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## Isaiah

### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, heavens, and listen, earth; for Yahweh\* has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

<sup>3</sup>The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel doesn't know, my people don't consider."

<sup>4</sup>Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring<sup>†</sup> of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken Yahweh. They have despised the Holy One of Israel. They are estranged and backward.

<sup>5</sup>Why should you be beaten more, that you revolt more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

<sup>6</sup>From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it: wounds, welts, and open sores. They haven't been closed, neither bandaged, neither soothed with oil.

<sup>7</sup>Your country is desolate. Your cities are burned with fire. Strangers devour your land in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

<sup>8</sup>The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of melons, like a besieged city.

<sup>9</sup>Unless Yahweh of Armies had left to us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom; we would have been like Gomorrah.

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<sup>10</sup> Hear Yahweh's word, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the law of our God,<sup>‡</sup> you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> "What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?", says Yahweh.

"I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams,

and the fat of fed animals.

I don't delight in the blood of bulls,

or of lambs,

or of male goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts?

<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain offerings.

Incense is an abomination to me;

new moons, Sabbaths, and convocations:

I can't stand evil assemblies.

<sup>14</sup> My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts.

They are a burden to me.

I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you.

Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear.

Your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves, make yourself clean.

Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes.

Cease to do evil.

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do well.

Seek justice.

Relieve the oppressed.

Judge the fatherless.

Plead for the widow."

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let's reason together," says Yahweh:

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be  
devoured with the sword;  
for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.”

<sup>21</sup> How the faithful city has become a  
prostitute!  
She was full of justice; righteousness lodged  
in her,  
but now murderers.

<sup>22</sup> Your silver has become dross,  
your wine mixed with water.

<sup>23</sup> Your princes are rebellious, and  
companions of thieves.  
Everyone loves bribes, and follows after  
rewards.  
They don't judge the fatherless,  
neither does the cause of the widow come  
to them.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the Lord,<sup>s</sup> Yahweh of Armies,  
the Mighty One of Israel, says:

“Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries,  
and avenge myself on my enemies;

<sup>25</sup> and I will turn my hand on you,  
thoroughly purge away your dross,  
and will take away all your tin.\*

<sup>26</sup> I will restore your judges as at the first,  
and your counselors as at the beginning.  
Afterward you shall be called ‘The city of  
righteousness,  
a faithful town.’

<sup>27</sup> Zion shall be redeemed with justice,  
and her converts with righteousness.

<sup>28</sup> But the destruction of transgressors and  
sinners shall be together,  
and those who forsake Yahweh shall be  
consumed.

<sup>29</sup> For they shall be ashamed of the oaks  
which you have desired,  
and you shall be confounded for the  
gardens that you have chosen.

<sup>30</sup> For you shall be as an oak whose leaf  
fades,  
and as a garden that has no water.

<sup>31</sup> The strong will be like tinder,  
and his work like a spark.

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They will both burn together,  
and no one will quench them."

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\***1:2** "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

†**1:4** or, seed

‡**1:10** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

§**1:24** The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

\***1:25** tin is a metal that is separated from silver during the refining and purification process.

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## Isaiah Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup> This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall happen in the latter days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

For out of Zion the law shall go out, and Yahweh's word from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> House of Jacob, come, and let's walk in the light of Yahweh.

<sup>6</sup> For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, with those who practice divination like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners.

<sup>7</sup> Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots.

<sup>8</sup> Their land also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

<sup>9</sup> Man is brought low, and mankind is humbled; therefore don't forgive them.

<sup>10</sup> Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from before the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty.

<sup>11</sup> The lofty looks of man will be brought low, the arrogance of men will be bowed down, and Yahweh alone will be exalted in that day.

<sup>12</sup> For there will be a day of Yahweh of Armies for all that is proud and arrogant, and for all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low:

<sup>13</sup> For all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan,

<sup>14</sup> For all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> For every lofty tower, for every fortified wall,

<sup>16</sup> For all the ships of Tarshish, and for all pleasant imagery.

<sup>17</sup> The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the arrogance of men shall be brought

low;  
and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day.

<sup>18</sup> The idols shall utterly pass away.

<sup>19</sup> Men shall go into the caves of the rocks,  
and into the holes of the earth,  
from before the terror of Yahweh,  
and from the glory of his majesty,  
when he arises to shake the earth mightily.

<sup>20</sup> In that day, men shall cast away their  
idols of silver,  
and their idols of gold,  
which have been made for themselves to  
worship,  
to the moles and to the bats;

<sup>21</sup> To go into the caverns of the rocks,  
and into the clefts of the ragged rocks,  
from before the terror of Yahweh,  
and from the glory of his majesty,  
when he arises to shake the earth mightily.

<sup>22</sup> Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in  
his nostrils;  
for of what account is he?

### Isaiah Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> For, behold,\* the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  
takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah  
supply and support,  
the whole supply of bread,  
and the whole supply of water;

<sup>2</sup> the mighty man,  
the man of war,  
the judge,  
the prophet,  
the diviner,  
the elder,

<sup>3</sup> the captain of fifty,  
the honorable man,  
the counselor,  
the skilled craftsman,  
and the clever enchanter.

<sup>4</sup> I will give boys to be their princes,  
and children shall rule over them.

<sup>5</sup> The people will be oppressed,



everyone by another,  
and everyone by his neighbor.  
The child will behave himself proudly against  
the old man,  
and the wicked against the honorable.

<sup>6</sup> Indeed a man shall take hold of his brother  
in the house of his father, saying,  
"You have clothing, you be our ruler,  
and let this ruin be under your hand."

<sup>7</sup> In that day he will cry out, saying, "I will  
not be a healer;  
for in my house is neither bread nor  
clothing.

You shall not make me ruler of the people."

<sup>8</sup> For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is  
fallen;  
because their tongue and their doings are  
against Yahweh,  
to provoke the eyes of his glory.

<sup>9</sup> The look of their faces testify against  
them.

They parade their sin like Sodom.

They don't hide it.

Woe to their soul!

For they have brought disaster upon  
themselves.

<sup>10</sup> Tell the righteous "Good!"

For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

<sup>11</sup> Woe to the wicked!

Disaster is upon them;

for the deeds of his hands will be paid back  
to him.

<sup>12</sup> As for my people, children are their  
oppressors,  
and women rule over them.

My people, those who lead you cause you to  
err,  
and destroy the way of your paths.

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh stands up to contend,  
and stands to judge the peoples.

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh will enter into judgment with the  
elders of his people,  
and their leaders:

"It is you who have eaten up the vineyard.  
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

<sup>15</sup> What do you mean that you crush my people,  
and grind the face of the poor?" says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>16</sup> Moreover Yahweh said, "Because the daughters of Zion are arrogant,  
and walk with outstretched necks and flirting eyes,  
walking to trip as they go,  
jingling ornaments on their feet;

<sup>17</sup> therefore the Lord brings sores on the crown of the head of the women of Zion,  
and Yahweh will make their scalps bald."

<sup>18</sup> In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces, <sup>19</sup> the earrings, the bracelets, the veils, <sup>20</sup> the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume containers, the charms, <sup>21</sup> the signet rings, the nose rings, <sup>22</sup> the fine robes, the capes, the cloaks, the purses, <sup>23</sup> the hand mirrors, the fine linen garments, the tiaras, and the shawls.

<sup>24</sup> It shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be rottenness;  
instead of a belt, a rope;  
instead of well set hair, baldness;  
instead of a robe, a wearing of sackcloth;  
and branding instead of beauty.

<sup>25</sup> Your men shall fall by the sword,  
and your mighty in the war.

<sup>26</sup> Her gates shall lament and mourn;  
and she shall be desolate and sit on the ground.

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**\*3:1** "Behold", from "נָהַר", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

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## Isaiah Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup>Seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread, and wear our own clothing. Just let us be called by your name. Take away our reproach."

<sup>2</sup>In that day, Yahweh's branch will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the beauty and glory of the survivors of Israel. <sup>3</sup>It will happen, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem; <sup>4</sup>when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from within it, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning. <sup>5</sup>Yahweh will create over the whole habitation of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. <sup>6</sup>There will be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

## Isaiah Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard.  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it up,  
gathered out its stones,  
planted it with the choicest vine,  
built a tower in the middle of it,  
and also cut out a wine press therein.  
He looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>"Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

please judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will lay it a wasteland.

It won't be pruned nor hoed,  
but it will grow briers and thorns.

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it."

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of Yahweh of Armies is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah his pleasant plant:

and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression;

for righteousness, but, behold, a cry of distress.

<sup>8</sup>Woe to those who join house to house,  
who lay field to field, until there is no room,  
and you are made to dwell alone in the middle of the land!

<sup>9</sup>In my ears, Yahweh of Armies says:  
"Surely many houses will be desolate,  
even great and beautiful, unoccupied.

<sup>10</sup>For ten acres\* of vineyard shall yield one bath,<sup>†</sup>

and a homer<sup>‡</sup> of seed shall yield an ephah."<sup>§</sup>

<sup>11</sup>Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink;  
who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them!

<sup>12</sup>The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts;  
but they don't respect the work of Yahweh,  
neither have they considered the operation of his hands.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge.

Their honorable men are famished,  
and their multitudes are parched with thirst.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore Sheol\* has enlarged its desire,  
and opened its mouth without measure;  
and their glory, their multitude, their pomp,  
and he who rejoices among them, descend  
into it.

<sup>15</sup> So man is brought low,  
mankind is humbled,  
and the eyes of the arrogant ones are  
humbled;

<sup>16</sup> but Yahweh of Armies is exalted in justice,  
and God the Holy One is sanctified in  
righteousness.

<sup>17</sup> Then the lambs will graze as in their  
pasture,  
and strangers will eat the ruins of the rich.

<sup>18</sup> Woe to those who draw iniquity with  
cords of falsehood,  
and wickedness as with cart rope;

<sup>19</sup> Who say, "Let him make speed, let him  
hasten his work, that we may see it;  
and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel  
draw near and come,  
that we may know it!"

<sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good  
evil;  
who put darkness for light,  
and light for darkness;  
who put bitter for sweet,  
and sweet for bitter!

<sup>21</sup> Woe to those who are wise in their own  
eyes,  
and prudent in their own sight!

<sup>22</sup> Woe to those who are mighty to drink  
wine,  
and champions at mixing strong drink;

<sup>23</sup> who acquit the guilty for a bribe,  
but deny justice for the innocent!

<sup>24</sup> Therefore as the tongue of fire devours  
the stubble,  
and as the dry grass sinks down in the  
flame,  
so their root shall be as rottenness,

and their blossom shall go up as dust;  
because they have rejected the law of  
Yahweh of Armies,  
and despised the word of the Holy One of  
Israel.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore Yahweh's anger burns against  
his people,  
and he has stretched out his hand against  
them, and has struck them.

The mountains tremble,  
and their dead bodies are as refuse in the  
middle of the streets.

For all this, his anger is not turned away,  
but his hand is still stretched out.

<sup>26</sup> He will lift up a banner to the nations from  
far,  
and he will whistle for them from the end of  
the earth.

Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.

<sup>27</sup> No one shall be weary nor stumble among  
them;

no one shall slumber nor sleep;  
neither shall the belt of their waist be  
untied,

nor the strap of their sandals be broken:

<sup>28</sup> whose arrows are sharp,

and all their bows bent.

Their horses' hoofs will be like flint,

and their wheels like a whirlwind.

<sup>29</sup> Their roaring will be like a lioness.

They will roar like young lions.

Yes, they shall roar,

and seize their prey and carry it off,

and there will be no one to deliver.

<sup>30</sup> They will roar against them in that day  
like the roaring of the sea.

If one looks to the land behold, darkness  
and distress.

The light is darkened in its clouds.

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\***5:10** literally, ten yokes, or the  
amount of land that ten yokes of  
oxen can plow in one day, which is

about 10 acres or 4 hectares.

