not come from the mouth of the Most High That both good and ill go forth?
³⁹Why should any living mortal, or any man, Offer complaint in view of his sins?
⁴⁰Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.
⁴¹We lift up our heart and hands Toward God in heaven;
⁴²We have transgressed and rebelled, You have not pardoned.
⁴³You have covered Yourself with anger And pursued us; You have slain and have not spared.
⁴⁴You have covered Yourself with a cloud So that no prayer can pass through.
⁴⁵You have made us mere offscouring and refuse In the midst of the peoples.
⁴⁶All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.
⁴⁷Panic and pitfall have befallen us, Devastation and destruction;
⁴⁸My eyes run down with streams of water Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

⁴⁹My eyes pour down unceasingly, Without stopping,
⁵⁰Until the LORD looks down And sees from heaven.
⁵¹My eyes bring pain to my soul Because of all the daughters of my city.
⁵²My enemies without cause Hunted me down like a bird;
⁵³They have silenced me in the pit And have placed a stone on me.
⁵⁴Waters flowed over my head; I said, "I feel cut off!"
⁵⁵I called on Your name, O LORD, Out of the lowest pit.
⁵⁶You have heard my voice, " Do not hide Your ear from my prayer for relief, From my cry for help."

⁵⁷You drew near when I called on You; You said, " Do not fear!"
⁵⁸O Lord, You have pleaded my soul's cause; You have redeemed my life.
⁵⁹O LORD, You have seen my oppression; Judge my case.
⁶⁰You have seen all their vengeance, All their schemes against me.
⁶¹You have heard their reproach, O LORD, All their schemes against me.
⁶²The lips of my assailants and their whispering fall against me all day long.
⁶³Look on their sitting and their rising; I have become their mocking song.
⁶⁴You will recompense them, O LORD, According to the work of their hands.
⁶⁵You will give them hardness of heart, Your curse will fall upon them.
⁶⁶You will pursue them in anger and destroy them From under the heavens of the LORD!

Lamentations 4

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Distress of the Siege Described

¹How dark the gold has become, How the pure gold has changed! The sacred stones have poured out At the corner of every street.

²The precious sons of Zion, Weighed against fine gold, How they became regarded as earthen jars, The work of a potter's hands!

³Even jackals offer the breast, They nurse their young; But the daughter of my people has become cruel Like ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴The tongue of the infant cleaves To the roof of its mouth because of thirst; The little ones ask for bread, But no one breaks it for them.

⁵Those who ate delicacies find themselves desolate in the streets; Those reared in purple Embrace ash pits.

⁶For the iniquity of the daughter of my people Has become greater than the sin of Sodom, Which became overthrown as in a moment, And no hands turned toward her.

⁷Her consecrated ones appear purer than snow, They looked whiter than milk; They appeared more ruddy in body than corals, Their polishing resembled lapis lazuli.

⁸Their appearance seemed blacker than soot, No one recognizes them in the streets; Their skin shrivels on their bones, It withered, it has become like wood.

⁹Better we regard those slain with the sword Than those slain with hunger; For they pine away, having become stricken For lack of the fruits of the field.

¹⁰The hands of compassionate women Boiled their own children; They became food for them Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

¹¹The LORD has accomplished His wrath, He has poured out His fierce anger; And He has kindled a fire in Zion Which has consumed its foundations.

¹²The kings of the earth did not believe, Nor did any of the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy Could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

¹³Because of the sins of her prophets And the iniquities of her priests, Who have shed in her midst The blood of the righteous;

¹⁴They wandered, blind, in the streets; They defiled themselves with blood So that no one could touch their garments.

¹⁵"Depart! Unclean!" they cried of themselves "Depart, depart, do not touch!" So they fled and wandered; Men among the nations said, "They shall not continue to dwell with us."

¹⁶The presence of the LORD has scattered them, He will not continue to regard them; They did not honor the priests, They did not favor the elders.

¹⁷Yet our eyes failed, Looking for help proved useless; In our watching we have watched For a nation that could not save.

¹⁸They hunted our steps So that we could not walk in our streets; Our end drew near, Our days finished For our end had come.

¹⁹Our pursuers seemed swifter Than the eagles of the sky; They chased us on the mountains, They waited in ambush for us in the wilderness.

²⁰The breath of our nostrils, the LORD'S anointed, Remained captured in their pits, Of whom we had said, "Under his shadow We shall live among the nations."

²¹Rejoice and feel glad, O daughter of Edom, Who dwells in the land of Uz; But the cup will come around to you as well, You will become drunk and make yourself naked.

²²The punishment of your iniquity has become completed, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no longer But He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins!

Lamentations 5

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A Prayer for Mercy

¹Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us; Look, and see our reproach!

²Our inheritance You have turned over to strangers, Our houses to aliens.

³We have become orphans without a father, Our mothers have become like widows.

⁴We have to pay for our drinking water, Our wood comes to us at a price.

⁵Our pursuers follow at our necks; We wear out, we have no rest.

⁶We have submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough bread.

⁷Our fathers sinned, and exist no more; we have borne their iniquities.

⁸Slaves rule over us; No one will deliver us from their hand.

⁹We get our bread at the risk of our lives Because of the sword in the wilderness.

¹⁰Our skin has become as hot as an oven, Because of the burning heat of famine.

¹¹They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the cities of Judah.

¹²They hung the princes by their hands; Elders received no respect.

¹³Young men worked at the grinding mill, And youths stumbled under loads of wood.

¹⁴Elders have disappeared from the gate, Young men from their music.

¹⁵The joy of our hearts has ceased; Our dancing has turned into mourning.

¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head; Woe to us, for we have sinned!

¹⁷Because of this our heart faints, Because of these things our eyes have become dim;

¹⁸Because of Mount Zion which lies desolate, Foxes prowl in it.

¹⁹You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne lasts from generation to generation.

²⁰Why do You forget us forever? Why do You forsake us so long?

²¹Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may receive restoration; Renew our days as of old,

²²Unless You have utterly rejected us And have become exceedingly angry with us.

Ezekiel 1-48

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The Vision of Four Figures

¹Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I stood by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens opened and I saw visions of God.

²(On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,

³the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

⁴As I looked, behold, a storm wind came from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.

⁵Within it I saw figures resembling four living beings And this I noted as their appearance: they had human form.

⁶Each of them had four faces and four wings.

⁷Their legs looked straight and their feet resembled a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze.

⁸Under their wings on their four sides appeared human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,

⁹their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward.

¹⁰As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.

¹¹Such appeared their faces. Their wings spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies.

¹²And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they went.

¹³In the midst of the living beings there appeared something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire appeared bright, and lightning flashed from the fire.

¹⁴And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.

¹⁵Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, I saw one wheel on the earth beside the living beings, for each of the four of them.

¹⁶The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship resembled sparkling beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship seeming as if one wheel located within another.

¹⁷Whenever they moved, they moved in any of their four directions without turning as they moved.

¹⁸As for their rims they appeared lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them appeared full of eyes round about.

¹⁹Whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also.

²⁰Wherever the spirit would go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings located in the wheels.

²¹Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings lived in the wheels.

Vision of Divine Glory

²²Now over the heads of the living beings there looked something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal, spread out over their heads.

²³Under the expanse their wings stretched out straight, one toward the other; each one also had two wings covering its body on the one side and on the other.

²⁴I also heard the sound of their wings like the sound of abundant waters as they went, like the voice of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

²⁵And there came a voice from above the expanse that appeared over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

²⁶Now above the expanse that appeared over their heads something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, I saw a figure with the appearance of a man.

²⁷Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and there extended a radiance around Him.

²⁸As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so seemed the appearance of the surrounding radiance Such seemed the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

Ezekiel 2

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The Prophet's Call

¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!"

²As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me.

³Then He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

⁴"I send you to them who have behaved as stubborn and obstinate children, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'

⁵"As for them, whether they listen or not--for they have proved themselves a rebellious house--they will know that a prophet has lived among them.

⁶"And you, son of man, neither fear them nor fear their words, though thistles and thorns accompany you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor feel dismay at their presence, for they have proved themselves a rebellious house.

⁷"But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they act rebelliously.

⁸"Now you, son of man, listen to what I speak to you; do not rebel like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I give you."

⁹Then I looked, and behold, a hand extended to me; and lo, a scroll appeared in it.

¹⁰When He spread it out before me, it had writing on the front and back, and written on it appeared lamentations, mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3

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Ezekiel's Commission

¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

²So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll.

³He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I give you " Then I ate it, and it tasted sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴Then He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

⁵"For I do not send you to a people of unintelligible speech or difficult language, but to the house of Israel,

⁶nor to many peoples of unintelligible speech or difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. But I have sent you to them who should listen to you;

⁷yet the house of Israel will not listen to you, since they do not want to listen to Me. Surely the whole house of Israel has become stubborn and obstinate.

⁸"Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

⁹"Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not fear them or feel dismay before them, though they have proved themselves a rebellious house."

¹⁰Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, take into your heart all My words which I will speak to you and listen closely.

¹¹"Go to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they listen or not, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'"

¹²Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a great rumbling sound behind me, "Blessed do we acknowledge the glory of the LORD in His place."

¹³And I heard the sound of the wings of the living beings touching one another and the sound of the wheels beside them, even a great rumbling sound.

¹⁴So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD felt strong on me.

¹⁵Then I came to the exiles who lived beside the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there seven days where they lived, causing consternation among them.

¹⁶At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

¹⁷"Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.

¹⁸"When I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

¹⁹"Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

²⁰"Again, when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done people shall not remember; but his blood I will require at your hand.

²¹"However, if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."

²²The hand of the LORD was on me there, and He said to me, "Get up, go out to the plain, and there I will speak to you."

²³So I got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.

²⁴The Spirit then entered me and made me stand on my feet, and He spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself up in your house.

²⁵"As for you, son of man, they will put ropes on you and bind you with them so that you cannot go out among them.

²⁶"Moreover, I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will become mute and cannot act a man who rebukes them, for they have proved themselves a rebellious house.

²⁷"But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD ' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they have proved themselves a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 4

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Siege of Jerusalem Predicted

¹"Now you son of man, get yourself a brick, place it before you and inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.

²"Then lay siege against it, build a siege wall, raise up a ramp, pitch camps and place battering rams against it all around.

³"Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city, and set your face toward it so that it appears under siege, and besiege it This you will give as a sign to the house of Israel.

⁴"As for you, lie down on your left side and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall bear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it.

⁵"For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, three hundred and ninety days; thus you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

⁶"When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for each year.

⁷"Then you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared and prophesy against it.

⁸"Now behold, I will put ropes on you so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.

Defiled Bread

⁹"But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days.

¹⁰"Your food which you eat shall consist of twenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.

¹¹"The water you drink shall consist of the sixth part of a hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.

¹²"You shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked it in their sight over human dung."

¹³Then the LORD said, "Thus will the sons of Israel eat their bread unclean among the nations where I will banish them."

¹⁴But I said, " Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I have never defiled myself; for from my youth until now I have never eaten what died of itself or had become torn by beasts, nor has any unclean meat ever entered my mouth."

¹⁵Then He said to me, "See, I will give you cow's dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread."

¹⁶Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, behold, I intend to break the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and drink water by measure and in horror,

¹⁷because bread and water will grow scarce; and they will feel appalled with one another and waste away in their iniquity.

Ezekiel 5

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Jerusalem's Desolation Foretold

¹"As for you, son of man, take a sharp sword; take and use it as a barber's razor on your head and beard Then take scales for weighing and divide the hair.

²"One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the days of the siege have reached completion Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will unsheathe a sword behind them.

³"Take also a few in number from them and bind them in the edges of your robes.

⁴"Take again some of them and throw them into the fire and burn them in the fire; from it a fire will spread to all the house of Israel.

⁵"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'This represent Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her.

⁶'But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.'

⁷"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have more turmoil than the nations which surround you and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you,'

⁸therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I, even I, fight against you, and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.'

⁹'And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again.'

¹⁰'Therefore, fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind.'

¹¹'So as I live,' declares the Lord GOD, 'surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable idols and with all your abominations, therefore I will also withdraw, and My eye will have no pity and I will not spare.'

¹²'One third of you will die by plague or become consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will scatter to every wind, and I will unsheath a sword behind them.'

¹³'Thus My anger I will spend and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will feel appeased; then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.'

¹⁴'Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by.'

¹⁵'So it will seem a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath and raging rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.'

¹⁶'When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which I intended for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread.'

¹⁷'Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'"

Ezekiel 6

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Idolatrous Worship Denounced

¹And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them

³and say, 'Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the ravines and the valleys: "Behold, I Myself will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

⁴"So your altars will become desolate and your incense altars I will smashed; and I will make your slain fall in front of your idols.

⁵"I will also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

⁶"In all your dwellings, cities will become waste and the high places will fall into desolation, that your altars may become waste and desolate, I will break your idols and bring them to an end, your incense altars I will cut down, and blot your works out.

⁷"The slain will fall among you, and you will know Me as the LORD.

⁸"However, I will leave a remnant, for you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when have become scattered among the countries.