†**5:10** 1 bath is about 22 liters or 5.8 U. S. gallons

‡**5:10** 1 homer is about 220 liters or 6 bushels

§**5:10** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or 0.6 bushels or about 2 pecks—only one tenth of what was sown.

\***5:14** Sheol is the place of the dead.

## Isaiah Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup>In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. <sup>3</sup>One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of Armies!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. <sup>7</sup>He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

<sup>8</sup>I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

<sup>9</sup>He said, "Go, and tell this people,

'You hear indeed,  
but don't understand;  
and you see indeed,  
but don't perceive.'

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people fat.  
Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their heart,  
and turn again, and be healed."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "Lord, how long?"  
He answered,  
"Until cities are waste without inhabitant,  
and houses without man,  
and the land becomes utterly waste,

<sup>12</sup> And Yahweh has removed men far away,  
and the forsaken places are many within the  
land.

<sup>13</sup> If there is a tenth left in it,  
that also will in turn be consumed:  
as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock  
remains when they are felled;  
so the holy seed is its stock."

## Isaiah Chapter 7

<sup>1</sup> In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham,  
the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the  
king of Syria, and Pekah the son of  
Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to  
Jerusalem to war against it, but could not  
prevail against it. <sup>2</sup> David's house was told,  
"Syria is allied with Ephraim." His heart  
trembled, and the heart of his people, as the  
trees of the forest tremble with the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then Yahweh said to Isaiah, "Go out  
now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub  
your son, at the end of the conduit of the  
upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's  
field. <sup>4</sup> Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm.  
Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be  
faint because of these two tails of smoking  
torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and  
Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Because  
Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah,



have plotted evil against you, saying, <sup>6</sup>“Let’s go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let’s divide it among ourselves, and set up a king within it, even the son of Tabeel.” <sup>7</sup>This is what the Lord Yahweh says: “It shall not stand, neither shall it happen.” <sup>8</sup>For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people; <sup>9</sup>and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.’ ”

<sup>10</sup>Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of Yahweh your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.”

<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I won’t ask. I won’t tempt Yahweh.”

<sup>13</sup>He said, “Listen now, house of David. Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.\* <sup>15</sup>He shall eat butter and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken. <sup>17</sup>Yahweh will bring on you, on your people, and on your father’s house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

<sup>18</sup>It will happen in that day that Yahweh will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. <sup>19</sup>They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures.

<sup>20</sup>In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the

head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.

<sup>21</sup>It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; <sup>22</sup>and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter and honey that is left within the land.

<sup>23</sup>It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver shekels,<sup>†</sup> shall be for briers and thorns. <sup>24</sup>People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns. <sup>25</sup>All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending out of oxen, and for the treading of sheep."

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**\*7:14** "Immanuel" means "God with us".

**†7:23** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces, so 1000 shekels is about 10 kilograms or 22 pounds.

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**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 8**

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz';" <sup>2</sup>and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

<sup>3</sup>I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then Yahweh said to me, "Call his name 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.'"<sup>4</sup>For before the child knows how to say, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried away by the king of

Assyria."

<sup>5</sup>Yahweh spoke to me yet again, saying, <sup>6</sup>"Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; <sup>7</sup>now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks. <sup>8</sup>It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the width of your land, Immanuel. <sup>9</sup>Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Listen, all you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress for battle, and be shattered! <sup>10</sup>Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for God is with us." <sup>11</sup>For Yahweh spoke this to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, <sup>12</sup>"Don't say, 'A conspiracy!' concerning all about which this people say, 'A conspiracy!' neither fear their threats, nor be terrorized. <sup>13</sup>Yahweh of Armies is who you must respect as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread. <sup>14</sup>He will be a sanctuary, but for both houses of Israel, he will be a stumbling stone and a rock that makes them fall. For the people of Jerusalem, he will be a trap and a snare. <sup>15</sup>Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, be snared, and be captured."

<sup>16</sup>Wrap up the covenant. Seal the law among my disciples. <sup>17</sup>I will wait for Yahweh, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. <sup>18</sup>Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of Armies, who dwells in Mount Zion.

<sup>19</sup>When they tell you, "Consult with those who have familiar spirits and with the

wizards, who chirp and who mutter:" shouldn't a people consult with their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>Turn to the law and to the covenant! If they don't speak according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through it, very distressed and hungry; and it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, and curse by their king and by their God. They will turn their faces upward, <sup>22</sup>and look to the earth, and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

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**\*8:1** "Maher Shalal Hash Baz" means "quick to the plunder, swift to the prey".

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**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 9**

<sup>1</sup> But there shall be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation.

You have increased their joy.

They rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as in the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the garments rolled

in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on David's throne, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it falls on Israel.

<sup>9</sup> All the people will know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart,

<sup>10</sup> "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with cut stone. The sycamore fig trees have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place."

<sup>11</sup> Therefore Yahweh will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies,

<sup>12</sup> The Syrians in front, and the Philistines behind; and they will devour Israel with open mouth.

For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

<sup>13</sup> Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore Yahweh will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.

<sup>15</sup> The elder and the honorable man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail.

<sup>16</sup> For those who lead this people lead them astray; and those who are led by them are destroyed.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over

their young men,  
neither will he have compassion on their  
fatherless and widows;  
for everyone is profane and an evildoer,  
and every mouth speaks folly.  
For all this his anger is not turned away,  
but his hand is stretched out still.

<sup>18</sup> For wickedness burns like a fire.

It devours the briers and thorns;  
yes, it kindles in the thickets of the forest,  
and they roll upward in a column of smoke.

<sup>19</sup> Through Yahweh of Armies' wrath, the  
land is burned up;  
and the people are the fuel for the fire.

No one spares his brother.

<sup>20</sup> One will devour on the right hand, and be  
hungry;  
and he will eat on the left hand, and they  
will not be satisfied.

Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm:

<sup>21</sup> Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim,  
Manasseh; and they together shall be  
against Judah.

For all this his anger is not turned away,  
but his hand is stretched out still.

## Isaiah Chapter 10

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who decree unrighteous  
decrees, and to the writers who write  
oppressive decrees; <sup>2</sup> to deprive the needy  
from justice, and to rob the poor among my  
people of their rights, that widows may be  
their plunder, and that they may make the  
fatherless their prey! <sup>3</sup> What will you do in  
the day of visitation, and in the desolation  
which will come from afar? To whom will  
you flee for help? Where will you leave your  
wealth?

<sup>4</sup> They will only bow down under the  
prisoners,  
and will fall under the slain.

For all this his anger is not turned away,  
but his hand is stretched out still.

<sup>5</sup> Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation! <sup>6</sup> I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me I will give him a command to take the plunder and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. <sup>7</sup> However he doesn't mean so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. <sup>8</sup> For he says, "Aren't all of my princes kings? <sup>9</sup> Isn't Calno like Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like Damascus?" <sup>10</sup> As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria; <sup>11</sup> shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

<sup>12</sup> Therefore it will happen that, when the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his arrogant looks. <sup>13</sup> For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers. <sup>14</sup> My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, I have gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped."

<sup>15</sup> Should an ax brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood. <sup>16</sup> Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire. <sup>17</sup> The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and

it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.<sup>18</sup> He will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints.<sup>19</sup> The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.

<sup>20</sup> It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.<sup>21</sup> A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.<sup>22</sup> For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.<sup>23</sup> For the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, will make a full end, and that determined, throughout all the earth.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, says "My people who dwell in Zion, don't be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did."<sup>25</sup> For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his destruction."<sup>26</sup> Yahweh of Armies will stir up a scourge against him, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Egypt.<sup>27</sup> It will happen in that day, that his burden will depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

<sup>28</sup> He has come to Aiath. He has passed through Migron. At Michmash he stores his baggage.<sup>29</sup> They have gone over the pass. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah trembles. Gibeah of Saul has fled.<sup>30</sup> Cry aloud with your voice, daughter of Gallim! Listen, Laishah! You poor Anathoth!<sup>31</sup> Madmenah is a fugitive. The inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety.<sup>32</sup> This



very day he will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

<sup>33</sup> Behold, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, will lop the boughs with terror. The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low. <sup>34</sup> He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

## Isaiah Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> Yahweh's Spirit will rest on him:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh.

<sup>3</sup> His delight will be in the fear of Yahweh.  
He will not judge by the sight of his eyes,  
neither decide by the hearing of his ears;  
<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the humble of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his waist.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb,  
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;  
The calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear will graze.  
Their young ones will lie down together.  
The lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole,  
and the weaned child will put his hand on

the viper’s den.  
<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt nor destroy in all my  
holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of  
Yahweh,  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>It will happen in that day that the nations  
will seek the root of Jesse, who stands as a  
banner of the peoples; and his resting place  
will be glorious.

<sup>11</sup>It will happen in that day that the Lord  
will set his hand again the second time to  
recover the remnant that is left of his people  
from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros,  
from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from  
Hamath, and from the islands of the  
sea. <sup>12</sup>He will set up a banner for the  
nations, and will assemble the outcasts of  
Israel, and gather together the dispersed of  
Judah from the four corners of the  
earth. <sup>13</sup>The envy also of Ephraim will  
depart, and those who persecute Judah will  
be cut off. Ephraim won’t envy Judah, and  
Judah won’t persecute Ephraim. <sup>14</sup>They will  
fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines  
on the west. Together they will plunder the  
children of the east. They will extend their  
power over Edom and Moab, and the  
children of Ammon will obey  
them. <sup>15</sup>Yahweh will utterly destroy the  
tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his  
scorching wind he will wave his hand over  
the River, and will split it into seven  
streams, and cause men to march over in  
sandals. <sup>16</sup>There will be a highway for the  
remnant that is left of his people from  
Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day  
that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 12**

<sup>1</sup>In that day you will say, “I will give thanks  
to you, Yahweh; for though you were angry  
with me, your anger has turned away and

you comfort me.<sup>2</sup> Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Yah, Yahweh, is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation.”<sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation.<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say, “Give thanks to Yahweh! Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim that his name is exalted!”<sup>5</sup> Sing to Yahweh, for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth! <sup>6</sup>Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!”

## Isaiah Chapter 13

<sup>1</sup>The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

<sup>2</sup>Set up a banner on the bare mountain! Lift up your voice to them! Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.<sup>3</sup> I have commanded my consecrated ones; yes, I have called my mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones.<sup>4</sup> The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Yahweh of Armies is mustering the army for the battle.<sup>5</sup> They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Yahweh, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

<sup>6</sup>Wail; for the day of Yahweh is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.<sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone’s heart will melt.<sup>8</sup> They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at another. Their faces will be faces of flame.<sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its

sinners out of it. <sup>10</sup> For the stars of the sky and its constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened in its going out, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. <sup>11</sup> I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the arrogance of the terrible. <sup>12</sup> I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of Ophir. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place in Yahweh of Armies' wrath, and in the day of his fierce anger. <sup>14</sup> It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup> Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped.

<sup>17</sup> Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in it. <sup>18</sup> Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children. <sup>19</sup> Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup> It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. <sup>21</sup> But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there. <sup>22</sup> Wolves will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup>For Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in Yahweh's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

<sup>3</sup>It will happen in the day that Yahweh will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup>that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The golden city has ceased!" <sup>5</sup>Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, <sup>6</sup>who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that no one restrained. <sup>7</sup>The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out in song. <sup>8</sup>Yes, the cypress trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us." <sup>9</sup>Sheol\* from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the departed spirits for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. <sup>10</sup>They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?" <sup>11</sup>Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,<sup>†</sup> with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.

<sup>12</sup>How you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup>You said in your heart, "I will ascend

into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!" <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,<sup>†</sup> to the depths of the pit. <sup>16</sup> Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms;<sup>17</sup> who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who didn't release his prisoners to their home?"

<sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. <sup>19</sup> But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot. <sup>20</sup> You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The offspring of evildoers will not be named forever.

<sup>21</sup> Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities. <sup>22</sup> "I will rise up against them," says Yahweh of Armies, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says Yahweh. <sup>23</sup> "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>24</sup> Yahweh of Armies has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: <sup>25</sup> that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders. <sup>26</sup> This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. <sup>27</sup> For Yahweh of Armies has planned, and who can stop it? His hand

is stretched out, and who can turn it back?"