⁹"Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will fall into captivity, how I have felt hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes which played the harlot after their idols; and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.

¹⁰"Then they will know Me as the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them."

¹¹"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Clap your hand, stamp your foot and say, " Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, which will fall by sword, famine and plague!

¹²"He who lives far off will die by the plague, and he who lives near will fall by the sword, and he who remains and falls under siege will die by the famine Thus will I spend My wrath on them.

¹³"Then you will know Me as the LORD, when their slain fall among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree and under every leafy oak--the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols.

¹⁴"So throughout all their habitations I will stretch out My hand against them and make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; thus they will know Me as the LORD."""

Ezekiel 7

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Punishment for Wickedness Foretold

¹Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, 'An end! The end will come on the four corners of the land.

³Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways and bring all your abominations upon you.

⁴For My eye will have no pity on you, nor will I spare you, but I will bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will appear among you; then you will know Me as the LORD!'

⁵"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'A disaster, unique disaster, behold it will come!

⁶'An end will come; the end has come! It has awakened against you; behold, it has come!

⁷Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day has drawn near--tumult rather than joyful shouting on the mountains.

⁸Now I will shortly pour out My wrath on you and spend My anger against you; judge you according to your ways and bring on you all your abominations.

⁹My eye will show no pity nor will I spare. I will repay you according to your ways, while your abominations remain in your midst; then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting.

¹⁰Behold, the day! Behold, it will come! Your doom has gone forth; the rod has budded, arrogance has blossomed.

¹¹Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness None of them shall remain, none of their people, none of their wealth, nor anything eminent among them.

¹²The time has come, the day has arrived Let not the buyer rejoice nor the seller mourn; for wrath falls against all their multitude.

¹³Indeed, the seller will not regain what he sold as long as they both live; for the vision regarding all their multitude will not avert, nor will any of them maintain his life by his iniquity.

¹⁴They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but no one goes to the battle, for My wrath I direct against all their multitude.

¹⁵The sword appears outside and the plague and the famine remain within. He who walks in the field will die by the sword; famine and the plague will also consume those in the city.

¹⁶Even when their survivors escape, they will flee to the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, each over his own iniquity.

¹⁷All hands will hang limp and all knees will become like water.

¹⁸They will gird themselves with sackcloth and shuddering will overwhelm them; and shame will cover all faces and baldness on all their heads.

¹⁹They will fling their silver into the streets and their gold will become an abhorrent thing; their silver and their gold will not have the capability of delivering them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They cannot satisfy their appetite nor can they fill their stomachs, for their iniquity has become an occasion of stumbling.

The Temple Profaned

²⁰They transformed the beauty of His ornaments into pride, and they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things with it; therefore I will make it an abhorrent thing to them.

²¹I will give it into the hands of the foreigners as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as spoil, and they will profane it.

²²I will also turn My face from them, and they will profane My secret place; then robbers will enter and profane it.

²³Make the chain, for the land has filled with bloody crimes and the city fills with violence.

²⁴Therefore, I will bring the worst of the nations, and they will possess their houses I will also make the pride of the strong ones cease, and their holy places will become profaned.

²⁵When anguish comes, they will seek peace, but none will come.

²⁶Disaster will come upon disaster and rumor will add to rumor; then they will seek a vision from a prophet, but the law will become lost from the priest and counsel from the elders.

²⁷The king will mourn, the prince will clothe himself with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. According to their conduct I will deal with them, and by their judgments I will judge them. And they will know Me as the LORD."

Ezekiel 8

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Vision of Abominations in Jerusalem

¹It came about in the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell on me there.

²Then I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of a man; from His loins and downward there seemed the appearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance of glowing metal.

³He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, stood.

⁴And behold, the glory of the God of Israel filled there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

⁵Then He said to me, "Son of man, raise your eyes now toward the north " So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate appeared this idol of jealousy at the entrance.

⁶And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they do, the great abominations which the house of Israel commits here, so that I would stay far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

⁷Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

⁸He said to me, "Son of man, now dig through the wall." So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance.

⁹And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they commit here."

¹⁰So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, they had carved on the wall all around.

¹¹Standing in front of them appeared seventy elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.

¹²Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel commit in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, ' The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

¹³And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they commit."

¹⁴Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD'S house which stood toward the north; and behold, women sat there weeping for Tammuz.

¹⁵He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."

¹⁶Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, stood about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and they prostrated themselves eastward toward the sun.

¹⁷He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Does it seem a light thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they put the twig to their nose.

¹⁸"Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them."

Ezekiel 9

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The Vision of Slaughter

¹Then He cried out in my hearing with a loud voice saying, "Draw near, O executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

²Behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them stood a certain man clothed in linen with a writing case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

³Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had appeared, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins had appeared in the writing case.

⁴The LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which people commit in its midst."

⁵But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

⁶"Utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not touch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary." So they started with the elders who stood before the temple.

⁷And He said to them, "Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" Thus they went out and struck down the people in the city.

⁸As they struck the people and I alone remained, I fell on my face and cried out saying, "Alas, Lord GOD! Will You destroy the whole remnant of Israel by pouring out Your wrath on Jerusalem?"

⁹Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah has become very, very great, and the land has become filled with blood and the city fills with perversion; for they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!'

¹⁰"But as for Me, My eye will have no pity nor will I spare, but I will bring their conduct upon their heads."

¹¹Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins appeared the writing case reported, saying, "I have done just as You have commanded me."

Ezekiel 10

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Vision of God's Glory Departing from the Temple

¹Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that appeared over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them.

²And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city." And he entered in my sight.

³Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the inner court.

⁴Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple filled with the cloud and the court filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD.

⁵Moreover, the sound of the wings of the cherubim we could hear as far as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when He speaks.

⁶It came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," he entered and stood beside a wheel.

⁷Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which appeared between the cherubim, took some and put it into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took it and went out.

⁸The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

⁹Then I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels resembles the gleam of a Tarshish stone.

¹⁰As for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel appeared within another wheel.

¹¹When they moved, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which they faced, without turning as they went.

¹²Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings and the wheels seemed full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them.

¹³The wheels they called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

¹⁴And each one had four faces. The first face resembles the face of a cherub, the second face resembles the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

¹⁵Then the cherubim rose up. They look like the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.

¹⁶Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them.

¹⁷When the cherubim stood still, the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the wheels would rise with them, for the spirit of the living beings emanated from them.

¹⁸Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.

¹⁹When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD'S house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

²⁰These look like the living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew them as cherubim.

²¹ Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings appeared the form of human hands.

²² As for the likeness of their faces, they looked like the same faces whose appearance I had seen by the river Chebar. Each one went straight ahead.

Ezekiel 11

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Evil Rulers to Receive Judgment

¹ Moreover, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD'S house which faced eastward And behold, there stood twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

² He said to me, "Son of man, these men devise iniquity and give evil advice in this city,

³ who say, 'The time has not drawn near to build houses. This city resembles the pot and we resemble the flesh.'

⁴ "Therefore, prophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!"

⁵ Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts.

⁶ "You have multiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with them."

⁷ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of the city represent the flesh and this city represents the pot; but I will bring you out of it.

⁸ "You have feared a sword; so I will bring a sword upon you," the Lord GOD declares.

⁹ "And I will bring you out of the midst of the city and deliver you into the hands of strangers and execute judgments against you.

¹⁰ "You will fall by the sword I will judge you to the border of Israel; so you shall know Me as the LORD.

¹¹ "This city will not symbolize a pot for you, nor will you symbolize flesh in the midst of it, but I will judge you to the border of Israel.

¹²"Thus you will know Me as the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor have you executed My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the nations around you.""

¹³Now it came about as I prophesied, that Pelatiah son of Benaiah died Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, " Alas, Lord GOD! Will You bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?"

Promise of Restoration

¹⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

¹⁵"Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your fellow exiles and the whole house of Israel, all of them, comprising those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far from the LORD; we have received this land as a possession.'

¹⁶"Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I provided them a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone."'

¹⁷"Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."'

¹⁸"When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it.

¹⁹"And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them Then I will call them My people and they will call Me their God.

²¹"But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will bring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord GOD.

²²Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

²³The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which lies east of the city.

²⁴And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles in Chaldea So the vision that I had seen left me.

²⁵Then I told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

Ezekiel 12

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Ezekiel Prepares for Exile

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"Son of man, you live in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they have proven themselves a rebellious house.

³"Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go into exile by day in their sight; even go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will understand though they have demonstrated themselves a rebellious house.

⁴"Bring your baggage out by day in their sight, as baggage for exile. Then you will go out at evening in their sight, as those going into exile.

⁵"Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and go out through it.

⁶"Load the baggage on your shoulder in their sight and carry it out in the dark. You shall cover your face so that you cannot see the land, for I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel."

⁷I did so, as I had received the command By day I brought out my baggage like the baggage of an exile. Then in the evening I dug through the wall with my hands; I went out in the dark and carried the baggage on my shoulder in their sight.

⁸In the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁹"Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What have you done?'

¹⁰"Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem as well as all the house of Israel who live in it.'"

¹¹"Say, 'I have become appointed as a sign to you As I have done, so it will happen to them; they will go into exile, into captivity.'

¹²"The prince who lives among them will load his baggage on his shoulder in the dark and go out. They will dig a hole through the wall to bring it out. He will cover his face so that he cannot see the land with his eyes.

¹³"I will also spread My net over him, and will catch him in My snare And I will bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, though he will die there.

¹⁴"I will scatter to every wind all who live around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I will draw out a sword after them.

¹⁵"So they will know Me as the LORD when I scatter them among the nations and spread them among the countries.

¹⁶"But I will spare a few of them from the sword, the famine and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and may know Me as the LORD."

¹⁷Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁸"Son of man, eat your bread with trembling and drink your water with quivering and anxiety.

¹⁹"Then say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel, "They will eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, because their land will become stripped of its fullness on account of the violence of all who live in it.

²⁰"The inhabited cities will fall into waste and the land will fall into desolation. So you will know Me as the LORD.'"

²¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²²"Son of man, what proverb do you people have concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The days have drawn long and every vision fails'?"

²³"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel." But tell them, "The days draw near as well as the fulfillment of every vision.

²⁴"For there will no longer appear any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

²⁵"For I the LORD will speak, and whatever word I speak will come to pass It will no longer delay, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord GOD."

²⁶Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²⁷"Son of man, behold, the house of Israel says, 'The vision that he sees will represent an event that takes place many years from now, and he prophesies of times far off.'

²⁸"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "None of My words will delay any longer. Whatever word I speak will come to pass,'"' declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 13

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False Prophets Condemned

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own inspiration, ' Listen to the word of the LORD!

³Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing.

⁴"O Israel, your prophets have resembled foxes among ruins.

⁵"You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD.

⁶"They see falsehood and lying divination who say, 'The LORD declares,' when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of their word.

⁷" Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, 'The LORD declares,' but I have not spoken it ?""

⁸Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you have spoken falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, I place Myself against you," declares the Lord GOD.

⁹"So My hand will fall against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people, nor will they write them down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that Me as the Lord GOD.

¹⁰" Definitely because they have misled My people by saying, ' Peace!' when no peace exists. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash;

¹¹so tell those who plaster it over with whitewash, that it will fall. A flooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind will break out.

¹²"Behold, when the wall has fallen, will they not ask you , 'Where do we see the plaster with which you plastered it?'"

¹³Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make a violent wind break out in My wrath. There will also come in My anger a flooding rain and hailstones to consume it in wrath.

¹⁴"So I will tear down the wall which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will lay bare; and when it falls, it will consume you in its midst And you will know Me as the LORD.

¹⁵"Thus I will spend My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it over with whitewash; and I will say to you, 'The wall has disappeared and its plasterers have fled,

¹⁶along with the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when we have no peace,' declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁷"Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy from their own inspiration. Prophesy against them

¹⁸and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to the women who sew magic bands on all wrists and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature to hunt down lives! Will you hunt down the lives of My people, but preserve the lives of others for yourselves?"

¹⁹" For handfuls of barley and fragments of bread, you have profaned Me to My people to put to death some who should not die and to keep others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies.'"

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist your magic bands by which you hunt lives there as birds and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let them go, even those lives whom you hunt as birds.

²¹"I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people from your hands, and you will no longer have them in your hands to hunt; and you will know Me as the LORD.

²²"Because you disheartened the righteous with falsehood when I did not cause him grief, but have encouraged the wicked not to turn from his wicked way and preserve his life,

²³therefore, you women will no longer see false visions or practice divination, and I will deliver My people out of your hand Thus you will know Me as the LORD."

Ezekiel 14

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Idolatrous Elders Condemned

¹Then some elders of Israel came to me and sat down before me.

²And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

³"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity Should they consult them at all?"

⁴"Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will he will bring to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols,

⁵in order to lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel who have estranged from Me through all their idols.'"

⁶"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, " Repent and turn away from your idols and turn your faces away from all your abominations.

⁷"For anyone of the house of Israel or of the immigrants who stay in Israel who separates himself from Me, sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet to inquire of Me for himself, they will bring Me to answer him in My own person.