<sup>28</sup> This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died.

<sup>29</sup> Don't rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent. <sup>30</sup> The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed.

<sup>31</sup> Howl, gate! Cry, city! You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks.

<sup>32</sup> What will they answer the messengers of the nation? That Yahweh has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

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\***14:9** Sheol is the place of the dead.

†**14:11** Sheol is the place of the dead.

‡**14:15** Sheol is the place of the dead.

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## Isaiah Chapter 15

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Moab.

For in a night, Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. For in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. <sup>2</sup> They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. Baldness is on all of their heads. Every beard is cut off. <sup>3</sup> In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth. In their streets and on their housetops, everyone wails, weeping

abundantly. <sup>4</sup> Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them. <sup>5</sup> My heart cries out for Moab! Her nobles flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for on the way to Horonaim, they raise up a cry of destruction. <sup>6</sup> For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing. <sup>7</sup> Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the brook of the willows. <sup>8</sup> For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer Elim. <sup>9</sup> For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

### Isaiah Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup> Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion. <sup>2</sup> For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon. <sup>3</sup> Give counsel! Execute justice! Make your shade like the night in the middle of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't betray the fugitive! <sup>4</sup> Let my outcasts dwell with you! As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortionist is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land. <sup>5</sup> A throne will be established in loving kindness. One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness.

<sup>6</sup> We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are



nothing.<sup>7</sup> Therefore Moab will wail for Moab. Everyone will wail. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken.<sup>8</sup> For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad. They passed over the sea.<sup>9</sup> Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle shout has fallen.<sup>10</sup> Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop.<sup>11</sup> Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir Heres.<sup>12</sup> It will happen that when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail.

<sup>13</sup> This is the word that Yahweh spoke concerning Moab in time past.<sup>14</sup> But now Yahweh has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as a worker bound by contract would count them, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

## Isaiah Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.<sup>2</sup> The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.<sup>3</sup> The fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the

children of Israel," says Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>4</sup>"It will happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean. <sup>5</sup>It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleans grain in the valley of Rephaim. <sup>6</sup>Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree," says Yahweh, the God of Israel. <sup>7</sup>In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. <sup>8</sup>They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherah poles, or the incense altars. <sup>9</sup>In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation. <sup>10</sup>For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings. <sup>11</sup>In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

<sup>12</sup>Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! <sup>13</sup>The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. <sup>14</sup>At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup> Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; <sup>2</sup> that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!" <sup>3</sup> All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the trumpet is blown, listen!

<sup>4</sup> For Yahweh said to me, "I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." <sup>5</sup> For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches. <sup>6</sup> They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them. <sup>7</sup> In that time, a present will be brought to Yahweh of Armies from a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Yahweh of Armies, Mount Zion.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 19

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Egypt.

"Behold, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt within it. <sup>2</sup> I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they

will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.<sup>3</sup> The spirit of Egypt will fail within it. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards.<sup>4</sup> I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>5</sup> The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry. <sup>6</sup> The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away. <sup>7</sup> The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more. <sup>8</sup> The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish. <sup>9</sup> Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded. <sup>10</sup> The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul.

<sup>11</sup> The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?"<sup>12</sup> Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what Yahweh of Armies has purposed concerning Egypt. <sup>13</sup> The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes. <sup>14</sup> Yahweh has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the middle of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. <sup>15</sup> Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do. <sup>16</sup> In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of Yahweh of

Armies's hand, which he shakes over them.<sup>17</sup> The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of Yahweh of Armies, which he determines against it.<sup>18</sup> In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Yahweh of Armies. One will be called "The city of destruction."

<sup>19</sup>In that day, there will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to Yahweh at its border.<sup>20</sup> It will be for a sign and for a witness to Yahweh of Armies in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to Yahweh because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.<sup>21</sup> Yahweh will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know Yahweh in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to Yahweh, and will perform it.<sup>22</sup> Yahweh will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to Yahweh, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.

<sup>23</sup>In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

<sup>24</sup>In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing within the earth;<sup>25</sup> because Yahweh of Armies has blessed them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

## Isaiah Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup>In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it; <sup>2</sup>at that time Yahweh spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the

sackcloth from off your waist, and take your shoes from off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup>Yahweh said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia, <sup>4</sup>so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. <sup>6</sup>The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?' "

### Isaiah Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land. <sup>2</sup>A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack! I have stopped all of Media's sighing. <sup>3</sup>Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I so am dismayed that I can't see. <sup>4</sup>My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me. <sup>5</sup>They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield! <sup>6</sup>For the Lord said to me, "Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees. <sup>7</sup>When he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great attentiveness." <sup>8</sup>He cried like a lion: "Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and

every night I stay at my post. <sup>9</sup> Behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the engraved images of her gods are broken to the ground.

<sup>10</sup> You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor!" That which I have heard from Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

<sup>11</sup> The burden of Dumah.

One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"<sup>12</sup> The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again."

<sup>13</sup> The burden on Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites. <sup>14</sup> They brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread. <sup>15</sup> For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail, <sup>17</sup> and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has spoken it."

## Isaiah Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the valley of vision.

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops? <sup>2</sup> You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. <sup>3</sup> All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away. <sup>4</sup> Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the

daughter of my people.

<sup>5</sup> For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains.<sup>6</sup> Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. <sup>7</sup> Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate. <sup>8</sup> He took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. <sup>9</sup> You saw the breaches of David's city, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. <sup>10</sup> You counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup> You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago.

<sup>12</sup> In that day, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to dressing in sackcloth: <sup>13</sup> and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: "Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die." <sup>14</sup> Yahweh of Armies revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say, <sup>16</sup> 'What are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?' Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!" <sup>17</sup> Behold, Yahweh will overcome you and hurl you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly. <sup>18</sup> He will surely wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a large country. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be, you shame of your lord's house. <sup>19</sup> I will



thrust you from your office. You will be pulled down from your station.

<sup>20</sup> It will happen in that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, <sup>21</sup> and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your belt. I will commit your government into his hand; and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup> I will lay the key of David's house on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open. <sup>23</sup> I will fasten him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father's house. <sup>24</sup> They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the pitchers. <sup>25</sup> "In that day," says Yahweh of Armies, "the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for Yahweh has spoken it."

## Isaiah Chapter 23

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Tyre.

Howl, you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. <sup>2</sup> Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. <sup>3</sup> On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the market of nations. <sup>4</sup> Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not travailed, nor given birth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins." <sup>5</sup> When the report comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre. <sup>6</sup> Pass over to Tarshish! Wail, you inhabitants of the coast! <sup>7</sup> Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far

away to travel?

<sup>8</sup> Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the honorable of the earth? <sup>9</sup> Yahweh of Armies has planned it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no restraint any more. <sup>11</sup> He has stretched out his hand over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. Yahweh has ordered the destruction of Canaan's strongholds. <sup>12</sup> He said, "You shall rejoice no more, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. Even there you will have no rest."

<sup>13</sup> Behold, the land of the Chaldeans. This people was not. The Assyrians founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness. They set up their towers. They overthrew its palaces. They made it a ruin. <sup>14</sup> Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid waste! <sup>15</sup> It will come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. After the end of seventy years it will be to Tyre like in the song of the prostitute. <sup>16</sup> Take a harp; go about the city, you prostitute that has been forgotten. Make sweet melody. Sing many songs, that you may be remembered. <sup>17</sup> It will happen after the end of seventy years that Yahweh will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her wages, and will play the prostitute with all the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. <sup>18</sup> Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to Yahweh. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before Yahweh, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

### Isaiah Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup> Behold, Yahweh makes the earth empty,

makes it waste, turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants.<sup>2</sup> It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest.<sup>3</sup> The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; for Yahweh has spoken this word.<sup>4</sup> The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. The lofty people of the earth languish.<sup>5</sup> The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.<sup>6</sup> Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell therein are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.<sup>7</sup> The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh.<sup>8</sup> The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases.<sup>9</sup> They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.<sup>10</sup> The confused city is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in.<sup>11</sup> There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone.<sup>12</sup> The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck with destruction.<sup>13</sup> For it will be so within the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.

<sup>14</sup> These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of Yahweh. They cry aloud from the sea.<sup>15</sup> Therefore glorify Yahweh in the east, even the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea!<sup>16</sup> From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs. Glory to the righteous!

But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! woe is

me!" The treacherous have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. <sup>17</sup> Fear, the pit, and the snare, are on you who inhabitant the earth. <sup>18</sup> It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. <sup>19</sup> The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The earth is shaken violently. <sup>20</sup> The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again.

<sup>21</sup> It shall happen in that day that Yahweh will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. <sup>22</sup> They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited. <sup>23</sup> Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Yahweh of Armies will reign on Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders will be glory.

### Isaiah Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh, you are my God. I will exalt you! I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth. <sup>2</sup> For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city. It will never be built. <sup>3</sup> Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall. <sup>5</sup> As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of

strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low.

<sup>6</sup>In this mountain, Yahweh of Armies will make all peoples a feast of choice meat,\* a feast of choice wines, of choice meat full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. <sup>7</sup>He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He has swallowed up death forever! The Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for Yahweh has spoken it.

<sup>9</sup>It shall be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God! We have waited for him, and he will save us! This is Yahweh! We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" <sup>10</sup>For in this mountain Yahweh's hand will rest.

Moab will be trodden down in his place, even like straw is trodden down in the water of the dunghill. <sup>11</sup>He will spread out his hands in the middle of it, like one who swims spreads out hands to swim, but his pride will be humbled together with the craft of his hands. <sup>12</sup>He has brought the high fortress of your walls down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

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## Isaiah Chapter 26

<sup>1</sup>In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city.

God appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks.

<sup>2</sup>Open the gates, that the righteous nation

may enter:

the one which keeps faith.

<sup>3</sup> You will keep whoever's mind is steadfast  
in perfect peace,  
because he trusts in you.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in Yahweh forever;  
for in Yah, Yahweh, is an everlasting Rock.

<sup>5</sup> For he has brought down those who dwell  
on high, the lofty city.  
He lays it low.

He lays it low even to the ground.

He brings it even to the dust.

<sup>6</sup> The foot shall tread it down;  
Even the feet of the poor,  
and the steps of the needy."

<sup>7</sup> The way of the just is uprightness.  
You who are upright make the path of the  
righteous level.

<sup>8</sup> Yes, in the way of your judgments,  
Yahweh, have we waited for you.  
Your name and your renown are the desire  
of our soul.

<sup>9</sup> With my soul I have desired you in the  
night.

Yes, with my spirit within me I will seek you  
earnestly;  
for when your judgments are in the earth,  
the inhabitants of the world learn  
righteousness.

<sup>10</sup> Let favor be shown to the wicked,  
yet he will not learn righteousness.  
In the land of uprightness he will deal  
wrongfully,  
and will not see Yahweh's majesty.

<sup>11</sup> Yahweh, your hand is lifted up, yet they  
don't see;  
but they will see your zeal for the people,  
and be disappointed.

Yes, fire will consume your adversaries.

<sup>12</sup> Yahweh, you will ordain peace for us,  
for you have also done all our work for us.

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh our God, other lords besides you  
have had dominion over us,  
but by you only will we make mention of

your name.

<sup>14</sup> The dead shall not live.

The departed spirits shall not rise.

Therefore you have visited and destroyed them,

and caused all memory of them to perish.

<sup>15</sup> You have increased the nation, O Yahweh.

You have increased the nation!

You are glorified!

You have enlarged all the borders of the land.

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh, in trouble they have visited you.

They poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them.

<sup>17</sup> Just as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery,

is in pain and cries out in her pangs;

so we have been before you, Yahweh.

<sup>18</sup> We have been with child.

We have been in pain.

We gave birth, it seems, only to wind.

We have not worked any deliverance in the earth;

neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

<sup>19</sup> Your dead shall live.

My dead bodies shall arise.

Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust;

for your dew is like the dew of herbs,

and the earth will cast out the departed spirits.

<sup>20</sup> Come, my people, enter into your rooms,

and shut your doors behind you.

Hide yourself for a little moment,

until the indignation is past.

<sup>21</sup> For, behold, Yahweh comes out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.

The earth also will disclose her blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

<sup>12</sup>It will happen in that day, that Yahweh will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt; and you

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will be gathered one by one, children of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> It will happen in that day that a great trumpet will be blown; and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt, shall come; and they will worship Yahweh in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

## Isaiah Chapter 28

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley of those who are overcome with wine! <sup>2</sup> Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one. Like a storm of hail, a destroying storm, and like a storm of mighty waters overflowing, he will cast them down to the earth with his hand. <sup>3</sup> The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden under foot. <sup>4</sup> The fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, shall be like the first-ripe fig before the summer; which someone picks and eats as soon as he sees it. <sup>5</sup> In that day, Yahweh of Armies will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people; <sup>6</sup> and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

<sup>7</sup> They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment. <sup>8</sup> For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness.

<sup>9</sup> Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? <sup>10</sup> For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little.

<sup>11</sup> But he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and in another language; <sup>12</sup> to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear. <sup>13</sup> Therefore Yahweh's word will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore hear Yahweh's word, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem: <sup>15</sup> "Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol\* are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.' " <sup>16</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not act hastily. <sup>17</sup> I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. <sup>18</sup> Your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol† shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. <sup>19</sup> As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to understand the message." <sup>20</sup> For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in. <sup>21</sup> For Yahweh will rise up as on Mount Perazim. He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act. <sup>22</sup> Now therefore don't be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord,

Yahweh of Armies, on the whole earth.

<sup>23</sup> Give ear, and hear my voice! Listen, and hear my speech! <sup>24</sup> Does he who plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep turning the soil and breaking the clods? <sup>25</sup> When he has leveled its surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and scatter the cumin seed, and put in the wheat in rows, the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in its place? <sup>26</sup> For his God instructs him in right judgment, and teaches him. <sup>27</sup> For the dill are not threshed with a sharp instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod. <sup>28</sup> Bread flour must be ground; so he will not always be threshing it. Although he drives the wheel of his threshing cart over it, his horses don't grind it. <sup>29</sup> This also comes out from Yahweh of Armies, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

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\***28:15** Sheol is the place of the dead.

†**28:18** Sheol is the place of the dead.

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## Isaiah Chapter 29

<sup>1</sup> Woe to Ariel! Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add year to year; let the feasts come around; <sup>2</sup> then I will distress Ariel, and there will be mourning and lamentation. She shall be to me as an altar hearth.\* <sup>3</sup> I will encamp against you all around you, and will lay siege against you with posted troops. I will raise siege works against you. <sup>4</sup> You will be brought down, and will speak out of the ground. Your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your

speech will whisper out of the dust.

<sup>5</sup> But the multitude of your foes will be like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly. <sup>6</sup> She will be visited by Yahweh of Armies with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire. <sup>7</sup> The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night. <sup>8</sup> It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that.

<sup>9</sup> Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. <sup>10</sup> For Yahweh has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers. <sup>11</sup> All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed;" <sup>12</sup> and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't read."

<sup>13</sup> The Lord said, "Because this people draws near with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught; <sup>14</sup> therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will be hidden."

<sup>15</sup> Woe to those who deeply hide their

counsel from Yahweh, and whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" and "Who knows us?"<sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, "He didn't make me;" or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding?"

<sup>17</sup> Isn't it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup> In that day, the deaf will hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness. <sup>19</sup> The humble also will increase their joy in Yahweh, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For the ruthless is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who are alert to do evil are cut off—<sup>21</sup> who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and lay a snare for the arbiter in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore Yahweh, who redeemed Abraham, says concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no longer be ashamed, neither shall his face grow pale." <sup>23</sup> But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the middle of him, they will sanctify my name. Yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup> They also who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction."

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\*29:2 or, Ariel

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## Isaiah

### Chapter 30

<sup>1</sup> "Woe to the rebellious children", says

Yahweh, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin,"<sup>2</sup> who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt!<sup>3</sup> Therefore the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.<sup>4</sup> For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes.<sup>5</sup> They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach."

<sup>6</sup> The burden of the animals of the South.

Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people.<sup>7</sup> For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose; therefore I have called her Rahab who sits still.<sup>8</sup> Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever.<sup>9</sup> For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear Yahweh's law;<sup>10</sup> who tell the seers, "Don't see!" and to the prophets, "Don't prophesy to us right things. Tell us pleasant things. Prophecy deceits."<sup>11</sup> Get out of the way. Turn away from the path. Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."<sup>12</sup> Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it;<sup>13</sup> therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant."<sup>14</sup> He will break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing, so that there won't be found among the broken pieces a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth, or

to dip up water out of the cistern."

<sup>15</sup> For thus said the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, "You will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence." You refused, <sup>16</sup> but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore those who pursue you will be swift. <sup>17</sup> One thousand will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore Yahweh will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for Yahweh is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him. <sup>19</sup> For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you. <sup>20</sup> Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden any more, but your eyes will see your teachers; <sup>21</sup> and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way. Walk in it." <sup>22</sup> You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, "Go away!"

<sup>23</sup> He will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will feed in large pastures. <sup>24</sup> The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory feed, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. <sup>25</sup> There shall be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. <sup>26</sup> Moreover the light of the

moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that Yahweh binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they were struck with.

<sup>27</sup> Behold, Yahweh's name comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire. <sup>28</sup> His breath is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the peoples. <sup>29</sup> You will have a song, as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to Yahweh's mountain, to Israel's Rock. <sup>30</sup> Yahweh will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones. <sup>31</sup> For through Yahweh's voice the Assyrian will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod. <sup>32</sup> Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which Yahweh will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons. <sup>33</sup> For his burning place has long been ready. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made its pyre deep and large with fire and much wood. Yahweh's breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

### Isaiah Chapter 31

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,  
and rely on horses,  
and trust in chariots because they are many,  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
but they don't look to the Holy One of



Israel,  
and they don't seek Yahweh!

<sup>2</sup> Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster,  
and will not call back his words, but will  
arise against the house of the evildoers,  
and against the help of those who work  
iniquity.

<sup>3</sup> Now the Egyptians are men, and not God;  
and their horses flesh, and not spirit.  
When Yahweh stretches out his hand, both  
he who helps shall stumble,  
and he who is helped shall fall,  
and they all shall be consumed together.

<sup>4</sup> For Yahweh says to me,  
"As the lion and the young lion growling  
over his prey,  
if a multitude of shepherds is called together  
against him,  
will not be dismayed at their voice,  
nor abase himself for their noise,  
so Yahweh of Armies will come down to  
fight on Mount Zion and on its heights.

<sup>5</sup> As birds hovering, so Yahweh of Armies  
will protect Jerusalem.  
He will protect and deliver it.  
He will pass over and preserve it."

<sup>6</sup> Return to him from whom you have deeply  
revolted, children of Israel. <sup>7</sup> For in that day  
everyone shall cast away his idols of silver  
and his idols of gold—sin which your own  
hands have made for you.

<sup>8</sup> "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of  
man;  
and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour  
him.

He will flee from the sword,  
and his young men will become subject to  
forced labor.

<sup>9</sup> His rock will pass away by reason of terror,  
and his princes will be afraid of the banner,"  
says Yahweh, whose fire is in Zion,  
and his furnace in Jerusalem.

**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 32**

<sup>1</sup> Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,  
and princes shall rule in justice.

<sup>2</sup> A man shall be as a hiding place from the  
wind,  
and a covert from the storm,  
as streams of water in a dry place,  
as the shade of a large rock in a weary land.

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of those who see will not be dim,  
and the ears of those who hear will listen.

<sup>4</sup> The heart of the rash will understand  
knowledge,  
and the tongue of the stammerers will be  
ready to speak plainly.

<sup>5</sup> The fool will no longer be called noble,  
nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

<sup>6</sup> For the fool will speak folly,  
and his heart will work iniquity,  
to practice profanity,  
and to utter error against Yahweh,  
To make empty the soul of the hungry,  
and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

<sup>7</sup> The ways of the scoundrel are evil.  
He devises wicked plans to destroy the  
humble with lying words,  
even when the needy speaks right.

<sup>8</sup> But the noble devises noble things;  
and he will continue in noble things.

<sup>9</sup> Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear  
my voice!

You careless daughters, give ear to my  
speech!

<sup>10</sup> For days beyond a year you will be  
troubled, you careless women;  
for the vintage shall fail.  
The harvest won't come.

<sup>11</sup> Tremble, you women who are at ease!  
Be troubled, you careless ones!  
Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked,  
and put sackcloth on your waist.

<sup>12</sup> Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,  
for the fruitful vine.

<sup>13</sup> Thorns and briers will come up on my

people's land;  
yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city.

<sup>14</sup> For the palace will be forsaken.  
The populous city will be deserted.  
The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever,  
a delight for wild donkeys,  
a pasture of flocks;

<sup>15</sup> Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high,  
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

<sup>16</sup> Then justice will dwell in the wilderness;  
and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field.

<sup>17</sup> The work of righteousness will be peace;  
and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

<sup>18</sup> My people will live in a peaceful habitation,  
in safe dwellings,  
and in quiet resting places.

<sup>19</sup> Though hail flattens the forest,  
and the city is leveled completely.

<sup>20</sup> Blessed are you who sow beside all waters,  
who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey.

## Isaiah Chapter 33

<sup>1</sup> Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed;  
and who betray, but nobody betrayed you!  
When you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed;  
and when you have finished betrayal, you will be betrayed.

<sup>2</sup> Yahweh, be gracious to us. We have waited for you.  
Be our strength every morning,  
our salvation also in the time of trouble.

<sup>3</sup> At the noise of the thunder, the peoples have fled.

When you lift yourself up, the nations are scattered.

<sup>4</sup> Your plunder will be gathered as the caterpillar gathers.

Men will leap on it as locusts leap.

<sup>5</sup> Yahweh is exalted, for he dwells on high.

He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

<sup>6</sup> There will be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of Yahweh is your treasure.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, their valiant ones cry outside; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

<sup>8</sup> The highways are desolate.

The traveling man ceases.

The covenant is broken.

He has despised the cities.

He doesn't respect man.

<sup>9</sup> The land mourns and languishes.

Lebanon is confounded and withers away.

Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.

<sup>10</sup> "Now I will arise," says Yahweh;

"Now I will lift myself up.

Now I will be exalted.

<sup>11</sup> You will conceive chaff.

You will give birth to stubble.

Your breath is a fire that will devour you.

<sup>12</sup> The peoples will be like the burning of lime,

like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire.

<sup>13</sup> Hear, you who are far off, what I have done;

and, you who are near, acknowledge my might."

<sup>14</sup> The sinners in Zion are afraid.

Trembling has seized the godless ones.

Who among us can live with the devouring fire?

Who among us can live with everlasting

burning?

<sup>15</sup> He who walks righteously,  
and speaks blamelessly;  
He who despises the gain of oppressions,  
who gestures with his hands, refusing to  
take a bribe,  
who stops his ears from hearing of blood,  
and shuts his eyes from looking at evil—

<sup>16</sup> he will dwell on high.  
His place of defense will be the fortress of  
rocks.  
His bread will be supplied.  
His waters will be sure.

<sup>17</sup> Your eyes will see the king in his beauty.  
They will see a distant land.

<sup>18</sup> Your heart will meditate on the terror.

Where is he who counted?  
Where is he who weighed?  
Where is he who counted the towers?

<sup>19</sup> You will no longer see the fierce people,  
a people of a deep speech that you can't  
comprehend,  
with a strange language that you can't  
understand.

<sup>20</sup> Look at Zion, the city of our appointed  
festivals.

Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet  
habitation,  
a tent that won't be removed.  
Its stakes will never be plucked up,  
nor will any of its cords be broken.