⁸"I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from among My people. So you will know Me as the LORD.

⁹"But if they prevail upon a prophet to speak a word, I, the LORD, have prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

¹⁰"They will bear the punishment of their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer has become, so the iniquity of the prophet will become revealed,

¹¹in order that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me and no longer defile themselves with all their transgressions Thus I will call them My people and they will call Me their God," declares the Lord GOD."

God Will Not Spare The City

¹²Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹³"Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,

¹⁴even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job lived in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵"If I would cause wild beasts to pass through the land and they depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

¹⁶though these three men lived in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters. They alone would find deliverance, but the country would fall into desolation.

¹⁷"Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,'

¹⁸even though these three men lived in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters, but they alone would receive deliverance.

¹⁹"Or if I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it to cut off man and beast from it,

²⁰even though Noah, Daniel and Job lived in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either their son or their daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

²¹For thus says the Lord GOD, "How much more when I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it!

²²"Yet, behold, survivors will remain in it who I will bring out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they intend to come forth to you and you will see their conduct and actions; then you will receive comforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

²³"Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 15

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Jerusalem like a Useless Vine

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"Son of man, how has the wood of the vine proved any better than any wood of a branch which grows among the trees of the forest?

³"Can we take wood from it to make anything, or can men take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel?

⁴"If we have put it into the fire for fuel, and the fire has consumed both of its ends and its middle part has charred, does it become then useful for anything?

⁵"Behold, while it remains intact, we cannot make it into anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it has become charred, can we make it into anything!"

⁶"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

⁷and I set My face against them Though they have come out of the fire, yet the fire will consume them. Then you will know Me as the LORD, when I set My face against them.

⁸"Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have acted unfaithfully,'" declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 16

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God's Grace to Unfaithful Jerusalem

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations

³and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father came from Amorite stock and your mother a Hittite.

⁴"As for your birth, on the day you of your nativity people did not cut your navel cord , nor washed with water for cleansing; and had not rubbed you with salt or even wrapped in cloths.

⁵"No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather they threw you into the open field, for people abhorred you on the day of your birth.

⁶"When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you lay in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you while you remained in your blood, 'Live!'

⁷"I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts formed and your hair had grown. Yet you appeared naked and bare.

⁸"Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you had entered the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine," declares the Lord GOD.

⁹"Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil.

¹⁰"I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

¹¹"I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck.

¹²"I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head.

¹³"Thus I adorned you with gold and silver, and your dress we made of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty.

¹⁴"Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it appeared perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵"But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might show willingness.

¹⁶"You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen.

¹⁷"You also took your beautiful jewels made of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.

¹⁸"Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.

¹⁹"Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened," declares the Lord GOD.

²⁰"Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to become devoured. Did your harlotries seem so small a matter?

²¹"You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through the fire.

²²"Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you appeared naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

²³"Then it came about after all your wickedness ('Woe, woe to you!' declares the Lord GOD),

²⁴that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square.

²⁵"You built yourself a high place at the top of every street and made your beauty abominable, and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.

²⁶"You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry.

²⁷"Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who have become ashamed of your lewd conduct.

²⁸"Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians because you did not find satisfaction; you played the harlot with them and still you did not find satisfaction.

²⁹"You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this did not bring you satisfaction.""

³⁰"How your heart languishes," declares the Lord GOD, "while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.

³¹"When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdain of money, you did not resemble a harlot.

³²"You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

³³"Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.

³⁴"Thus you show a difference from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no one gives you money ; thus you prove yourself different."

³⁵Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

³⁶Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you poured your lewdness out and uncovered your nakedness through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols,

³⁷therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.

³⁸"Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood and receive judgment; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

³⁹"I will also give you into the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.

⁴⁰"They will incite a crowd against you and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

⁴¹"They will burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women Then I will stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your lovers.

⁴²"So I will calm My fury against you and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will become pacified and angry no more.

⁴³"Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord GOD, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your other abominations.

⁴⁴"Behold, everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb concerning you, saying, 'Like mother, like daughter.'

⁴⁵"You act like the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You have also become the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children. Your mother had Hittite ancestry and your father an Amorite.

⁴⁶"Now your older sister we recognize as Samaria, who lives north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lives south of you, we recognize as Sodom with her daughters.

⁴⁷"Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that proved too little, you acted more corruptly in all your conduct than they.

⁴⁸"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done.

⁴⁹"Behold, this we recognize as the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.

⁵⁰"Thus they showed themselves haughty and committed abominations before Me Therefore I removed them when I saw it.

⁵¹"Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

⁵²"Also bear your disgrace in that you have made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they have more righteousness than you. Yes, feel also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.

⁵³"Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity,

⁵⁴in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.

⁵⁵"Your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will also return to your former state.

⁵⁶"As the name of your sister Sodom we did not hear from your lips in your day of pride,

⁵⁷before your wickedness had become uncovered, so now you have become the reproach of the daughters of Edom and of all who dwell around her, of the daughters of the Philistines--those surrounding you who despise you.

⁵⁸"You have borne the penalty of your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares.

⁵⁹For thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

The Covenant Remembered

⁶⁰"Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

⁶¹"Then you will remember your ways and feel ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

⁶²"Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know Me as the LORD,

⁶³so that you may remember and feel ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord GOD declares.

Ezekiel 17

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Parable of Two Eagles and a Vine

¹Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, propound a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel,

³saying, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "A great eagle with great wings, long pinions and a full plumage of many colors came to Lebanon and took away the top of the cedar.

⁴"He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to a land of merchants; he set it in a city of traders.

⁵"He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil He placed it beside abundant waters; he set it like a willow.

⁶"Then it sprouted and became a low, spreading vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine and yielded shoots and sent out branches.

⁷"But there appeared another great eagle with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the beds where someone planted it, that he might water it.

⁸" He planted it in good soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit and become a splendid vine."

⁹"Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers--so that all its sprouting leaves wither? And neither by great strength nor by many people can people raise it from its roots again.

¹⁰"Behold, though someone has planted it, will it thrive? Will it not completely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it--wither on the beds where it grew?'"

Zedekiah's Rebellion

¹¹Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

¹²"Say now to the rebellious house, 'Do you not know what these things mean?' Say, 'Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and princes and brought them to him in Babylon.

¹³"He took one of the royal family and made a covenant with him, putting him under oath He also took away the mighty of the land,

¹⁴that the kingdom might remain in subjection, not exalting itself, but keeping his covenant that it might continue.

¹⁵"But he rebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt that they might give him horses and many troops Will he succeed? Will he who does such things escape? Can he indeed break the covenant and escape?

¹⁶"As I live,' declares the Lord GOD, 'Surely in the country of the king who put him on the throne, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, in Babylon he shall die.

¹⁷ Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company will not help him in the war, when they cast up ramps and build siege walls to cut off many lives.

¹⁸Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and behold, he pledged his allegiance, yet did all these things; he shall not escape."

¹⁹Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "As I live, surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will inflict on his head.

²⁰"I will spread My net over him, and he I will catch him in My snare Then I will bring him to Babylon and enter into judgment with him there regarding the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me.

²¹"All the choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will scatter to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

²²Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and set it out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³"On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit and become a stately cedar. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches.

²⁴"All the trees of the field will know Me as the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I proclaim Myself the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform it."

Ezekiel 18

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God Deals Justly with Individuals

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²" What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, ' The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'?"

³"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "you will surely not go on using this proverb in Israel anymore.

⁴"Behold, all souls belong to Me; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son belong to Me The soul who sins will die.

⁵"But if a man acts righteously and practices justice and righteousness,

⁶and does not eat at the mountain shrines or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife or approach a woman during her menstrual period--

⁷if a man does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, does not commit robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with clothing,

⁸if he does not lend money on interest or take increase, if he keeps his hand from iniquity and executes true justice between man and man,

⁹if he walks in My statutes and My ordinances so as to deal faithfully-- he acts righteously and will surely live," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁰"Then he may have a violent son who sheds blood and who does any of these things to a brother

¹¹(though he himself did not do any of these things), namely, he even eats at the mountain shrines, and defiles his neighbor's wife,

¹²oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols and commits abomination,

¹³he lends money on interest and takes increase; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely suffer the death penalty; his blood will fall on his own head.

¹⁴"Now behold, he has a son who has observed all his father's sins which he committed, and observing does not do likewise.

¹⁵"He does not eat at the mountain shrines or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife,

¹⁶or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, but he gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with clothing,

¹⁷he keeps his hand from the poor, does not take interest or increase, but executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; he will not die for his father's iniquity, he will surely live.

¹⁸"As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother and did no good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

¹⁹"Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

²⁰"The person who sins will die The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will come upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will fall upon himself.

²¹"But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

²²" All his transgressions which he has committed people will not remember against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.

²³" Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord GOD, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?"

²⁴"But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? All his righteous deeds which he has done people will not remember for his treachery which he has committed and his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.

²⁵"Yet you say, ' The way of the Lord we do not consider right ' Hear now, O house of Israel! Do you consider My way not right? Does it seem your ways do not appear right?"

²⁶"When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity and dies because of it, for his iniquity which he has committed he will die.

²⁷"Again, when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.

²⁸"Because he considered and turned away from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

²⁹"But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord does not seem right.' Do you not consider My ways right, O house of Israel? Do you not realize that your ways do not seem right?"

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord GOD. " Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.

³¹" Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

³²"For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live."

Ezekiel 19

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Lament for the Princes of Israel

¹"As for you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel

²and say, 'What did you consider your mother? A lioness among lions! She lay down among young lions, She reared her cubs.

³When she brought up one of her cubs, He became a lion, And he learned to tear his prey; He devoured men.

⁴Then nations heard about him; They captured them in their pit, And they brought him with hooks To the land of Egypt.

⁵When she saw, as she waited, That she had lost her hope , She took another of her cubs And made him a young lion.

⁶And he walked about among the lions; He became a young lion, He learned to tear his prey; He devoured men.

⁷He destroyed their fortified towers And laid waste their cities; And the land and its fullness became appalled Because of the sound of his roaring.

⁸Then nations set against him On every side from their provinces, And they spread their net over him; They captured him in their pit.

⁹ They put him in a cage with hooks And brought him to the king of Babylon; They brought him in hunting nets So that no one would hear his voice no more On the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰Your mother resembled a vine in your vineyard, Planted by the waters; It grew fruitful and full of branches Because of abundant waters.

¹¹And it had strong branches fit for scepters of rulers, And its height raised above the clouds So that people could see it in its height with the mass of its branches.

¹²But they plucked it up in fury; They cast it down to the ground; And the east wind dried up its fruit Its strong branch tore off So that it withered; The fire consumed it.

¹³And now it grows in the wilderness, In a dry and thirsty land.

¹⁴And fire has gone out from its branch; It has consumed its shoots and fruit, So that it does not have a strong branch, A scepter to rule.'" This we acknowledge as a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

Ezekiel 20

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God's Dealings with Israel Rehearsed

¹Now in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

²And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

³"Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Do you come to inquire of Me? As I live," declares the Lord GOD, " you will not inquire of Me.'"

⁴"Will you judge them, will you judge them, son of man? Make them know the abominations of their fathers;

⁵and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day when I chose Israel and swore to the descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I proclaim Myself the LORD your God,

⁶on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, flowing with milk and honey, which we acknowledge as the glory of all lands.

⁷"I said to them, ' Cast away, each of you, the detestable things of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.'

⁸"But they rebelled against Me and did not want to listen to Me; they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

⁹"But I acted for the sake of My name, that no one should profane himself in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰"So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

¹¹"I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live.

¹²"Also I gave them My sabbaths to become a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I proclaim Myself the LORD who sanctifies them.

¹³"But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness They did not walk in My statutes and they rejected My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; and My sabbaths they greatly profaned Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them.

¹⁴"But I acted for the sake of My name, that they should not profane my name in the sight of the nations, before whose sight I had brought them out.

¹⁵"Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which we acknowledge as the glory of all lands,

¹⁶because they rejected My ordinances, and as for My statutes, they did not walk in them; they even profaned My sabbaths, for their heart continually went after their idols.

¹⁷"Yet My eye spared them rather than destroying them, and I did not cause their annihilation in the wilderness.

¹⁸"I said to their children in the wilderness, ' Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers or keep their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols.

¹⁹ I proclaim Myself the LORD your God; walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and observe them.

²⁰ Sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall become a sign between Me and you, that you may know Me as the LORD your God.'

²¹"But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor did they take care to observe My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

²²"But I withdrew My hand and acted for the sake of My name, that you should not profane it in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

²³"Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands,

²⁴because they had not observed My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes fixed on the idols of their fathers.

²⁵"I also gave them statutes that did not seem good and ordinances by which they could not live;

²⁶and I pronounced them unclean because of their gifts, in that they caused all their firstborn to pass through the fire so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might know Me as the LORD."

²⁷"Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me by acting treacherously against Me.

²⁸"When I had brought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill and every leafy tree, and they offered there their sacrifices and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their soothing aroma and there they poured out their drink offerings.

²⁹"Then I said to them, 'What high place do you wish to go?' So its name we call Bamah to this day."