<sup>21</sup> But there Yahweh will be with us in  
majesty,  
a place of wide rivers and streams,  
in which no galley with oars will go,  
neither will any gallant ship pass by there.

<sup>22</sup> For Yahweh is our judge.

Yahweh is our lawgiver.

Yahweh is our king.

He will save us.

<sup>23</sup> Your rigging is untied.

They couldn't strengthen the foot of their  
mast.

They couldn't spread the sail.

Then the prey of a great plunder was divided.

The lame took the prey.

<sup>24</sup> The inhabitant won't say, "I am sick."

The people who dwell therein will be forgiven their iniquity.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 34

<sup>1</sup> Come near, you nations, to hear!

Listen, you peoples.

Let the earth and all it contains hear;  
the world, and everything that comes from it.

<sup>2</sup> For Yahweh is enraged against all the nations,

and angry with all their armies.

He has utterly destroyed them.

He has given them over for slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> Their slain will also be cast out,  
and the stench of their dead bodies will come up;

and the mountains will melt in their blood.

<sup>4</sup> All of the army of the sky will be dissolved.

The sky will be rolled up like a scroll,  
and all its armies will fade away,  
as a leaf fades from off a vine or a fig tree.

<sup>5</sup> For my sword has drunk its fill in the sky.

Behold, it will come down on Edom,  
and on the people of my curse, for judgment.

<sup>6</sup> Yahweh's sword is filled with blood.

It is covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats,

with the fat of the kidneys of rams;

for Yahweh has a sacrifice in Bozrah,

And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

<sup>7</sup> The wild oxen will come down with them,

and the young bulls with the mighty bulls;

and their land will be drunken with blood,

and their dust made greasy with fat.

<sup>8</sup> For Yahweh has a day of vengeance,

a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Its streams will be turned into pitch,  
its dust into sulfur,  
And its land will become burning pitch.

<sup>10</sup> It won't be quenched night nor day.  
Its smoke will go up forever.  
From generation to generation, it will lie  
waste.

No one will pass through it forever and ever.

<sup>11</sup> But the pelican and the porcupine will  
possess it.

The owl and the raven will dwell in it.  
He will stretch the line of confusion over it,  
and the plumb line of emptiness.

<sup>12</sup> They shall call its nobles to the kingdom,  
but none shall be there;  
and all its princes shall be nothing.

<sup>13</sup> Thorns will come up in its palaces,  
nettles and thistles in its fortresses;  
and it will be a habitation of jackals,  
a court for ostriches.

<sup>14</sup> The wild animals of the desert will meet  
with the wolves,  
and the wild goat will cry to his fellow.  
Yes, the night creature\* shall settle there,  
and shall find herself a place of rest.

<sup>15</sup> The arrow snake will make her nest there,  
and lay, hatch, and gather under her shade.  
Yes, the kites will be gathered there, every  
one with her mate.

<sup>16</sup> Search in the book of Yahweh, and read:  
not one of these will be missing.  
None will lack her mate.

For my mouth has commanded,  
and his Spirit has gathered them.

<sup>17</sup> He has cast the lot for them,  
and his hand has divided it to them with a  
measuring line.

They shall possess it forever.  
From generation to generation they will  
dwell in it.

\*34:14 literally, lilith, which could also be a night demon or night monster

Isaiah  
Chapter 35

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land will be glad.  
The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.  
<sup>2</sup> It will blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice even with joy and singing.  
Lebanon's glory will be given to it,  
the excellence of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see Yahweh's glory,  
the excellence of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup> Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong.  
Don't be afraid.  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
God's retribution.  
He will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup> Then the lame man will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing;  
for waters will break out in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.  
<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.  
Grass with reeds and rushes will be in the  
habitation of jackals, where they lay.  
<sup>8</sup> A highway will be there, a road,  
and it will be called The Holy Way.  
The unclean shall not pass over it,  
but it will be for those who walk in the Way.



Wicked fools will not go there.

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor will any ravenous animal go up on it.  
They will not be found there;  
but the redeemed will walk there.

<sup>10</sup> Then Yahweh's ransomed ones will return,  
and come with singing to Zion;  
and everlasting joy will be on their heads.  
They will obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

## Isaiah Chapter 36

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all of the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them. <sup>2</sup> The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool in the fuller's field highway. <sup>3</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him.

<sup>4</sup> Rabshakeh said to them, "Now tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust? <sup>5</sup> I say that your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words. Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? <sup>6</sup> Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which if a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. <sup>7</sup> But if you tell me, 'We trust in Yahweh our God,' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?' " <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, please make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. <sup>9</sup> How then can you turn

away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?<sup>10</sup> Have I come up now without Yahweh against this land to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, "Go up against this land, and destroy it." ' "

<sup>11</sup> Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and don't speak to us in the Jews' language in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

<sup>12</sup> But 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, who will eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?" <sup>13</sup> Then Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! <sup>14</sup> Thus says the king, 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup> Don't let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely deliver us. This city won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." ' <sup>16</sup> Don't listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and each of you eat from his vine, and each one from his fig tree, and each one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; <sup>17</sup> until 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. <sup>18</sup> Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "Yahweh will deliver us." Have any of the gods of the nations delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>19</sup> Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand? <sup>20</sup> Who are they among all the gods of these countries that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?' "

<sup>21</sup> But they remained silent, and said nothing

in reply, for the king's commandment was, "Don't answer him."

<sup>22</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was 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 Chapter 37

<sup>1</sup> When king Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into Yahweh's house. <sup>2</sup> He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup> They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'Today is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to give birth. <sup>4</sup> It may be Yahweh your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.' "

<sup>5</sup> So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'Yahweh says, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.' " "

<sup>8</sup> So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup> He heard news concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah,

saying,<sup>10</sup> "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." "<sup>11</sup> Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered? "<sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? "<sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?' "

<sup>14</sup> Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to Yahweh's house, and spread it before Yahweh. <sup>15</sup> Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying,<sup>16</sup> "Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. <sup>17</sup> Turn your ear, Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and behold. Hear all of the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. <sup>18</sup> Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the countries and their land, <sup>19</sup> and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. <sup>20</sup> Now therefore, Yahweh our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are Yahweh, even you only."

<sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, <sup>22</sup> this is the word which Yahweh has spoken concerning him. The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. <sup>23</sup> Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you

exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>24</sup>By your servants, have you defied the Lord, and have said, "With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. <sup>25</sup>I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>"Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. <sup>27</sup>Therefore their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, and like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops, and like a field before its crop has grown. <sup>28</sup>But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me. <sup>29</sup>Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into 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 by which you came.

<sup>30</sup>"This shall be the sign to you. You will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from it; and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. <sup>31</sup>The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. <sup>32</sup>For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go out, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this.'

<sup>33</sup>"Therefore Yahweh says concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. <sup>34</sup>He will return the way

that he came, and he won't come to this city,' says Yahweh. <sup>35</sup> 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.' "

<sup>36</sup> Then Yahweh's angel went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. <sup>37</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went away, returned to Nineveh, and stayed there. <sup>38</sup> As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.

### Isaiah Chapter 38

<sup>1</sup> In those days was Hezekiah sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order, for you will die, and not live.' "

<sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh, <sup>3</sup> and said, "Remember now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Isaiah, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. <sup>6</sup> I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city. <sup>7</sup> This shall be the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do this thing that he has spoken. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I will cause the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down on the sundial of Ahaz with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down." ' "

<sup>9</sup> The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered of his sickness.

<sup>10</sup> I said, "In the middle of my life I go into the gates of Sheol.\*

I am deprived of the residue of my years."

<sup>11</sup> I said, "I won't see Yah, Yah in the land of the living.

I will see man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

<sup>12</sup> My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me like a shepherd's tent.

I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life.

He will cut me off from the loom.

From day even to night you will make an end of me.

<sup>13</sup> I waited patiently until morning.

He breaks all my bones like a lion.

From day even to night you will make an end of me.

<sup>14</sup> I chattered like a swallow or a crane.

I moaned like a dove.

My eyes weaken looking upward.

Lord, I am oppressed.

Be my security."

<sup>15</sup> What will I say?

He has both spoken to me, and himself has done it.

I will walk carefully all my years because of the anguish of my soul.

<sup>16</sup> Lord, men live by these things; and my spirit finds life in all of them:

you restore me, and cause me to live.

<sup>17</sup> Behold, for peace I had great anguish, but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption;

for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

<sup>18</sup> For Sheol<sup>†</sup> can't praise you.

Death can't celebrate you.

Those who go down into the pit can't hope for your truth.

<sup>19</sup> The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do today.

The father shall make known your truth to

the children.  
<sup>20</sup>Yahweh will save me.  
Therefore we will sing my songs with  
stringed instruments all the days of our life  
in Yahweh’s house.  
<sup>21</sup>Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a  
cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the  
boil, and he shall recover.” <sup>22</sup>Hezekiah also  
had said, “What is the sign that I will go up  
to Yahweh’s house?”

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**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 39**

<sup>1</sup>At that time, Merodach Baladan the son of  
Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a  
present to Hezekiah; for he heard that he  
had been sick, and had  
recovered. <sup>2</sup>Hezekiah was pleased with  
them, and showed them the house of his  
precious things, the silver, and the gold, the  
spices, and the precious oil, and all the  
house of his armor, and all that was found  
in his treasures. There was nothing in his  
house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah  
didn’t show them. <sup>3</sup>Then Isaiah the prophet  
came to king Hezekiah, and asked him,  
“What did these men say? Where did they  
come from to you?”  
Hezekiah said, “They have come from a  
country far from me, even from Babylon.”  
<sup>4</sup>Then he asked, “What have they seen in  
your house?”  
Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all  
that is in my house. There is nothing among  
my treasures that I have not shown them.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the



word of Yahweh of Armies: <sup>6</sup>'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up until today, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says Yahweh. <sup>7</sup>'They will take away your sons who will issue from you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon's palace.' "

<sup>8</sup>Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "Yahweh's word which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "For there will be peace and truth in my days."

## Isaiah Chapter 40

<sup>1</sup>"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. <sup>2</sup>"Speak comfortably to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of Yahweh's hand double for all her sins."

<sup>3</sup>The voice of one who calls out,  
"Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness!  
Make a level highway in the desert for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The uneven shall be made level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Yahweh's glory shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it."

<sup>6</sup>The voice of one saying, "Cry!"  
One said, "What shall I cry?"  
"All flesh is like grass,  
and all its glory is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers,  
the flower fades,  
because Yahweh's breath blows on it.  
Surely the people are like grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers,

the flower fades;  
but the word of our God stands forever.”

<sup>9</sup> You who tell good news to Zion, go up on  
a high mountain.  
You who tell good news to Jerusalem, lift up  
your voice with strength.  
Lift it up. Don't be afraid.  
Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold, your  
God!”

<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord Yahweh will come as a  
mighty one,  
and his arm will rule for him.  
Behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd.  
He will gather the lambs in his arm,  
and carry them in his bosom.  
He will gently lead those who have their  
young.

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the  
hollow of his hand,  
and marked off the sky with his span,  
and calculated the dust of the earth in a  
measuring basket,  
and weighed the mountains in scales,  
and the hills in a balance?

<sup>13</sup> Who has directed Yahweh's Spirit,  
or has taught him as his counselor?

<sup>14</sup> Who did he take counsel with,  
and who instructed him,  
and taught him in the path of justice,  
and taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

<sup>15</sup> Behold, the nations are like a drop in a  
bucket,  
and are regarded as a speck of dust on a  
balance.

Behold, he lifts up the islands like a very  
little thing.

<sup>16</sup> Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,  
nor its animals sufficient for a burnt  
offering.

<sup>17</sup> All the nations are like nothing before him.  
They are regarded by him as less than

nothing, and vanity.

<sup>18</sup> To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare to him?

<sup>19</sup> A workman has cast an image,  
and the goldsmith overlays it with gold,  
and casts silver chains for it.

<sup>20</sup> He who is too impoverished for such an  
offering chooses a tree that will not rot.  
He seeks a skillful workman to set up a  
carved image for him that will not be  
moved.

<sup>21</sup> Haven't you known?  
Haven't you heard?  
Haven't you been told from the beginning?  
Haven't you understood from the  
foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the  
earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a  
curtain,  
and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing;  
who makes the judges of the earth like  
meaningless.

<sup>24</sup> They are planted scarcely.  
They are sown scarcely.  
Their stock has scarcely taken root in the  
ground.  
He merely blows on them, and they wither,  
and the whirlwind takes them away as  
stubble.

<sup>25</sup> "To whom then will you liken me?  
Who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high,  
and see who has created these,  
who brings out their army by number.  
He calls them all by name.  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power,  
Not one is lacking.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, Jacob,

and speak, Israel,  
"My way is hidden from Yahweh,  
and the justice due me is disregarded by my  
God?"

<sup>28</sup> Haven't you known?

Haven't you heard?

The everlasting God, Yahweh,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,  
doesn't faint.

He isn't weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the weak.

He increases the strength of him who has  
no might.

<sup>30</sup> Even the youths faint and get weary,

and the young men utterly fall;

<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for Yahweh will renew  
their strength.

They will mount up with wings like eagles.

They will run, and not be weary.

They will walk, and not faint.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 41

<sup>1</sup> "Keep silent before me, islands,  
and let the peoples renew their strength.

Let them come near,

then let them speak.

Let's meet together for judgment.

<sup>2</sup> Who has raised up one from the east?

Who called him to his foot in righteousness?

He hands over nations to him,

and makes him rule over kings.

He gives them like the dust to his sword,  
like the driven stubble to his bow.

<sup>3</sup> He pursues them,

and passes by safely,

Even by a way that he had not gone with his  
feet.

<sup>4</sup> Who has worked and done it,

calling the generations from the beginning?

I, Yahweh, the first, and with the last, I am  
he."

<sup>5</sup> The islands have seen, and fear.

The ends of the earth tremble.

They approach, and come.

<sup>6</sup> Everyone helps his neighbor.

They say to their brothers, "Be strong!"

<sup>7</sup> So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith.

He who smoothes with the hammer encourages him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good;" and he fastens it with nails, that it might not totter.

<sup>8</sup> "But you, Israel, my servant,

Jacob whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham my friend,

<sup>9</sup> You whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth,

and called from its corners,

and said to you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away.'

<sup>10</sup> Don't you be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you.

Yes, I will help you.

Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all those who are incensed against you will be disappointed and confounded.

Those who strive with you will be like nothing, and shall perish.

<sup>12</sup> You will seek them, and won't find them, even those who contend with you.

Those who war against you will be as nothing,

as a non-existent thing.

<sup>13</sup> For I, Yahweh your God, will hold your right hand,

saying to you, 'Don't be afraid.

I will help you.'

<sup>14</sup> Don't be afraid, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel.

I will help you," says Yahweh,

"and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>15</sup> Behold, I have made you into a new sharp threshing instrument with teeth.

You will thresh the mountains,  
and beat them small,  
and will make the hills like chaff.

<sup>16</sup> You will winnow them,  
and the wind will carry them away,  
and the whirlwind will scatter them.

You will rejoice in Yahweh.

You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>17</sup> The poor and needy seek water, and  
there is none.

Their tongue fails for thirst.

I, Yahweh, will answer them.

I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

<sup>18</sup> I will open rivers on the bare heights,  
and springs in the middle of the valleys.

I will make the wilderness a pool of water,  
and the dry land springs of water.

<sup>19</sup> I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle, and oil  
trees in the wilderness.

I will set cypress trees, pine, and box trees  
together in the desert;

<sup>20</sup> that they may see, know, consider, and  
understand together,

that Yahweh's hand has done this,

and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

<sup>21</sup> Produce your cause," says Yahweh.

"Bring out your strong reasons," says the  
King of Jacob.

<sup>22</sup> "Let them announce, and declare to us  
what shall happen.

Declare the former things, what they are,  
that we may consider them, and know the  
latter end of them;

or show us things to come.

<sup>23</sup> Declare the things that are to come  
hereafter,

that we may know that you are gods.

Yes, do good, or do evil,

that we may be dismayed,

and see it together.

<sup>24</sup> Behold, you are of nothing,

and your work is of nothing.

He who chooses you is an abomination.

<sup>25</sup> “I have raised up one from the north, and he has come;  
from the rising of the sun, one who calls on my name;  
and he shall come on rulers as on mortar,  
and as the potter treads clay.

<sup>26</sup> Who has declared it from the beginning,  
that we may know?  
And before, that we may say, ‘He is right?’  
Surely, there is no one who declares.  
Surely, there is no one who shows.  
Surely, there is no one who hears your words.

<sup>27</sup> I am the first to say to Zion, ‘Behold, look at them;’  
and I will give one who brings good news to Jerusalem.

<sup>28</sup> When I look, there is no man;  
even among them there is no counselor who, when I ask of them, can answer a word.

<sup>29</sup> Behold, all of them, their deeds are vanity and nothing.  
Their molten images are wind and confusion.

## Isaiah Chapter 42

<sup>1</sup> “Behold, my servant, whom I uphold;  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights—  
I have put my Spirit on him.  
He will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not shout,  
nor raise his voice,  
nor cause it to be heard in the street.

<sup>3</sup> He won’t break a bruised reed.  
He won’t quench a dimly burning wick.  
He will faithfully bring justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not fail nor be discouraged,  
until he has set justice in the earth,  
and the islands will wait for his law.”

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God Yahweh,  
he who created the heavens and stretched them out,

he who spread out the earth and that which  
comes out of it,  
he who gives breath to its people and spirit  
to those who walk in it.

<sup>6</sup>“I, Yahweh, have called you in  
righteousness,  
and will hold your hand,  
and will keep you,  
and make you a covenant for the people,  
as a light for the nations;

<sup>7</sup> to open the blind eyes,  
to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon,  
and those who sit in darkness out of the  
prison.

<sup>8</sup>“I am Yahweh.

That is my name.

I will not give my glory to another,  
nor my praise to engraved images.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have happened,  
and I declare new things.

I tell you about them before they come up.”

<sup>10</sup> Sing to Yahweh a new song,  
and his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea,  
and all that is therein,  
the islands and their inhabitants.

<sup>11</sup> Let the wilderness and its cities raise their  
voices,  
with the villages that Kedar inhabits.  
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing.  
Let them shout from the top of the  
mountains!

<sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to Yahweh,  
and declare his praise in the islands.

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh will go out like a mighty man.

He will stir up zeal like a man of war.

He will raise a war cry.

Yes, he will shout aloud.

He will triumph over his enemies.

<sup>14</sup>“I have been silent a long time.

I have been quiet and restrained myself.

Now I will cry out like a travailing woman. I  
will both gasp and pant.



<sup>15</sup> I will destroy mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their herbs.  
I will make the rivers islands,  
and will dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup> I will bring the blind by a way that they  
don't know.  
I will lead them in paths that they don't  
know.  
I will make darkness light before them,  
and crooked places straight.  
I will do these things,  
and I will not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup> "Those who trust in engraved images,  
who tell molten images,  
'You are our gods'  
will be turned back.  
They will be utterly disappointed.

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind,  
that you may see.

<sup>19</sup> Who is blind, but my servant?  
Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I  
send?

Who is as blind as he who is at peace,  
and as blind as Yahweh's servant?

<sup>20</sup> You see many things, but don't observe.  
His ears are open, but he doesn't listen.

<sup>21</sup> It pleased Yahweh, for his righteousness'  
sake, to magnify the law,  
and make it honorable.

<sup>22</sup> But this is a robbed and plundered people.  
All of them are snared in holes,  
and they are hidden in prisons.  
They have become captives, and no one  
delivers;  
and a plunder, and no one says, 'Restore  
them!'

<sup>23</sup> Who is there among you who will give ear  
to this?  
Who will listen and hear for the time to  
come?

<sup>24</sup> Who gave Jacob as plunder,  
and Israel to the robbers?

Didn't Yahweh, he against whom we have sinned?

For they would not walk in his ways,  
and they disobeyed his law.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore he poured the fierceness of his anger on him,  
and the strength of battle;  
and it set him on fire all around, but he didn't know;  
and it burned him, but he didn't take it to heart."

### Isaiah Chapter 43

<sup>1</sup> But now Yahweh who created you, Jacob,  
and he who formed you, Israel says:  
"Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name.  
You are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they will not overflow you.  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned,  
and flame will not scorch you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am Yahweh your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
your Savior.

I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

<sup>4</sup> Since you have been precious and honored in my sight,  
and I have loved you;  
therefore I will give people in your place,  
and nations instead of your life.

<sup>5</sup> Don't be afraid; for I am with you.

I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup> I will tell the north, 'Give them up!'  
and tell the south, 'Don't hold them back!'

Bring my sons from far,  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,

and whom I have created for my glory,  
whom I have formed,  
yes, whom I have made.' "

<sup>8</sup> Bring out the blind people who have eyes,  
and the deaf who have ears.

<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations be gathered together,  
and let the peoples be assembled.  
Who among them can declare this,  
and show us former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses, that they  
may be justified;  
or let them hear, and say, "That is true."

<sup>10</sup> "You are my witnesses," says Yahweh,  
"With my servant whom I have chosen;  
that you may know and believe me,  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me there was no God formed,  
neither will there be after me.

<sup>11</sup> I myself am Yahweh;  
and besides me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup> I have declared, I have saved, and I have  
shown;  
and there was no strange god among you.  
Therefore you are my witnesses",  
says Yahweh, "and I am God.

<sup>13</sup> Yes, since the day was, I am he;  
and there is no one who can deliver out of  
my hand.

I will work, and who can hinder it?"

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of  
Israel says: "For your sake, I have sent to  
Babylon, and I will bring all of them down as  
fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships  
of their rejoicing. <sup>15</sup> I am Yahweh, your Holy  
One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh, who makes a way in the sea,  
and a path in the mighty waters says:

<sup>17</sup> who brings out the chariot and horse,  
the army and the mighty man  
(they lie down together, they shall not rise;  
they are extinct, they are quenched like a  
wick):

<sup>18</sup> "Don't remember the former things,  
and don't consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing.

It springs out now.

Don't you know it?

I will even make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The animals of the field shall honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
because I give water in the wilderness and  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

<sup>21</sup> the people which I formed for myself,  
that they might declare my praise.

<sup>22</sup> Yet you have not called on me, Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, Israel.

<sup>23</sup> You have not brought me of your sheep  
for burnt offerings;  
neither have you honored me with your  
sacrifices.

I have not burdened you with offerings,  
nor wearied you with frankincense.

<sup>24</sup> You have bought me no sweet cane with  
money,  
nor have you filled me with the fat of your  
sacrifices;  
but you have burdened me with your sins.  
You have wearied me with your iniquities.

<sup>25</sup> I, even I, am he who blots out your  
transgressions for my own sake;  
and I will not remember your sins.

<sup>26</sup> Put me in remembrance.

Let us plead together.

Declare your case,  
that you may be justified.

<sup>27</sup> Your first father sinned,  
and your teachers have transgressed  
against me.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I will profane the princes of the  
sanctuary;  
and I will make Jacob a curse,  
and Israel an insult."

## Isaiah Chapter 44

<sup>1</sup> Yet listen now, Jacob my servant,  
and Israel, whom I have chosen.

<sup>2</sup> This is what Yahweh who made you,  
and formed you from the womb,  
who will help you says:

"Don't be afraid, Jacob my servant;  
and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

<sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,  
and streams on the dry ground.

I will pour my Spirit on your descendants,  
and my blessing on your offspring:

<sup>4</sup> and they will spring up among the grass,  
as willows by the watercourses.

<sup>5</sup> One will say, 'I am Yahweh's,'  
and another will be called by the name of  
Jacob;  
and another will write with his hand 'to  
Yahweh,'  
and honor the name of Israel."