³⁰"Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Will you defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers and play the harlot after their detestable things?"

³¹"When you offer your gifts, when you cause your sons to pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. And you will inquire of Me, O house of Israel? As I live," declares the Lord GOD, " You will not inquire of Me.

³²"What comes into your mind will not come about, when you say: 'We will resemble the nations, like the tribes of the lands, serving wood and stone.'

God Will Restore Israel to Her Land

³³"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, you shall regard Me as your king.

³⁴"I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you scatter, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;

³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.

³⁶"As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord GOD.

³⁷"I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

³⁸and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know Me as the LORD.

³⁹"As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord GOD, " Go, serve everyone his idols; but later you will surely listen to Me, and My holy name you will profane no longer with your gifts and with your idols.

⁴⁰"For on My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord GOD, "there the whole house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land; there I will accept them and there I will seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things.

⁴¹"As a soothing aroma I will accept you when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where I have scattered you; and I will prove Myself holy among you in the sight of the nations.

⁴²"And you will know Me as the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

⁴³"There you will remember your ways and all your deeds with which you have defiled yourselves; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for all the evil things that you have done.

⁴⁴"Then you will know Me as the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD."

⁴⁵Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁴⁶"Son of man, set your face toward Teman, and speak out against the south and prophesy against the forest land of the Negev,

⁴⁷and say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I intend to kindle a fire in you, and it will consume every green tree in you, as well as every dry tree; the blazing flame will not quench and the whole surface from south to north will burn by it.

⁴⁸"All flesh will see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not quench.'"

⁴⁹Then I said, "Ah Lord GOD! They say of me, ' Does he not just speak in parables?'"

Ezekiel 21

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Parable of the Sword of the LORD

¹And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries and prophesy against the land of Israel;

³and say to the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I fight against you; and I will draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.

⁴"Because I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore My sword will go forth from its sheath against all flesh from south to north.

⁵"Thus all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath. It will not return to its sheath again."

⁶"As for you, son of man, groan with breaking heart and bitter grief, groan in their sight.

⁷"And when they say to you, 'Why do you groan?' you shall say, 'Because of the news that comes; and every heart will melt, all hands will become feeble, every spirit will faint and all knees will feel weak as water. Behold, it comes and it will happen,' declares the Lord GOD."

⁸Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁹"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD.' Say, ' A sword, a sword sharpened And also polished!

¹⁰'Sharpened to make a slaughter, Polished to flash like lightning!' Or shall we rejoice, the rod of My son despising every tree?

¹¹"People receive it to polish, that they may handle it ; the sword has become sharpened and polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

¹²" Cry out and wail, son of man; for it came against My people, it came against all the officials of Israel. They have become delivered over to the sword with My people, therefore strike your thigh.

¹³"For there will come a test; and what if even the rod which despises will exist no more?" declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁴"You therefore, son of man, prophesy and clap your hands together; and let the sword double the third time, the sword for the slain. We acknowledge it as the sword for the great one slain, which surrounds them,

¹⁵that their hearts may melt, and many fall at all their gates. I have given the glittering sword. Ah! I have made it for striking like lightning, we wrap it up in readiness for slaughter.

¹⁶"Show yourself sharp, go to the right; set yourself; go to the left, wherever your edge has become appointed.

¹⁷"I will also clap My hands together, and I will appease My wrath; I, the LORD, have spoken."

The Instrument of God's Judgment

¹⁸The word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁹"As for you, son of man, make two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to come; both of them will go out of one land. And make a signpost; make it at the head of the way to the city.

²⁰"You shall mark a way for the sword to come to Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and to Judah into fortified Jerusalem.

²¹"For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shakes the arrows, he consults the household idols, he looks at the liver.

²²"Into his right hand came the divination, 'Jerusalem,' to set battering rams, to open the mouth for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up ramps, to build a siege wall.

²³"And it will occur to them like a false divination in their eyes; they have sworn solemn oaths But he brings iniquity to remembrance, that someone may seize them.

²⁴"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have made your iniquity something people will remember, in that your transgressions have become uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear--because you have come to remembrance, someone will seize you with the hand.

²⁵'And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the punishment of the end,'

²⁶thus says the Lord GOD, 'Remove the turban and take off the crown; this will no longer remain the same Exalt that which seems low and abase that which has become high.

²⁷' A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it This also will happen no more until He comes whose right we will have, and I will give it to Him.'

²⁸"And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the sons of Ammon and concerning their reproach,' and say: 'A sword, a sword we will draw, polished for the slaughter, to cause it to consume, that it may appear like lightning--

²⁹while they see for you false visions, while they divine lies for you--to place you on the necks of the wicked who have become slain, whose day has come, in the time of the punishment of the end.

³⁰' Return it to its sheath In the place where you had created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you.

³¹'I will pour out My indignation on you; I will blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I will give you into the hand of brutal men, skilled in destruction.

³²'You will serve as fuel for the fire; your blood will spill in the midst of the land . No one will remember you, for I, the LORD, have spoken.'"

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The Sins of Israel

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations.

³"You shall say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "A city shedding blood in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes idols, contrary to her interest, for defilement!

⁴"You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made Thus you have brought your day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations and a mocking to all the lands.

⁵"Those who live near and those who live far from you will mock you, you of ill repute, full of turmoil.

⁶"Behold, the rulers of Israel, each according to his power, have lived in you for the purpose of shedding blood.

⁷"They have treated father and mother lightly within you The alien they have oppressed in your midst; the fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

⁸"You have despised My holy things and profaned My sabbaths.

⁹"Slandorous men have dwelled in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain shrines. In your midst they have committed acts of lewdness.

¹⁰"In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who has become unclean in her menstrual impurity.

¹¹"One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law And another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

¹²"In you they have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by oppression, and you have forgotten Me," declares the Lord GOD.

¹³"Behold, then, I smite My hand at your dishonest gain which you have acquired and at the bloodshed which exists among you.

¹⁴"Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong in the days that I will deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken and will act.

¹⁵"I will scatter you among the nations and I will disperse you through the lands, and I will consume your uncleanness from you.

¹⁶"You will profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will know Me as the LORD.'"

¹⁷And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

¹⁸"Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me; all of them consist of bronze and tin and iron and lead in the furnace; they have become as the dross of silver.

¹⁹"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because all of you have become dross, therefore, behold, I intend to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

²⁰As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the furnace to blow fire on it in order to melt it, so I will gather you in My anger and in My wrath and I will lay you there and melt you.

²¹I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you will melt in the midst of it.

²²As silver melts in the furnace, so you will melt in the midst of it; and you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out My wrath on you.'"

²³And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²⁴"Son of man, say to her, 'You have become a land not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.'

²⁵"There has arisen a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in the midst of her.

²⁶"Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and they profane Me among them.

²⁷"Her princes within her resemble wolves tearing the prey, by shedding blood and destroying lives in order to get dishonest gain.

²⁸"Her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD has not spoken.

²⁹"The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice.

³⁰"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

³¹"Thus I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their way I have brought upon their heads," declares the Lord GOD.

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Oholah and Oholibah's Sin and Its Consequences

¹The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

²"Son of man, there lived two women, the daughters of one mother;

³and they played the harlot in Egypt. They played the harlot in their youth; there someone pressed their breasts and there someone handled their virgin bosom .

⁴"They had the names of Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria represents Oholah and Jerusalem represents Oholibah.

⁵"Oholah played the harlot while she belonged to Me; and she lusted after her lovers, after the Assyrians, her neighbors,

⁶who had purple clothing, governors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

⁷"She bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom we identify the choicest men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she defiled herself.

⁸"She did not forsake her harlotries from the time in Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their lust on her.

⁹"Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

¹⁰"They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

¹¹"Now her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she had become more corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries became more than the harlotries of her sister.

¹²"She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

¹³"I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took the same way.

¹⁴"So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men portrayed on the wall, images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

¹⁵girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, like the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

¹⁶"When she saw them she lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

¹⁷"The Babylonians came to her to the bed of love and defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had become defiled by them, she became disgusted with them.

¹⁸"She uncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness; then I became disgusted with her, as I had become disgusted with her sister.

¹⁹"Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

²⁰"She lusted after their paramours, whose flesh resembles the flesh of donkeys and whose issue resembles the issue of horses.

²¹"Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

²²"Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom you had become alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side:

²³the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

²⁴"They will come against you with weapons, chariots and wagons, and with a company of peoples They will set themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

²⁵"I will set My jealousy against you, that they may deal with you in wrath They will remove your nose and your ears; and your survivors will fall by the sword They will take your sons and your daughters; and your survivors will burn in the fire.

²⁶They will also strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels.

²⁷Thus I will make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt anymore.'

²⁸"For thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will give you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom you had alienated.

²⁹They will deal with you in hatred, take all your property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries will become uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

³⁰These things will happen to you because you have played the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

³¹'You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.'

³²"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'You will drink your sister's cup, Which you find as deep and wide They will laugh at you and hold you in derision; It contains much.

³³You will fill with drunkenness and sorrow, The cup of horror and desolation, The cup of your sister Samaria.

³⁴You will drink it and drain it. Then you will gnaw its fragments And tear your breasts; for I have spoken,' declares the Lord GOD.

³⁵"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, bear now the punishment of your lewdness and your harlotries.'"

³⁶Moreover, the LORD said to me, "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations.

³⁷"For they have committed adultery, and blood appears on their hands. Thus they have committed adultery with their idols and even caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass through the fire to them as food.

³⁸"Again, they have done this to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary on the same day and have profaned My sabbaths.

³⁹"For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My sanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house.

⁴⁰"Furthermore, they have even sent for men who come from afar, to someone send a messenger ; and lo, they came--for whom you bathed, painted your eyes and decorated yourselves with ornaments;

⁴¹and you sat on a splendid couch with a table arranged before it on which you had set My incense and My oil.

⁴²"The sound of a carefree multitude stayed with her; and drunkards came from the wilderness with men of the common sort And they put bracelets on the hands of the women and beautiful crowns on their heads.

⁴³"Then I said concerning her who wore her out by her adulteries, 'Will they now commit adultery with her when she has become thus?'

⁴⁴"But they went in to her as they would go in to a harlot. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

⁴⁵"But they, righteous men, will judge them with the judgment of adulteresses and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they have become adulteresses and blood remains on their hands.

⁴⁶"For thus says the Lord GOD, 'Bring up a company against them and give them over to terror and plunder.

⁴⁷"The company will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters and burn their houses with fire.

⁴⁸"Thus I will make lewdness cease from the land, that all women may become admonished and not commit lewdness as you have done.

⁴⁹"Your lewdness will become requited upon you, and you will bear the penalty of worshipping your idols; thus you will know Me as the Lord GOD."

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Parable of the Boiling Pot

¹And the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying,

²"Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

³"Speak a parable to the rebellious house and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Put on the pot, put it on and also pour water in it;

⁴Put in it the pieces, Every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder; Fill it with choice bones.

⁵"Take the choicest of the flock, And also pile wood under the pot. Make it boil vigorously. Also seethe its bones in it."

⁶Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to the bloody city, To the pot in which we find rust And whose rust has not gone out of it! Take out of it piece after piece, Without making a choice.

⁷"For her blood lies in her midst; She placed it on the bare rock; She did not pour it on the ground To cover it with dust.

⁸"That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood on the bare rock, That it may not become covered."

⁹Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great.

¹⁰"Heap on the wood, kindle the fire, Boil the flesh well And mix in the spices, And let the someone burn the bones .

¹¹"Then set it empty on its coals So that it may remain hot And its bronze may glow And its filthiness may melt in it, Its rust consumed.

¹²"She has wearied Me with toil, Yet her great rust has not gone from her; Let her rust remain in the fire!

¹³"In your filthiness we find lewdness. Because I would have cleansed you, Yet you have not become clean, You will not become cleansed from your filthiness again Until I have spent My wrath on you.

¹⁴"I, the LORD, have spoken; it comes and I will act I will not relent, and I will not pity and I will not feel sorry; according to your ways and according to your deeds I will judge you," declares the Lord GOD."

Death of Ezekiel's Wife Serves as a Sign

¹⁵And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁶"Son of man, behold, I will take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come.

¹⁷"Groan silently; make no mourning for the dead Bind on your turban and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your mustache and do not eat the bread of men."

¹⁸So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I had received the command.

¹⁹The people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things that you do mean for us?"

²⁰Then I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to me saying,

²¹Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will soon profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

²²You will do as I have done; you will not cover your mustache and you will not eat the bread of men.

²³Your turbans you will wear on your heads and your shoes on your feet. You will not mourn and you will not weep, but you will rot away in your iniquities and you will groan to one another.

²⁴Thus Ezekiel will serve as a sign to you; according to all that he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know Me as the Lord GOD."

²⁵As for you, son of man, will it not happen on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes and their heart's delight, their sons and their daughters,

²⁶that on that day he who escapes will come to you with information for your ears?

²⁷On that day your mouth will open to him who escaped, and you will speak and remain mute no longer. Thus you will serve as a sign to them, and they will know Me as the LORD."

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Judgment on Gentile Nations--Ammon

¹And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face toward the sons of Ammon and prophesy against them,

³and say to the sons of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it had become profaned, and against the land of Israel when it became desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

⁴therefore, behold, I intend to give you to the sons of the east for a possession, and they will set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they will eat your fruit and drink your milk.

⁵"I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Thus you will know Me as the LORD."

⁶For thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the scorn of your soul against the land of Israel,

⁷therefore, behold, I have stretched out My hand against you and I will give you for spoil to the nations And I will cut you off from the peoples and make you perish from the lands; I will destroy you Thus you will know Me as the LORD."

Moab

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah looks like all the nations,'

⁹therefore, behold, I intend to deprive the flank of Moab of its cities, of its cities which lie on its frontiers, the glory of the land, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon and Kiriathaim,

¹⁰and I will give it for a possession along with the sons of Ammon to the sons of the east, so that the sons of Ammon people will not remember among the nations.

¹¹"Thus I will execute judgments on Moab, and they will know Me as the LORD."

Edom

¹²Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because Edom has acted against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has incurred grievous guilt, and avenged themselves upon them,"

¹³therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also stretch out My hand against Edom and cut off man and beast from it And I will lay it waste; from Teman even to Dedan they will fall by the sword.

¹⁴" I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel Therefore, they will act in Edom according to My anger and according to My wrath; thus they will know My vengeance," declares the Lord GOD.

Philistia

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because the Philistines have acted in revenge and have taken vengeance with scorn of soul to destroy with everlasting enmity,"

¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, even cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

¹⁷"I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they will know Me as the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them.""

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Judgment on Tyre

¹Now in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, because Tyre has said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the gateway of the peoples has broken; it has opened to me. I shall become filled, now that she has become laid waste,'

³therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I resist you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves.

⁴They will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.

⁵'She will serve as a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the Lord GOD, 'and she will become spoil for the nations.

⁶'Also her daughters who dwell on the mainland will fall by the sword, and they will know Me as the LORD.'"

⁷For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses, chariots, cavalry and a great army.

⁸"He will slay your daughters on the mainland with the sword; and he will make siege walls against you, cast up a ramp against you and raise up a large shield against you.

⁹"The blow of his battering rams he will direct against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.

¹⁰"Because of the multitude of his horses, the dust raised by them will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of cavalry and wagons and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a city that has become breached.

¹¹"With the hoofs of his horses he will trample all your streets He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will come down to the ground.

¹²"Also they will make a spoil of your riches and a prey of your merchandise, break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses, and throw your stones and your timbers and your debris into the water.

¹³"So I will silence the sound of your songs, and the sound of your harps people will hear no more.

¹⁴"I will make you a bare rock; you will serve as a place for the spreading of nets. People will build you no more, for I the LORD have spoken," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre, "Shall not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter occurs in your midst?"

¹⁶"Then all the princes of the sea will go down from their thrones, remove their robes and strip off their embroidered garments They will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit on the ground, tremble every moment and feel appalled at you.

¹⁷"They will take up a lamentation over you and say to you, ' How you have perished, O inhabited one, From the seas, O renowned city, Which proved mighty on the sea, She and her inhabitants, Who imposed her terror On all her inhabitants!

¹⁸"Now the coastlands will tremble On the day of your fall; Yes, the coastlands which lie by the sea Will have terror at your passing."

¹⁹For thus says the Lord GOD, "When I make you a desolate city, like the cities which do not have inhabitants, when I bring up the deep over you and the great waters cover you,

²⁰then I will bring you down with those who go down to the pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lower parts of the earth, like the ancient waste places, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not have inhabitants; but I will set glory in the land of the living.

²¹"I will bring terrors on you and you will exist no more; though they will seek you, they will never find you again," declares the Lord GOD.

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Lament over Tyre

¹Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"And you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre;

³and say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrance to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,"O Tyre, you have said, 'I have perfect beauty.'

⁴"Your borders extend into the heart of the seas; Your builders have perfected your beauty.

⁵"They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

⁶"Of oaks from Bashan they have made your oars; With ivory they have inlaid your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of Cyprus.

⁷"Your sail consisted of fine embroidered linen from Egypt So that it became your distinguishing mark; Your awning appeared as blue and purple from the coastlands of Elishah.

⁸"The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad served as your rowers; Your wise men, O Tyre, came aboard; they served as your pilots.

⁹"The elders of Gebal and her wise men who had accompanied you repairing your seams; All the ships of the sea and their sailors accompanied you in order to deal in your merchandise.

¹⁰"Persia and Lud and Put served in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor.

¹¹"The sons of Arvad and your army stood on your walls, all around, and the Gammadim stood in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls all around; they perfected your beauty.

¹²"Tarshish became your customer because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth; with silver, iron, tin and lead they paid for your wares.

¹³" Javan, Tubal and Meshech, they served as your traders; with the lives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.

¹⁴"Those from Beth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

¹⁵"The sons of Dedan served as your traders Many coastlands lay in your market; ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment.

¹⁶" Aram served as your customer because of the abundance of your goods; they paid for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral and rubies.

¹⁷"Judah and the land of Israel, they served as your traders; with the wheat of Minnith, cakes, honey, oil and balm they paid for your merchandise.

¹⁸" Damascus served as your customer because of the abundance of your goods, because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool.

¹⁹"Vedan and Javan paid for your wares from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia and sweet cane appeared among your merchandise.

²⁰" Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding.

²¹" Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they served as your customers for lambs, rams and goats; for these they served as your customers.

²²"The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all kinds of spices, and with all kinds of precious stones and gold.

²³"Haran, Canneh, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad traded with you.

²⁴"They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors and tightly wound cords, which appeared among your merchandise.

²⁵"The ships of Tarshish served as the carriers for your merchandise. And you became filled and seemed very glorious In the heart of the seas.

²⁶"Your rowers have brought you Into great waters; The east wind has broken you In the heart of the seas.

²⁷"Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise, Your sailors and your pilots, Your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise And all your men of war live in you, With all your company that dwells in your midst, Will fall into the heart of the seas On the day of your overthrow.

²⁸"At the sound of the cry of your pilots The pasture lands will shake.

²⁹"All who handle the oar, The sailors and all the pilots of the sea Will come down from their ships; They will stand on the land,

³⁰And they will make their voice heard over you And will cry bitterly They will cast dust on their heads, They will wallow in ashes.

³¹"Also they will make themselves bald for you And gird themselves with sackcloth; And they will weep for you in bitterness of soul With bitter mourning.

³²"Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a lamentation for you And lament over you: 'Who compared to Tyre, Like her who remains silent in the midst of the sea?

³³"When your wares went out from the seas, You satisfied many peoples; With the abundance of your wealth and your merchandise You enriched the kings of earth.

³⁴"Now that you have become broken by the seas In the depths of the waters, Your merchandise and all your company Have fallen in the midst of you.

³⁵"All the inhabitants of the coastlands Feel appalled at you, And their kings have become horribly afraid; They have become troubled in countenance.

³⁶"The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to exist forever."''''

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Tyre's King Overthrown

¹The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

²"Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because your heart has lifted itself up And you have said, ' I proclaim myself a god, I sit in the seat of gods In the heart of the seas'; Yet you should acknowledge yourself a man and not God, Although you make your heart like the heart of God--

³Behold, you show yourself wiser than Daniel; No secret can prove a match for you.

⁴"By your wisdom and understanding You have acquired riches for yourself And have acquired gold and silver for your treasuries.

⁵"By your great wisdom, by your trade You have increased your riches And your heart lifts up because of your riches--

⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have made your heart Like the heart of God,

⁷Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon you, The most ruthless of the nations. And they will draw their swords Against the beauty of your wisdom And defile your splendor.

⁸"They will bring you down to the pit, And you will die the death of those who have become slain In the heart of the seas.

⁹"Will you still say, "I proclaim myself a god," In the presence of your slayer, Though you live as a man and not God, In the hands of those who wound you?

¹⁰"You will die the death of the uncircumcised By the hand of strangers, For I have spoken!' declares the Lord GOD!""

¹¹Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹²"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³"You stood in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone served as your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Appeared in you. On the day that you came into existence They had become prepared.

¹⁴"You served as the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there You lived on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵"You appeared blameless in your ways From the day you came into existence Until unrighteousness appeared in you.

¹⁶"By the abundance of your trade You became internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷"Your heart you lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.

¹⁸"By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.

¹⁹"All who know you among the peoples Feel appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to exist forever.""

Judgment of Sidon

²⁰And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²¹"Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, prophesy against her

²²and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist you, O Sidon, And I will have glorification in your midst. Then they will know Me as the LORD when I execute judgments in her, And I will manifest My holiness in her.

²³"For I will send pestilence to her And blood to her streets, And the wounded will fall in her midst By the sword upon her on every side; Then they will acknowledge Me as the LORD.

²⁴"And there will exist no more for the house of Israel a prickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them who scorned them; then they will know Me as the Lord GOD."

Israel Regathered

²⁵Thus says the Lord GOD, "When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they have become scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob.

²⁶"They will live in it securely; and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live securely when I execute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they will know Me as the LORD their God."""

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Judgment of Egypt

¹In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.

³"Speak and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, The great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, That has said, 'My Nile belongs to me, and I myself have made it.'

⁴"I will put hooks in your jaws And make the fish of your rivers cling to your scales. And I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, And all the fish of your rivers will cling to your scales.

⁵"I will abandon you to the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; You will fall on the open field; people will not bring or gather you together. I have given you for food to the beasts of the earth and to the birds of the sky.

⁶"Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know Me as the LORD, Because they have only served as a staff made of reed to the house of Israel.

⁷"When they took hold of you with the hand, You broke and tore all their hands; And when they leaned on you, You broke and made all their loins quake."

⁸"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will bring upon you a sword and I will cut off from you man and beast.

⁹"The land of Egypt will become a desolation and waste Then they will know Me as the LORD Because you said, 'The Nile belongs to me, and I have made it,'

¹⁰therefore, behold, I resist you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from Migdol to Syene and even to the border of Ethiopia.

¹¹"A man's foot will not pass through it, and the foot of a beast will not pass through it, and it will not have inhabitants for forty years.

¹²"So I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of desolated lands And her cities, in the midst of cities that have become laid waste, will fall into desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands."

¹³For thus says the Lord GOD, "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they had become scattered.

¹⁴"I will turn the fortunes of Egypt and make them return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin, and there they will exist as a lowly kingdom.

¹⁵"It will become the lowest of the kingdoms, and it will never again lift itself up above the nations And I will make them so small that they will not rule over the nations.

¹⁶"And it will never again serve as the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing to mind the iniquity of their having turned to Egypt. Then they will know Me as the Lord GOD.""

¹⁷Now in the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁸"Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army labor hard against Tyre; every head they made bald and every shoulder they had rubbed bare. But he and his army had no wages from Tyre for the labor that he had performed against it."

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon And he will carry off her wealth and capture her spoil and seize her plunder; and it will serve as wages for his army.

²⁰"I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor which he performed, because they acted for Me," declares the Lord GOD.

²¹"On that day I will make a horn sprout for the house of Israel, and I will open your mouth in their midst. Then they will know Me as the LORD."

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Lament over Egypt

¹The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

²"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Wail, 'Alas for the day!'

³"For the day has drawn near, Even the day of the LORD has come near; It will appear as a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.

⁴"A sword will come upon Egypt, And anguish will fall on Ethiopia; When the slain fall in Egypt, They take away her wealth, And her foundations have become torn down.

⁵"Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all Arabia, Libya and the people of the land that has joined in league will fall with them by the sword."

⁶"Thus says the LORD, "Indeed, those who support Egypt will fall And the pride of her power will come down; From Migdol to Syene They will fall within her by the sword," Declares the Lord GOD.

⁷"They will become desolate In the midst of the desolated lands; And her cities will exist In the midst of the devastated cities.

⁸"And they will know Me as the LORD, When I set a fire in Egypt And all her helpers have broken.

⁹"On that day messengers will go forth from Me in ships to frighten secure Ethiopia; and anguish will fall on them as on the day of Egypt; for behold, it comes!"

¹⁰"Thus says the Lord GOD, " I will also make the hordes of Egypt cease By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

¹¹"He and his people with him, The most ruthless of the nations, God will bring in to destroy the land; And they will draw their swords against Egypt And fill the land with the slain.

¹²"Moreover, I will make the Nile canals dry And sell the land into the hands of evil men. And I will make the land desolate And all that dwells in it, By the hand of strangers; I the LORD have spoken."

¹³"Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also destroy the idols And make the images cease from Memphis. And there will no longer rule a prince in the land of Egypt; And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"I will make Pathros desolate, Set a fire in Zoan And execute judgments on Thebes.

¹⁵"I will pour out My wrath on Sin, The stronghold of Egypt; I will also cut off the hordes of Thebes.

¹⁶"I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin will writhe in anguish, Thebes will become breached And Memphis will have distresses daily.

¹⁷"The young men of On and of Pi-beseth Will fall by the sword, And the women will go into captivity.