<sup>6</sup> This is what Yahweh, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, Yahweh of Armies, says:  
"I am the first, and I am the last;  
and besides me there is no God.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me?

Who will call,  
and will declare it,  
and set it in order for me,  
since I established the ancient people?  
Let them declare the things that are coming,  
and that will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Don't fear,  
neither be afraid.  
Haven't I declared it to you long ago,  
and shown it?

You are my witnesses.  
Is there a God besides me?  
Indeed, there is not.  
I don't know any other Rock."

<sup>9</sup> Everyone who makes a carved image is  
vain.  
The things that they delight in will not profit.

Their own witnesses don't see, nor know,  
that they may be disappointed.

<sup>10</sup> Who has fashioned a god,  
or molds an image that is profitable for  
nothing?

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all his fellows will be  
disappointed;  
and the workmen are mere men.  
Let them all be gathered together.  
Let them stand up.  
They will fear.  
They will be put to shame together.

<sup>12</sup> The blacksmith takes an ax,  
works in the coals,  
fashions it with hammers,  
and works it with his strong arm.  
He is hungry,  
and his strength fails;  
he drinks no water,  
and is faint.

<sup>13</sup> The carpenter stretches out a line.  
He marks it out with a pencil.  
He shapes it with planes.  
He marks it out with compasses,  
and shapes it like the figure of a man,  
with the beauty of a man,  
to reside in a house.

<sup>14</sup> He cuts down cedars for himself,  
and takes the cypress and the oak,  
and strengthens for himself one among the  
trees of the forest.  
He plants a cypress tree,  
and the rain nourishes it.

<sup>15</sup> Then it will be for a man to burn;  
and he takes some of it, and warms himself.  
Yes, he burns it, and bakes bread.  
Yes, he makes a god, and worships it;  
he makes it a carved image, and falls down  
to it.

<sup>16</sup> He burns part of it in the fire.  
With part of it, he eats meat.  
He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.  
Yes, he warms himself,  
and says, "Aha! I am warm. I have seen the  
fire."

<sup>17</sup> The rest of it he makes into a god,  
even his engraved image.  
He bows down to it and worships,  
and prays to it, and says, "Deliver me; for  
you are my god!"

<sup>18</sup> They don't know, neither do they  
consider:  
for he has shut their eyes, that they can't  
see;  
and their hearts, that they can't understand.

<sup>19</sup> No one thinks,  
neither is there knowledge nor  
understanding to say,  
"I have burned part of it in the fire.  
Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals.  
I have roasted meat and eaten it.  
Shall I make the rest of it into an  
abomination?  
Shall I bow down to a tree trunk?"

<sup>20</sup> He feeds on ashes.  
A deceived heart has turned him aside;  
and he can't deliver his soul,  
nor say, "Isn't there a lie in my right hand?"

<sup>21</sup> Remember these things, Jacob and Israel;  
for you are my servant.  
I have formed you.  
You are my servant.  
Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your  
transgressions,  
and, as a cloud, your sins.  
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

<sup>23</sup> Sing, you heavens, for Yahweh has done  
it!  
Shout, you lower parts of the earth!  
Break out into singing, you mountains, O  
forest, all of your trees,  
for Yahweh has redeemed Jacob,  
and will glorify himself in Israel.

<sup>24</sup> Yahweh, your Redeemer,  
and he who formed you from the womb  
says:

"I am Yahweh, who makes all things;  
who alone stretches out the heavens;  
who spreads out the earth by myself;  
<sup>25</sup> who frustrates the signs of the liars,  
and makes diviners mad;  
who turns wise men backward,  
and makes their knowledge foolish;  
<sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant,  
and performs the counsel of his  
messengers;  
who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be  
inhabited';  
and of the cities of Judah, 'They will be  
built,'  
and 'I will raise up its waste places;'  
<sup>27</sup> who says to the deep, 'Be dry,'  
and 'I will dry up your rivers;'  
<sup>28</sup> Who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd,  
and shall perform all my pleasure,'  
even saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be built;'  
and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be  
laid.' "

### Isaiah Chapter 45

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh says to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have held, to subdue  
nations before him, and strip kings of their  
armor; to open the doors before him, and  
the gates shall not be shut:

<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you,  
and make the rough places smooth.  
I will break the doors of bronze in pieces,  
and cut apart the bars of iron.

<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness,  
and hidden riches of secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, Yahweh, who  
call you by your name,  
even the God of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> For Jacob my servant's sake,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I have called you by your name.  
I have given you a title,  
though you have not known me.

<sup>5</sup> I am Yahweh, and there is no one else.



Besides me, there is no God.  
 I will strengthen\* you,  
 though you have not known me;  
<sup>6</sup> that they may know from the rising of the  
 sun,  
 and from the west,  
 that there is no one besides me.  
 I am Yahweh, and there is no one else.  
<sup>7</sup> I form the light,  
 and create darkness.  
 I make peace,  
 and create calamity.  
 I am Yahweh,  
 who does all these things.

<sup>8</sup> Rain, you heavens, from above,  
 and let the skies pour down righteousness.  
 Let the earth open, that it may produce  
 salvation,  
 and let it cause righteousness to spring up  
 with it.  
 I, Yahweh, have created it.

<sup>9</sup> Woe to him who strives with his Maker—  
 a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth!  
 Shall the clay ask him who fashions it, 'What  
 are you making?'  
 or your work, 'He has no hands?'  
<sup>10</sup> Woe to him who says to a father, 'What  
 have you become the father of?'  
 or to a mother, 'To what have you given  
 birth?' "

<sup>11</sup> Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel,  
 and his Maker says:  
 "You ask me about the things that are to  
 come, concerning my sons,  
 and you command me concerning the work  
 of my hands!

<sup>12</sup> I have made the earth, and created man  
 on it.  
 I, even my hands, have stretched out the  
 heavens;  
 and I have commanded all their army.  
<sup>13</sup> I have raised him up in righteousness,  
 and I will make straight all his ways.

He shall build my city,  
and he shall let my exiles go free,  
not for price nor reward," says Yahweh of  
Armies.

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh says: "The labor of Egypt,  
and the merchandise of Ethiopia,  
and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come  
over to you,  
and they shall be yours.  
They will go after you.  
They shall come over in chains;  
and they will bow down to you.  
They will make supplication to you:  
'Surely God is in you; and there is no one  
else.

There is no other god.

<sup>15</sup> Most certainly you are a God who has  
hidden yourself,  
God of Israel, the Savior.' "

<sup>16</sup> They will be disappointed,  
yes, confounded, all of them.

Those who are makers of idols will go into  
confusion together.

<sup>17</sup> Israel will be saved by Yahweh with an  
everlasting salvation.

You will not be disappointed nor confounded  
to ages everlasting.

<sup>18</sup> For Yahweh who created the heavens,  
the God who formed the earth and made it,  
who established it and didn't create it a  
waste,

who formed it to be inhabited says:

"I am Yahweh;

and there is no other.

<sup>19</sup> I have not spoken in secret,  
in a place of the land of darkness.

I didn't say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek  
me in vain.'

I, Yahweh, speak righteousness.

I declare things that are right.

<sup>20</sup> "Assemble yourselves and come.

Draw near together, you who have escaped  
from the nations.

Those have no knowledge who carry the  
wood of their engraved image,  
and pray to a god that can't save.

<sup>21</sup> Declare and present it.

Yes, let them take counsel together.

Who has shown this from ancient time?

Who has declared it of old?

Haven't I, Yahweh?

There is no other God besides me, a just  
God and a Savior;

There is no one besides me.

<sup>22</sup> "Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of  
the earth;

for I am God, and there is no other.

<sup>23</sup> I have sworn by myself.

The word has gone out of my mouth in  
righteousness, and will not be revoked,  
that to me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall take an oath.

<sup>24</sup> They will say of me,

'There is righteousness and strength only in  
Yahweh.' "

Even to him shall men come;

and all those who raged against him shall be  
disappointed.

<sup>25</sup> All the offspring of Israel will be justified  
in Yahweh,  
and will rejoice!

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## Isaiah Chapter 46

<sup>1</sup> Bel bows down.

Nebo stoops.

Their idols are carried by animals,  
and on the livestock.

The things that you carried around are  
heavy loads,  
a burden for the weary.

<sup>2</sup> They stoop and they bow down together.

They could not deliver the burden,  
but they have gone into captivity.

<sup>3</sup>“Listen to me, house of Jacob,  
and all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
that have been carried from their birth,  
that have been carried from the womb.

<sup>4</sup> Even to old age I am he,  
and even to gray hairs I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear.  
Yes, I will carry, and will deliver.

<sup>5</sup>“To whom will you compare me, and  
consider my equal,  
and compare me, as if we were the same?

<sup>6</sup> Some pour out gold from the bag,  
and weigh silver in the balance.

They hire a goldsmith,  
and he makes it a god.

They fall down—  
yes, they worship.

<sup>7</sup> They bear it on their shoulder.

They carry it, and set it in its place, and it  
stands there.

It cannot move from its place.

Yes, one may cry to it, yet it can not  
answer.

It cannot save him out of his trouble.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember this, and show yourselves  
men.

Bring it to mind again, you transgressors.

<sup>9</sup> Remember the former things of old:

for I am God, and there is no other.

I am God, and there is none like me.

<sup>10</sup> I declare the end from the beginning,  
and from ancient times things that are not  
yet done.

I say: My counsel will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.

<sup>11</sup> I call a ravenous bird from the east,  
the man of my counsel from a far country.

Yes, I have spoken.

I will also bring it to pass.

I have planned.

I will also do it.

<sup>12</sup> Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted,  
who are far from righteousness!

<sup>13</sup> I bring my righteousness near.  
It is not far off,  
and my salvation will not wait.  
I will grant salvation to Zion,  
my glory to Israel.

## Isaiah Chapter 47

<sup>1</sup> "Come down, and sit in the dust, virgin  
daughter of Babylon.  
Sit on the ground without a throne,  
daughter of the Chaldeans.

For you will no longer be called tender and  
delicate.

<sup>2</sup> Take the millstones, and grind flour.  
Remove your veil, lift up your skirt, uncover  
your legs,  
and wade through the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Your nakedness will be uncovered.  
Yes, your shame will be seen.  
I will take vengeance,  
and will spare no one."

<sup>4</sup> Our Redeemer, Yahweh of Armies is his  
name,  
is the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> "Sit in silence, and go into darkness,  
daughter of the Chaldeans.  
For you shall no longer be called  
the mistress of kingdoms.

<sup>6</sup> I was angry with my people.  
I profaned my inheritance,  
and gave them into your hand.  
You showed them no mercy.  
You laid a very heavy yoke on the aged.

<sup>7</sup> You said, 'I will be a princess forever;'  
so that you didn't lay these things to your  
heart,  
nor did you remember the results.

<sup>8</sup> "Now therefore hear this, you who are

given to pleasures,  
who sit securely,  
who say in your heart,  
'I am, and there is no one else besides me.  
I shall not sit as a widow,  
neither shall I know the loss of children.'

<sup>9</sup> But these two things shall come to you in a  
moment in one day,  
the loss of children and widowhood.  
They will come on you in their full measure,  
in the multitude of your sorceries,  
and the great abundance of your  
enchantments.

<sup>10</sup> For you have trusted in your wickedness.  
You have said, 'No one sees me.'  
Your wisdom and your knowledge has  
perverted you.  
You have said in your heart, 'I am, and  
there is no one else besides me.'

<sup>11</sup> Therefore disaster will come on you.  
You won't know when it dawns.  
Mischief will fall on you.  
You won't be able to put it away.  
Desolation will come on you suddenly,  
which you don't understand.

<sup>12</sup> "Stand now with your enchantments,  
and with the multitude of your sorceries,  
in which you have labored from your youth;  
as if you might profit;  
as if you might prevail.

<sup>13</sup> You are wearied in the multitude of your  
counsels.  
Now let the astrologers, the stargazers, and  
the monthly prognosticators, stand up and  
save you from the things that will come on  
you.