¹⁸"In Tehaphnehes the day will seem dark When I break the yoke bars of Egypt. Then the pride of her power will cease in her; A cloud will cover her, And her daughters will go into captivity.

¹⁹"Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt, And they will know Me as the LORD."""

Victory for Babylon

²⁰In the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²¹"Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, I have bound it up for healing or wrapped with a bandage, that it may become strong to hold the sword.

²²"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I resist against Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong and the broken; and I will make the sword fall from his hand.

²³I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

²⁴For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand; and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, so that he will groan before him with the groanings of a wounded man.

²⁵Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall. Then they will know Me as the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

²⁶"When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know Me as the LORD."

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Pharaoh Warned of Assyria's Fate

¹In the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes, 'Whom do you compare in your greatness?

³Behold, Assyria grew as a cedar in Lebanon With beautiful branches and forest shade, And very high, And its top appears among the clouds.

⁴The waters made it grow, the deep made it high. With its rivers it continually extended all around its planting place, And sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.

⁵Therefore its height appeared loftier than all the trees of the field And its boughs became many and its branches long Because of many waters as it spread them out.

⁶All the birds of the heavens nested in its boughs, And under its branches all the beasts of the field gave birth, And all great nations lived under its shade.

⁷So it appeared beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; For its roots extended to many waters.

⁸The cedars in God's garden could not match it; The cypresses could not compare with its boughs, And the plane trees could not match its branches No tree in God's garden could compare with it in its beauty.

⁹I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches, And all the trees of Eden, which grew in the garden of God, became jealous of it.

¹⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Because it has high stature and has set its top among the clouds, and its heart has become haughty in its loftiness,

¹¹therefore I will give it into the hand of a despot of the nations; he will thoroughly deal with it According to its wickedness I have driven it away.

¹²" Alien tyrants of the nations have cut it down and left it; on the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen and its boughs have broken in all the ravines of the land And all the peoples of the earth have gone down from its shade and left it.

¹³"On its ruin all the birds of the heavens will dwell, and all the beasts of the field will step on its fallen branches

¹⁴so that all the trees by the waters may not exalt themselves in their stature, nor set their top among the clouds, nor their well-watered mighty ones stand erect in their height. For I have given them over to death, to the earth beneath, among the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit."

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day when it went down to Sheol I caused lamentations; I closed the deep over it and held back its rivers. And its many waters stopped up, and I made Lebanon mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted away on account of it.

¹⁶"I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall when I made it go down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit; and all the well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, received comfort in the earth beneath.

¹⁷"They also went down with it to Sheol to those who had become slain by the sword; and those who served as its strength lived under its shade among the nations.

¹⁸"To which among the trees of Eden have you become equal in glory and greatness? Yet I will bring you down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who had become slain by the sword So has fallen Pharaoh and all his hordes!" declares the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 32

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Lament over Pharaoh and Egypt

¹In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him, 'You compared yourself to a young lion of the nations, Yet you resemble the monster in the seas; And you burst forth in your rivers And muddied the waters with your feet And fouled their rivers.'"

³Thus says the Lord GOD, "Now I will spread My net over you With a company of many peoples, And they shall lift you up in My net.

⁴"I will leave you on the land; I will cast you on the open field. And I will cause all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you, And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with you.

⁵"I will lay your flesh on the mountains And fill the valleys with your refuse.

⁶"I will also make the land drink the discharge of your blood As far as the mountains, And the ravines will fill with you.

⁷"And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud And the moon will not give its light.

⁸"All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you And will set darkness on your land," Declares the Lord GOD.

⁹"I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples when I bring your destruction among the nations, into lands which you have not known.

¹⁰"I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings will become horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and they will tremble every moment, every man for his own life, on the day of your fall."

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD, "The sword of the king of Babylon will come upon you.

¹²"By the swords of the mighty ones I will cause your hordes to fall; all of them rule as tyrants of the nations, And they will devastate the pride of Egypt, And all its hordes will suffer destruction.

¹³"I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters; And the foot of man will not muddy them anymore And the hoofs of beasts will not muddy them.

¹⁴"Then I will make their waters settle And will cause their rivers to run like oil," Declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵"When I make the land of Egypt a desolation, And the land has become destitute of that which filled it, When I smite all those who live in it, Then they shall know Me as the LORD.

¹⁶"This lamentation they shall chant . The daughters of the nations shall chant it. Over Egypt and over all her hordes they shall chant it," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁷In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁸"Son of man, wail for the hordes of Egypt and bring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the nether world, with those who go down to the pit;

¹⁹"Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised.'

²⁰"They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. I give her over to the sword; they have drawn her and all her hordes away.

²¹"The strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, 'They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

²²" Assyria resides there and all her company; her graves surround her. All of them have become slain, fallen by the sword,

²³whose graves have become set in the remotest parts of the pit and her company surrounds her grave. All of them have become slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living.

²⁴" Elam lives there and all her hordes around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the land of the living and bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

²⁵"They have made a bed for her among the slain with all her hordes. Her graves surround it, they have all become uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror had instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; they fell right in the midst of the slain.

²⁶" Meshech, Tubal and all their hordes reside there; their graves surround them All of them received death by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

²⁷" Nor do they lie beside the fallen heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war and whose swords had become laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of these heroes rested once in the land of the living.

²⁸"But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will break and lie with those slain by the sword.

²⁹" We also see Edom, its kings and all its princes, who for all their might has become laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to the pit.

³⁰"There also live the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

³¹"These Pharaoh will see, and he will have comfort for all his hordes slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army," declares the Lord GOD.

³²"Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet they will force them to lie down among the uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his hordes," declares the Lord GOD.

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The Watchman's Duty

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman,

³and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people,

⁴then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will fall on his own head.

⁵'He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will fall on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life.

⁶'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people do not receive a warning, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he has ensnared himself in his own iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.'

⁷"Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.

⁸"When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

⁹"But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

¹⁰"Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away in them; how then can we survive?"'

¹¹"Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, 'The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not have the capability to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.'

¹³"When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds people will remember; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.

¹⁴"But when I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness,

¹⁵if a wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

¹⁶"None of his sins that he has committed will people remember or hold against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your fellow citizens say, 'The way of the Lord we do not consider right,' when their own way does not appear right.

¹⁸"When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it.

¹⁹"But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

²⁰"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord we don't consider right.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Word of Jerusalem's Capture

²¹Now in the twelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, the refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The enemies have taken the city."

²²Now the hand of the LORD had fallen upon me in the evening, before the refugees came. And He opened my mouth at the time they came to me in the morning; so my mouth opened and I found myself no longer speechless.

²³Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²⁴"Son of man, they who live in these waste places in the land of Israel have said, 'Abraham we recognize as the only one, yet he possessed the land; so to us who have grown many the land God has given to us as a possession.'

²⁵"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You eat meat with the blood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. Should you then possess the land?"

²⁶"You rely on your sword, you commit abominations and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you then possess the land?"

²⁷"Thus you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "As I live, surely those who live in the waste places will fall by the sword, and whoever lives in the open field I will give to the beasts to become devoured, and those who hide in the strongholds and in the caves will die of pestilence.

²⁸"I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will fall into desolation so that no one will pass through.

²⁹"Then they will know Me as the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed."

³⁰"But as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, ' Come now and hear the message which comes forth from the LORD.'

³¹"They come to you as people come, and sit before you as My people and hear your words, but they do not do them, for they do the lustful desires expressed by their mouth, and their heart goes after their gain.

³²"Behold, you seem to them like a sensual song by one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words but they do not practice them.

³³"So when it comes to pass--as surely it will--then they will know that a prophet has stood in their midst."

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Prophecy against the Shepherds of Israel

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have fed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?

³"You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock.

⁴"Those who have become sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

⁵"They became scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and had become scattered.

⁶"My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock had become scattered over all the surface of the earth, and no one searched or sought for them.""

⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

⁸"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock has become a prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but rather the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;

⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

¹⁰"Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver My flock from their mouth, so that they will not become food for them.""

The Restoration of Israel

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

¹²" As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he roams among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they had become scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.

¹³"I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

¹⁴"I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will lie on the mountain heights of Israel There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵"I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶"I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy I will feed them with judgment.

¹⁷"As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.

¹⁸ Do you find it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?

¹⁹"As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!"

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹"Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad,

²²therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer become a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

²³"Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and serve as their shepherd.

²⁴"And I, the LORD, will serve as their God, and My servant David will serve as prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

²⁵"I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

²⁶"I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will appear as showers of blessing.

²⁷"Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will dwell securely on their land Then they will know Me as the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

²⁸"They will no longer become a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.

²⁹"I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again suffer famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore.

³⁰"Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, dwell with them, and that they, the house of Israel, I consider My people," declares the Lord GOD.

³¹"As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you I recognize as men, and I proclaim Myself your God," declares the Lord GOD.

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Prophecy against Mount Seir

¹Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it

³and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist you, Mount Seir, And I will stretch out My hand against you And make you a desolation and a waste.

⁴"I will lay waste your cities And you will become a desolation. Then you will know Me as the LORD.

⁵"Because you have had everlasting enmity and have delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the punishment of the end,

⁶therefore as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will give you over to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

⁷"I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns.

⁸"I will fill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will fall.

⁹"I will make you an everlasting desolation and your cities will not have inhabitants. Then you will know Me as the LORD.

¹⁰"Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two lands will belong to me, and we will possess them,' although the LORD dwelled there,

¹¹therefore as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will deal with you according to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

¹²"Then you will know that I, the LORD, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, 'They have become desolate; we received them for food.'

¹³"And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it."

¹⁴Thus says the Lord GOD, "As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a desolation.

¹⁵"As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it had become desolate, so I will do to you. You will seem desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know Me as the LORD."

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The Mountains of Israel to Receive Blessings

¹"And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

²'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because the enemy has spoken against you, 'Aha!' and, 'The everlasting heights have become our possession,'

³therefore prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "For good reason they have made you desolate and crushed you from every side, that you would become a possession of the rest of the nations and you have become taken up in the talk and the whispering of the people.'"

⁴"Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which surround it,

⁵therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey."

⁶"Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.'

⁷"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'I have sworn that surely the nations which surround you will themselves endure their insults.

⁸'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.

⁹'For, behold, I wish to serve you, and I will turn to you, and you will receive cultivation and sowing.

¹⁰'I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will have inhabitants and the waste places they will rebuild.

¹¹I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and become fruitful; and I will cause you to have inhabitants as you had formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know Me as the LORD.

¹²Yes, I will cause men--My people Israel--to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.'

¹³"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because they say to you, "You devour men and have bereaved your nation of children,"

¹⁴therefore you will no longer devour men and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵"I will not let you hear insults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to stumble any longer," declares the Lord GOD."

¹⁶Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹⁷"Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me resembled the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

¹⁸"Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.

¹⁹"Also I scattered them among the nations and they had become dispersed throughout the lands According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.

²⁰"When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because people said of them, 'These we recognize as the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'

²¹"But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

Israel to Receive Renewal for His Name's Sake

²²"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, " I do not act for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

²³"I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has you have profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst Then the nations will know Me as the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

²⁴"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

²⁵"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will become clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

²⁶"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will take care to observe My ordinances.

²⁸"You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will recognize me as Your God and I will recognize you as My people.

²⁹"Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

³⁰"I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

³¹"Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that didn't produce any good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

³²"I do not do this for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, " know this. Have shame and become confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

³³"Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to have inhabitants, and the waste places you will rebuild.

³⁴"The desolate land you will cultivate instead of remaining a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by.

³⁵"They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities have become fortified and inhabited.'

³⁶"Then the nations that surround about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which had become desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it."

³⁷"Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

³⁸"Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities will fill with flocks of men. Then they will know Me as the LORD."""

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Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it appeared full of bones.

²He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, I saw very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they appeared very dry.

³He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴Again He said to me, " Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'

⁵"Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.

⁶I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know Me as the LORD.'"

⁷So I prophesied as He commanded me; and as I prophesied, I heard a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸And I looked, and behold, sinews formed on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but I could detect no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"

¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

The Vision Explained

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones have dried up and our hope has perished We feel completely cut off.'

¹²"Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³"Then you will know Me as the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

¹⁴"I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

Reunion of Judah and Israel

¹⁵The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

¹⁶"And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, 'For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

¹⁷"Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

¹⁸"When the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?'

¹⁹say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which lies in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will appear as one in My hand.'"

²⁰"The sticks on which you write you will have in your hand before their eyes.

²¹"Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

²²and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will serve all of them; and they will no longer consist of two nations and no longer will we have division into two kingdoms.

²³"They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And I will call them My people and they will call me their God.

The Davidic Kingdom

²⁴"My servant David will serve as king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.

²⁵"They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will serve as their prince forever.

²⁶"I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant with them And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

²⁷"My dwelling place also will remain with them; and they will call me their God and I will call you My people.

²⁸"And the nations will know Me as the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary stands in their midst forever.""

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Prophecy about Gog and Future Invasion of Israel

¹And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

²"Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him

³and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I resist you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

⁴"I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

⁵ Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

⁶ Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops-- many peoples with you.

⁷" Make preparations, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that assemble about you, and serve as a guard for them.

⁸" After many days you will receive a summons; in the latter years you will come into the land that has become restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had appeared a continual waste; but its people I had brought out from the nations, and they live securely, all of them.

⁹"You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will resemble a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."

¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan,

¹¹and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages I will go against those who rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates,

¹²to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which now have inhabitants, and against the people who gather from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.'

¹³" Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'"

¹⁴"Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On that day when My people Israel live securely, will you not know it?"

¹⁵" You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

¹⁶and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when you sanctify Me before your eyes, O Gog."

¹⁷Thus says the Lord GOD, "Do I remember you as the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?"

¹⁸"It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord GOD, "that My fury will mount up in My anger.

¹⁹"In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day a great earthquake will occur in the land of Israel.

²⁰" The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who live on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will also melt down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.

²¹"I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains," declares the Lord GOD " Every man's sword will fight against his brother.

²²"With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who dwell with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.

²³"I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know Me as the LORD."

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Prophecy against Gog--Invaders Destroyed

¹"And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I come against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal;

²and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

³"I will strike your bow from your left hand and dash down your arrows from your right hand.

⁴"You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who accompany with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.

⁵"You will fall on the open field; for I have spoken," declares the Lord GOD.

⁶"And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know Me as the LORD.

⁷"My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let people profane My holy name anymore And the nations will know Me as the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

⁸"Behold, it comes and it shall occur," declares the Lord GOD. "That day I have spoken.

⁹"Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them.

¹⁰"They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them," declares the Lord GOD.

¹¹"On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call it the valley of Hamon-gog.

¹²"For seven months the house of Israel will bury them in order to cleanse the land.

¹³"Even all the people of the land will bury them; and it will add to their renown on the day that I glorify Myself," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁴"They will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who had passed through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

¹⁵"As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man's bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

¹⁶"And even the city will have the name of Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land."

¹⁷"As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, "Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I will sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

¹⁸"You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as though they resembled rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

¹⁹"So you will eat fat until you have glutted yourself, and drink blood until you become drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

²⁰"You will glut yourselves at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord GOD.

²¹"And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them.

²²"And the house of Israel will know Me as the LORD their God from that day onward.

²³"The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

²⁴"According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them."""

Israel Restored

²⁵Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will show jealousy for My holy name.

²⁶"They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely on their own land with no one to make them afraid.

²⁷"When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then they shall sanctify me through them in the sight of the many nations.

²⁸"Then they will know Me as the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

²⁹"I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD.

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Vision of the Man with a Measuring Rod

¹In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city had fallen into captivity, on that same day the hand of the LORD fell upon me and He brought me there.

²In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain, and on it to the south there stood a structure like a city.

³So He brought me there; and behold, I saw a man whose appearance resembled the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand; and he stood in the gateway.

⁴The man said to me, " Son of man, see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and give attention to all that I intend to show you; for I have brought you here in order to show it to you Declare to the house of Israel all that you see."

Measurements Relating to the Temple

⁵And behold, I saw a wall on the outside of the temple all around, and in the man's hand he held a measuring rod of six cubits, each of which measured a cubit and a handbreadth. So he measured the thickness of the wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

⁶Then he went to the gate which faced east, went up its steps and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod in width; and the other threshold measured one rod in width.

⁷The guardroom measured one rod long and one rod wide; and there measured five cubits between the guardrooms. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate facing inward measured one rod.

⁸Then he measured the porch of the gate facing inward, one rod.

⁹He measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its side pillars, two cubits. And the porch of the gate faced inward.

¹⁰The guardrooms of the gate toward the east numbered three on each side; the three of them had the same measurement. The side pillars also had the same measurement on each side.

¹¹And he measured the width of the gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

¹²There stood a barrier wall one cubit wide in front of the guardrooms on each side; and the guardrooms measured six cubits square on each side.

¹³He measured the gate from the roof of the one guardroom to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits from one door to the door opposite.

¹⁴He made the side pillars sixty cubits high; the gate extended round about to the side pillar of the courtyard.

¹⁵From the front of the entrance gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate measured fifty cubits.

¹⁶ I saw shuttered windows looking toward the guardrooms, and toward their side pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And I saw windows all around inside; and on each side pillar appeared palm tree ornaments.

¹⁷Then he brought me into the outer court, and behold, I saw chambers and a pavement made for the court all around; thirty chambers faced the pavement.

¹⁸The pavement (namely, the lower pavement) stood by the side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates.

¹⁹Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court, a hundred cubits on the east and on the north.

²⁰As for the gate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.

²¹It had three guardrooms on each side; and its side pillars and its porches had the same measurement as the first gate. Its length measured fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

²²Its windows and its porches and its palm tree ornaments had the same measurements as the gate which faced toward the east; and people could reach it by seven steps, and its porch stood in front of them.

²³The inner court had a gate opposite the gate on the north as well as the gate on the east; and he measured a hundred cubits from gate to gate.

²⁴Then he led me toward the south, and behold, there stood a gate toward the south; and he measured its side pillars and its porches according to those same measurements.

²⁵The gate and its porches had windows all around like those other windows; the length measured fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

²⁶ I saw seven steps going up to it, and its porches stood in front of them; and it had palm tree ornaments on its side pillars, one on each side.

²⁷The inner court had a gate toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a hundred cubits.

²⁸Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to those same measurements.

²⁹Its guardrooms also, its side pillars and its porches appeared according to those same measurements. And the gate and its porches had windows all around; it measured fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

³⁰There stood porches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

³¹Its porches stood toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments appeared on its side pillars, and its stairway had eight steps.

³²He brought me into the inner court toward the east. And he measured the gate according to those same measurements.

³³Its guardrooms also, its side pillars and its porches appeared according to those same measurements. And the gate and its porches had windows all around; it measured fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

³⁴Its porches stood toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments appeared on its side pillars, on each side, and its stairway had eight steps.

³⁵Then he brought me to the north gate; and he measured it according to those same measurements,

³⁶with its guardrooms, its side pillars and its porches. And the gate had windows all around; the length measured fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

³⁷Its side pillars appeared toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments appeared on its side pillars on each side, and its stairway had eight steps.

³⁸A chamber with its doorway stood by the side pillars at the gates; there they rinse the burnt offering.

³⁹In the porch of the gate I saw two tables on each side, on which to slaughter the burnt offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering.

⁴⁰On the outer side, as one went up to the gateway toward the north, I saw two tables; and on the other side of the porch of the gate I saw two tables.

⁴¹Four tables stood on each side next to the gate; or, eight tables on which they slaughter sacrifices.

⁴²For the burnt offering there stood four tables of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half wide and one cubit high, on which they lay the instruments with which they slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

⁴³The double hooks, one handbreadth in length, they had installed in the house all around; and on the tables lay the flesh of the offering.

⁴⁴From the outside to the inner gate we found chambers for the singers in the inner court, one of which stood at the side of the north gate, with its front toward the south, and one at the side of the south gate facing toward the north.

⁴⁵He said to me, "This chamber faces toward the south, intended for the priests who keep charge of the temple;

⁴⁶but the chamber which faces toward the north we reserve for the priests who keep charge of the altar. These we identify as the sons of Zadok, who from the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister to Him."

⁴⁷He measured the court, a perfect square, a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide; and the altar stood in front of the temple.

⁴⁸Then he brought me to the porch of the temple and measured each side pillar of the porch, five cubits on each side; and the width of the gate measured three cubits on each side.

⁴⁹The length of the porch measured twenty cubits and the width eleven cubits; and at the stairway by which it had ascended from appeared columns belonging to the side pillars, one on each side.

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The Inner Temple

¹Then he brought me to the nave and measured the side pillars; six cubits wide on each side measured the width of the side pillar.

²The width of the entrance measured ten cubits and the sides of the entrance measured five cubits on each side. And he measured the length of the nave, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

³Then he went inside and measured each side pillar of the doorway, two cubits, and the doorway, six cubits high; and the width of the doorway, seven cubits.

⁴He measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the nave; and he said to me, "This we regard as the most holy place."

⁵Then he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits; and the width of the side chambers, four cubits, all around about the house on every side.

⁶The side chambers we observed in three stories, one above another, and thirty in each story; and the side chambers extended to the wall which stood on their inward side all around, that they might become fastened, and not fasten into the wall of the temple itself.

⁷The side chambers surrounding the temple looked wider at each successive story. Because the structure surrounding the temple went upward by stages on all sides of the temple, therefore the width of the temple increased as it went higher; and thus one went up from the lowest story to the highest by way of the second story.

⁸I saw also that the house had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers measured a full rod of six long cubits in height.

⁹The thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers measured five cubits. But the free space between the side chambers belonging to the temple

¹⁰and the outer chambers measured twenty cubits in width all around the temple on every side.

¹¹The doorways of the side chambers toward the free space consisted of one doorway toward the north and another doorway toward the south; and the width of the free space measured five cubits all around.

¹²The building that stood in front of the separate area at the side toward the west measured seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building measured five cubits thick all around, and its length measured ninety cubits.

¹³Then he measured the temple, a hundred cubits long; the separate area with the building and its walls measured also a hundred cubits long.

¹⁴Also the width of the front of the temple and that of the separate areas along the east side totaled a hundred cubits.

¹⁵He measured the length of the building along the front of the separate area behind it, with a gallery on each side, a hundred cubits; he also measured the inner nave and the porches of the court.

¹⁶The thresholds, the latticed windows and the galleries round about their three stories, opposite the threshold, consisted of paneled with wood all around, and from the ground to the windows (but the windows appeared covered),

¹⁷over the entrance, and to the inner house, and on the outside, and on all the wall all around inside and outside, by measurement.

¹⁸They had carved it with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree stood between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces,

¹⁹a man's face toward the palm tree on one side and a young lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; artisans had carved them on all the house all around.

²⁰From the ground to above the entrance cherubim and palm trees someone had carved, as well as on the wall of the nave.

²¹The doorposts of the nave appeared square; as for the front of the sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost resembled that of the other.

²²The altar consisted of wood, three cubits high and its length two cubits; its corners, its base and its sides consisted of wood And he said to me, "This table stands before the LORD."

²³The nave and the sanctuary each had a double door.

²⁴Each of the doors had two leaves, two swinging leaves; two leaves for one door and two leaves for the other.

²⁵Also artisans had carved on them, on the doors of the nave, cherubim and palm trees like those carved on the walls; and there stood a threshold of wood on the front of the porch outside.

²⁶I saw latticed windows and palm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the porch; thus appeared the side chambers of the house and the thresholds.

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Chambers of the Temple

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¹Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me to the chamber which stood opposite the separate area and opposite the building toward the north.

²Along the length, which measured a hundred cubits, stood the north door; the width measured fifty cubits.

³Opposite the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, appeared a gallery corresponding to gallery in three stories.

⁴Before the chambers ran an inner walk ten cubits wide, a way of one hundred cubits; and their openings appeared on the north.

⁵Now the upper chambers appeared smaller because the galleries took more space away from them than from the lower and middle ones in the building.

⁶For they appeared in three stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore the upper chambers they had set back from the ground upward, more than the lower and middle ones.

⁷As for the outer wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the chambers, its length measured fifty cubits.

⁸For the length of the chambers which stood in the outer court measured fifty cubits; and behold, the length of those facing the temple measured a hundred cubits.

⁹Below these chambers stood the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

¹⁰In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, facing the separate area and facing the building, we could see chambers.

¹¹The way in front of them resembled the appearance of the chambers which located on the north, according to their length so measured their width, and all their exits appeared both according to their arrangements and openings.

¹²Corresponding to the openings of the chambers which located toward the south we saw an opening at the head of the way, the way in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.

¹³Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers, which stand opposite the separate area, we regard them as the holy chambers where the priests who serve near to the

LORD shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering; for the place we consider holy.

¹⁴"When the priests enter, then they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary without laying there their garments in which they minister, for they behave in a holy manner. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which we reserve for the people."

¹⁵Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate which faced toward the east and measured it all around.

¹⁶He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

¹⁷He measured on the north side five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

¹⁸On the south side he measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

¹⁹He turned to the west side and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

²⁰He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the profane.

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Vision of the Glory of God Filling the Temple

¹Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east;

²and behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east And His voice resembled the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

³And it resembled the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city And the visions resembled the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east.

⁵And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

⁶Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a man stood beside me.

⁷He said to me, "Son of man, this I will mark the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die,

⁸by setting their threshold by My threshold and their door post beside My door post, with only the wall between Me and them. And they have defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger.

⁹"Now let them put away their harlotry and the corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will dwell among them forever.

¹⁰"As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may feel ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the plan.

¹¹"If they feel ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the house, its structure, its exits, its entrances, all its designs, all its statutes, and all its laws And write it in their sight, so that they may observe its whole design and all its statutes and do them.

¹²"This we acknowledge as the law of the house: its entire area on the top of the mountain all around we shall acknowledge as most holy. Behold, this we acknowledge as the law of the house.

The Altar of Sacrifice

¹³"And these we record as the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit as a cubit and a handbreadth): the base shall measure a cubit and the width a cubit, and its border on its edge round about one span; and this shall measure the height of the base of the altar.

¹⁴"From the base on the ground to the lower ledge shall measure two cubits and the width one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge shall measure four cubits and the width one cubit.

¹⁵"The altar hearth shall measure four cubits; and from the altar hearth shall extend upwards four horns.

¹⁶"Now the altar hearth shall measure twelve cubits long by twelve wide, square in its four sides.

¹⁷"The ledge shall measure fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides, the border around it shall measure half a cubit and its base shall measure a cubit round about; and its steps shall face the east."

The Offerings

¹⁸And He said to me, " Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, "These I proclaim as the statutes for the altar on the day you build it built, to offer burnt offerings on it and to sprinkle blood on it.

¹⁹You shall give to the Levitical priests who come from the offspring of Zadok, who draw near to Me to minister to Me,' declares the Lord GOD, 'a young bull for a sin offering.

²⁰You shall take some of its blood and put it on its four horns and on the four corners of the ledge and on the border round about; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it.

²¹You shall also take the bull for the sin offering, and it shall burn in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

²²On the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering, and they shall cleanse the altar as they cleansed it with the bull.

²³When you have finished cleansing it, you shall present a young bull without blemish and a ram without blemish from the flock.

²⁴You shall present them before the LORD, and the priests shall throw salt on them, and they shall offer them up as a burnt offering to the LORD.

²⁵For seven days you shall prepare daily a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall you prepare.

²⁶For seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they consecrate it.

²⁷When they have completed the days, it shall occur that on the eighth day and onward, the priests shall offer your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you,' declares the Lord GOD."

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Gate for the Prince

¹Then He brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it had shut.

²The LORD said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; no one shall open it, and no one shall enter by it, for the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut.

³"As for the prince, he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the porch of the gate and shall go out by the same way."

⁴Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I fell on my face.

⁵The LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the statutes of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary.

⁶"You shall say to the rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

⁷when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to appear in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant void--this in addition to all your abominations.

⁸"And you have not kept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners to keep charge of My sanctuary."

⁹Thus says the Lord GOD, "No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who dwell among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.

¹⁰"But the Levites who went far from Me when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.

¹¹"Yet they shall serve as ministers in My sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house and ministering in the house; they shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

¹²"Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn against them," declares the Lord GOD, "that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.

¹³"And they shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that we consider most holy; but they will bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

¹⁴"Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the house, of all its service and of all that I shall do on in it.

Ordinances for the Levites

¹⁵"But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶"They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge.

¹⁷"It shall come to pass that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall clothed themselves with linen garments; and wool shall not appear on them while they minister in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

¹⁸"Linen turbans they shall wear on their heads and linen undergarments they shall wear on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything which makes them sweat.

¹⁹"When they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they have ministered and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments so that they will not transmit holiness to the people with their garments.

²⁰"Also they shall not shave their heads, yet they shall not let their locks grow long; they shall only trim the hair of their heads.

²¹" Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court.

²²"And they shall not marry a widow or a divorced woman but shall take virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who has become the widow of a priest.

²³"Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

²⁴"In a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts and sanctify My sabbaths.

²⁵" They shall not go to a dead person to defile themselves; however, for father, for mother, for son, for daughter, for brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

²⁶"After he has become cleansed, seven days shall elapse for him.

²⁷"On the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering," declares the Lord GOD.

²⁸"And it shall occur with regard to an inheritance for them, that I will serve as their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel--I serve as their possession.

²⁹"They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall belong to them.

³⁰"The first of all the first fruits of every kind and every contribution of every kind, from all your contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough to cause a blessing to rest on your house.

³¹"The priests shall not eat any bird or beast that has died a natural death or has become torn to pieces.

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The LORD'S Portion of the Land

¹"And when you divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an allotment to the LORD, a holy portion of the land; the length shall consist of the length of 25,000 cubits, and the width shall measure 20,000. We shall consider holy all within its boundary round about.

²"Out of this we shall have for the holy place a square round about five hundred by five hundred cubits, and fifty cubits for its open space round about.

³"From this area you shall measure a length of 25,000 cubits and a width of 10,000 cubits; and in it shall appear the sanctuary, the most holy place.

⁴"It shall consist of the holy portion of the land; we shall use it for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the LORD, and it shall consist of a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

⁵"An area 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width we shall reserve for the Levites, the ministers of the house, and for their possession cities to dwell in.

⁶"You shall give the city possession of an area 5,000 cubits wide and 25,000 cubits long, alongside the allotment of the holy portion; you shall establish it for the whole house of Israel.

Portion for the Prince

⁷"The prince shall have land on either side of the holy allotment and the property of the city, adjacent to the holy allotment and the property of the city, on the west side toward the west and on the east side toward the east, and in length comparable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

⁸"This land shall consist of a possession in Israel; so My princes shall no longer oppress My people, but they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes."

⁹"Thus says the Lord GOD, "Enough, you princes of Israel; put away violence and destruction, and practice justice and righteousness Stop your expropriations from My people," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁰"You shall have just balances, a just ephah and a just bath.

¹¹"The ephah and the bath shall consist of the same quantity, so that the bath will contain a tenth of a homer and the ephah a tenth of a homer; their standard they shall reckon according to the homer.

¹²"The shekel shall consist of twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels you shall consider your maneh.

¹³"This offering you shall offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat; a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley;

¹⁴and the prescribed portion of oil (namely, the bath of oil), a tenth of a bath from each kor (which consists of ten baths or a homer, for ten baths equal a homer);

¹⁵and one sheep from each flock of two hundred from the watering places of Israel--for a grain offering, for a burnt offering and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them," declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶" All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel.

¹⁷"It shall become the prince's part to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the drink offerings, at the feasts, on the new moons and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel."

¹⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, "In the first month, on the first of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary.

¹⁹"The priest shall take some of the blood from the sin offering and put it on the door posts of the house, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

²⁰"Thus you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who goes astray or shows naivete; so you shall make atonement for the house.

²¹"In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; you shall eat unleavened bread .

²²"On that day the prince shall provide for himself and all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

²³"During the seven days of the feast he shall provide as a burnt offering to the LORD seven bulls and seven rams without blemish on every day of the seven days, and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

²⁴"He shall provide as a grain offering an ephah with a bull, an ephah with a ram and a hin of oil with an ephah.

²⁵"In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall provide like this, seven days for the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering and the oil."

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The Prince's Offerings

¹"Thus says the Lord GOD, "The gate of the inner court facing east shall remain shut the six working days; but you shall open it on the sabbath day and opened on the day of the new moon.

²"The prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but you shall not shut the gate until the evening.

³"The people of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

⁴"The burnt offering which the prince shall offer to the LORD on the sabbath day shall consist of six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;

⁵and the grain offering shall consist of an ephah with the ram, and the grain offering with the lambs as much as he can give, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

⁶"On the day of the new moon he shall offer a young bull without blemish, also six lambs and a ram, which shall have not blemish.

⁷"And he shall provide a grain offering, an ephah with the bull and an ephah with the ram, and with the lambs as much as he can, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

⁸"When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the porch of the gate and go out by the same way.

⁹"But when the people of the land come before the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out.

¹⁰"When they go in, the prince shall go in among them; and when they go out, he shall go out.

¹¹"At the festivals and the appointed feasts the grain offering shall consist of an ephah with a bull and an ephah with a ram, and with the lambs as much as one can give, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

¹²"When the prince provides a freewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, the gate facing east you shall open for him And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and you shall shut the gate after he goes out.

¹³"And you shall provide a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD daily; morning by morning you shall provide it.

¹⁴"Also you shall provide a grain offering with it morning by morning, a sixth of an ephah and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to the LORD continually by a perpetual ordinance.

¹⁵"Thus they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering."

¹⁶"Thus says the Lord GOD, "If the prince gives a gift out of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; they should consider it their possession by inheritance.

¹⁷"But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall last him until the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance shall consist only his sons'; it shall belong to them.

¹⁸"The prince shall not take from the people's inheritance, thrusting them out of their possession; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own possession so that My people will not scatter, anyone from his possession."""

The Boiling Places

¹⁹Then he brought me through the entrance, which stood at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, there stood a place at the extreme rear toward the west.

²⁰He said to me, "This place the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they shall bake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring them out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

²¹Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me across to the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court we found a small court.

²²In the four corners of the court we found enclosed courts, forty cubits long and thirty wide; these four in the corners appeared the same size.

²³We saw a row of masonry round about in them, around the four of them, and boiling places we noticed under the rows round about.

²⁴Then he said to me, "These we recognize as the boiling places where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

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Water from the Temple

¹Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water flowed from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water flowed down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar.

²He brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate by way of the gate that faces east. And behold, water trickled from the south side.

³When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles.

⁴Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the loins.

⁵Again he measured a thousand; and it had become a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, enough water to swim in, a river that could I could not ford.

⁶He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me back to the bank of the river.

⁷Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river I noticed very many trees on the one side and on the other.

⁸Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, having become directed to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh.

⁹"It will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will live very many fish, for these waters go there and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

¹⁰"And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there they will find a place for the spreading of nets Their fish will have much variety according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.

¹¹"But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will remain for salt.

¹²" By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will serve as for food and their leaves for healing."

Boundaries and Division of the Land

¹³Thus says the Lord GOD, "This shall consist of the boundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.

¹⁴"You shall divide it for an inheritance, each one equally with the other; for I swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land shall fall to you as an inheritance.

¹⁵"This shall consist of the boundary of the land: on the north side, from the Great Sea by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad;

¹⁶ Hamath, Berothah, Sibrain, which lies between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which lies by the border of Hauran.

¹⁷"The boundary shall extend from the sea to Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, and on the north toward the north extends the border of Hamath. This we identify as the north side.

¹⁸"The east side, from between Hauran, Damascus, Gilead and the land of Israel, shall consist of the Jordan; from the north border to the eastern sea you shall measure. This we identify as the east side.

¹⁹"The south side toward the south shall extend from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt and to the Great Sea. This we identify as the south side toward the south.

²⁰"The west side shall consist of the Great Sea, from the south border to a point opposite Lebo-hamath. This we identify as the west side.

²¹"So you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

²²"You shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the aliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst And they you shall consider as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall have an allotment an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

²³"And in the tribe with which the alien stays, there you shall give him his inheritance," declares the Lord GOD.

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Division of the Land

¹"Now these we identify as the names of the tribes: from the northern extremity, beside the way of Hethlon to Lebo-hamath, as far as Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, toward the north beside Hamath, running from east to west, Dan, one portion.

²"Beside the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion.

³"Beside the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, Naphtali, one portion.

⁴"Beside the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion.

⁵"Beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.

⁶"Beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, Reuben, one portion.

⁷"Beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion.

⁸"And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall consist of the allotment which you shall set apart, 25,000 cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall stand in the middle of it.

⁹"The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall consist of 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width.

Portion for the Priests

¹⁰"The holy allotment you shall reserve for these, namely for the priests, toward the north 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall dwell in its midst.

¹¹"You shall reserve it for the priests who received sanctification from the sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray as the Levites went astray.

¹²"You shall make an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

¹³"Alongside the border of the priests the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length shall consist of 25,000 cubits and the width 10,000.

¹⁴"Moreover, they shall not sell or exchange any of it, or alienate this choice portion of land; for the LORD considers it holy.

¹⁵"The remainder, 5,000 cubits in width and 25,000 in length, you shall reserve for common use for the city, for dwellings and for open spaces; and the city shall stand in its midst.

¹⁶"These we identify as its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.

¹⁷"The city shall have open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

¹⁸"The remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment shall measure 10,000 cubits toward the east and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall stand alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall provide food for the workers of the city.

¹⁹"The workers of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

²⁰"The whole allotment shall measure 25,000 by 25,000 cubits; you shall set apart the holy allotment, a square, with the property of the city.

Portion for the Prince

²¹"The remainder you shall reserve for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the property of the city; in front of the 25,000 cubits of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, you shall reserve it for the prince. And the holy allotment and the sanctuary of the house shall stand in the middle of it.

²²"Exclusive of the property of the Levites and the property of the city, which stand in the middle of that which belongs to the prince, everything between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin you shall reserve for the prince.

Portion for Other Tribes

²³"As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion.

²⁴"Beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion.

²⁵"Beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion.

²⁶"Beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion.

²⁷"Beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion.

²⁸"And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the Great Sea.

²⁹"This land you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these you shall reserve for their several portions," declares the Lord GOD.

The City Gates

³⁰"These we identify as the exits of the city: on the north side, 4,500 cubits by measurement,

³¹shall become the gates of the city, named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

³²"On the east side, 4,500 cubits, shall stand three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

³³"On the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, shall stand three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

³⁴"On the west side, 4,500 cubits, shall stand three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

³⁵"The city shall measure 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall mean, 'The LORD dwells there.'"