<sup>14</sup> Behold, they are like stubble.  
The fire will burn them.  
They won't deliver themselves from the  
power of the flame.  
It won't be a coal to warm at  
or a fire to sit by.

<sup>15</sup> The things that you labored in will be like  
this:  
those who have trafficked with you from

your youth will each wander in his own way.  
There will be no one to save you.

## Isaiah Chapter 48

<sup>1</sup> "Hear this, house of Jacob,  
you who are called by the name of Israel,  
and have come out of the waters of Judah.  
You swear by Yahweh's name,  
and make mention of the God of Israel,  
but not in truth, nor in righteousness

<sup>2</sup> (for they call themselves citizens of the  
holy city,  
and rely on the God of Israel;  
Yahweh of Armies is his name):

<sup>3</sup> I have declared the former things from of  
old;  
yes, they went out of my mouth, and I  
revealed them.

I did them suddenly, and they happened.

<sup>4</sup> Because I knew that you are obstinate,  
and your neck is an iron sinew,  
and your brow bronze;

<sup>5</sup> therefore I have declared it to you from of  
old;  
before it came to pass I showed it to you;  
lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,  
and my engraved image, and my molten  
image, has commanded them.'

<sup>6</sup> You have heard it;  
see all this.

And you, won't you declare it?

"I have shown you new things from this  
time,  
even hidden things, which you have not  
known.

<sup>7</sup> They are created now, and not from of old;  
and before today you didn't hear them;  
lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

<sup>8</sup> Yes, you didn't hear;  
yes, you didn't know;  
yes, from of old your ear was not opened:  
for I knew that you dealt very treacherously,  
and were called a transgressor from the

womb.

<sup>9</sup> For my name's sake, I will defer my anger,  
and for my praise I hold it back for you,  
so that I don't cut you off.

<sup>10</sup> Behold, I have refined you,  
but not as silver.

I have chosen you in the furnace of  
affliction.

<sup>11</sup> For my own sake,  
for my own sake, I will do it;  
for how would my name be profaned?  
I will not give my glory to another.

<sup>12</sup> "Listen to me, O Jacob,  
and Israel my called:

I am he;  
I am the first,  
I am also the last.

<sup>13</sup> Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of  
the earth,  
and my right hand has spread out the  
heavens.  
when I call to them, they stand up together.

<sup>14</sup> "Assemble yourselves, all of you, and  
hear;  
who among them has declared these things?  
He whom Yahweh loves will do what he  
likes to Babylon,  
and his arm will be against the Chaldeans.

<sup>15</sup> I, even I, have spoken;  
yes, I have called him.  
I have brought him,  
and he shall make his way prosperous.

<sup>16</sup> "Come near to me and hear this:

"From the beginning I have not spoken in  
secret;  
from the time that it happened, I was  
there."

Now the Lord Yahweh has sent me,  
with his Spirit.

<sup>17</sup> Yahweh,  
your Redeemer,



the Holy One of Israel says:

"I am Yahweh your God,  
who teaches you to profit,  
who leads you by the way that you should  
go.

<sup>18</sup> Oh that you had listened to my  
commandments!

Then your peace would have been like a  
river,  
and your righteousness like the waves of the  
sea.

<sup>19</sup> Your offspring also would have been as  
the sand,  
and the descendants of your body like its  
grains.

His name would not be cut off nor destroyed  
from before me."

<sup>20</sup> Leave Babylon!

Flee from the Chaldeans!

With a voice of singing announce this,  
tell it even to the end of the earth:

say, "Yahweh has redeemed his servant  
Jacob!"

<sup>21</sup> They didn't thirst when he led them  
through the deserts.

He caused the waters to flow out of the rock  
for them.

He split the rock also, and the waters  
gushed out.

<sup>22</sup> "There is no peace", says Yahweh, "for  
the wicked."

## Isaiah

### Chapter 49

<sup>1</sup> Listen, islands, to me.

Listen, you peoples, from afar:

Yahweh has called me from the womb;  
from the inside of my mother he has  
mentioned my name.

<sup>2</sup> He has made my mouth like a sharp  
sword.

He has hidden me in the shadow of his  
hand.

He has made me a polished shaft.

He has kept me close in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant;  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain.

I have spent my strength in vain for  
nothing;

yet surely the justice due to me is with  
Yahweh,

and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup> Now Yahweh says, he who formed me  
from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob again to him,

and to gather Israel to him,

for I am honorable in Yahweh's eyes,

and my God has become my strength.

<sup>6</sup> Indeed, he says, "It is too light a thing that  
you should be my servant to raise up the  
tribes of Jacob,

and to restore the preserved of Israel?

I will also give you as a light to the nations,

that you may be my salvation to the end of  
the earth."

<sup>7</sup> Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel, and his  
Holy One,

says to him whom man despises, to him  
whom the nation abhors, to a servant of  
rulers:

"Kings shall see and rise up;

princes, and they shall worship;

because of Yahweh who is faithful, even the  
Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh says, "In an acceptable time I  
have answered you,

and in a day of salvation I have helped you.

I will preserve you, and give you for a  
covenant of the people,

to raise up the land, to make them inherit  
the desolate heritage,

<sup>9</sup> saying to those who are bound, 'Come  
out!';

to those who are in darkness, 'Show  
yourselves!'

"They shall feed along the paths,

and their pasture shall be on all treeless heights.

<sup>10</sup> They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them.

He will guide them by springs of water.

<sup>11</sup> I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be exalted.

<sup>12</sup> Behold, these shall come from afar; and behold, these from the north and from the west;

and these from the land of Sinim."

<sup>13</sup> Sing, heavens; and be joyful, earth; and break out into singing, mountains: for Yahweh has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

<sup>14</sup> But Zion said, "Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me."

<sup>15</sup> "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?

Yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you!

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Your walls are continually before me.

<sup>17</sup> Your children hurry.

Your destroyers and those who devastated you will leave you.

<sup>18</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see: all these gather themselves together, and come to you.

As I live," says Yahweh, "you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and dress yourself with them, like a bride.

<sup>19</sup> "For, as for your waste and your desolate places, and your land that has been destroyed, surely now that land will be too small for the inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away.

<sup>20</sup> The children of your bereavement will say

in your ears,  
'This place is too small for me.  
Give me a place to live in.'

<sup>21</sup> Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has  
conceived these for me, since I have been  
bereaved of my children,  
and am solitary, an exile, and wandering  
back and forth?  
Who has brought these up?  
Behold, I was left alone. Where were  
these?' "

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I  
will lift up my hand to the nations,  
and lift up my banner to the peoples;  
and they shall bring your sons in their  
bosom,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their  
shoulders.

<sup>23</sup> Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
and their queens your nursing mothers.  
They will bow down to you with their faces  
to the earth,  
and lick the dust of your feet;  
Then you will know that I am Yahweh;  
and those who wait for me shall not be  
disappointed."

<sup>24</sup> Shall the plunder be taken from the  
mighty,  
or the lawful captives be delivered?

<sup>25</sup> But Yahweh says, "Even the captives of  
the mighty shall be taken away,  
and the plunder retrieved from the fierce;  
for I will contend with him who contends  
with you,  
and I will save your children.

<sup>26</sup> I will feed those who oppress you with  
their own flesh;  
and they will be drunk on their own blood,  
as with sweet wine.  
Then all flesh shall know that I, Yahweh, am  
your Savior,  
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of  
Jacob."

## Isaiah Chapter 50

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh says, "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away?

or to which of my creditors have I sold you?  
Behold, you were sold for your iniquities,  
and your mother was put away for your transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Why, when I came, was there no one?  
when I called, why was there no one to answer?

Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't redeem?

or have I no power to deliver?

Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea.

I make the rivers a wilderness:

their fish stink, because there is no water,  
and die for thirst.

<sup>3</sup>I clothe the heavens with blackness,  
and I make sackcloth their covering."

<sup>4</sup>The Lord Yahweh has given me the tongue  
of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with words  
him who is weary.

He wakens morning by morning,  
he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious.

I have not turned back.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who beat me,  
and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair.

I didn't hide my face from shame and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord Yahweh will help me.

Therefore I have not been confounded.

Therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be disappointed.

<sup>8</sup>He who justifies me is near.

Who will bring charges against me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord Yahweh will help me!

Who is he who will condemn me?

Behold, they will all grow old like a garment.

The moths will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears Yahweh,  
and obeys the voice of his servant?

He who walks in darkness,

and has no light,

let him trust in Yahweh's name,

and rely on his God.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all you who kindle a fire,  
who adorn yourselves with torches around  
yourselves;

walk in the flame of your fire,

and among the torches that you have  
kindled.

You will have this from my hand:

You will lie down in sorrow.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 51

<sup>1</sup> "Listen to me, you who follow after  
righteousness,  
you who seek Yahweh:

look to the rock you were cut from,  
and to the quarry you were dug from.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father,  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for when he was but one I called him,  
and I blessed him,  
and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> For Yahweh has comforted Zion.  
He has comforted all her waste places,  
and has made her wilderness like Eden,  
and her desert like the garden of Yahweh.  
Joy and gladness will be found therein,  
thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

<sup>4</sup> "Listen to me, my people;  
and hear me, my nation:  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will establish my justice for a light to  
the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near.  
My salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples.  
The islands will wait for me,  
and they will trust my arm.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look on the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish away like smoke,  
and the earth will wear out like a garment;  
and its inhabitants will die in the same way:  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will not be abolished.

<sup>7</sup> "Listen to me, you who know  
righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is my law:  
Don't fear the reproach of men,  
and don't be dismayed at their insults.

<sup>8</sup> For the moth will eat them up like a  
garment,  
and the worm will eat them like wool;  
but my righteousness will be forever,  
and my salvation to all generations."

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of  
Yahweh!

Awake, as in the days of old,  
the generations of ancient times.  
Isn't it you who cut Rahab in pieces,  
who pierced the monster?

<sup>10</sup> Isn't it you who dried up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep;  
who made the depths of the sea a way for  
the redeemed to pass over?

<sup>11</sup> Those ransomed by Yahweh will return,  
and come with singing to Zion;  
and everlasting joy shall be on their heads.  
They will obtain gladness and joy.  
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

<sup>12</sup> "I, even I, am he who comforts you.  
Who are you, that you are afraid of man  
who shall die,  
and of the son of man who will be made as  
grass?

<sup>13</sup> Have you forgotten Yahweh your Maker,

who stretched out the heavens,  
and laid the foundations of the earth?  
Do you live in fear continually all day  
because of the fury of the oppressor,  
when he prepares to destroy?

Where is the fury of the oppressor?

<sup>14</sup> The captive exile will speedily be freed;  
and he will not die and go down into the pit,  
and his bread will not fail.

<sup>15</sup> For I am Yahweh your God, who stirs up  
the sea,  
so that its waves roar:

Yahweh of Armies is his name.

<sup>16</sup> I have put my words in your mouth,  
and have covered you in the shadow of my  
hand,

that I may plant the heavens,  
and lay the foundations of the earth,  
and tell Zion, 'You are my people.' "

<sup>17</sup> Awake, awake!

Stand up, Jerusalem,  
you who have drunk from Yahweh's hand  
the cup of his wrath.

You have drunken the bowl of the cup of  
staggering,  
and drained it.

<sup>18</sup> There is no one to guide her among all  
the sons to whom she has given birth;  
and there is no one who takes her by the  
hand among all the sons who she has  
brought up.

<sup>19</sup> These two things have happened to you—  
who will grieve with you?—  
desolation and destruction,  
and famine and the sword.

How can I comfort you?

<sup>20</sup> Your sons have fainted.

They lie at the head of all the streets,  
like an antelope in a net.

They are full of the Yahweh's wrath,  
the rebuke of your God.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore now hear this, you afflicted,  
and drunken, but not with wine:

<sup>22</sup> Thus says your Lord Yahweh,



your God who pleads the cause of his people,  
 "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering,  
 even the bowl of the cup of my wrath.  
 You will not drink it any more:  
<sup>23</sup> and I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you,  
 who have said to your soul, 'Bow down, that we may walk over you;'  
 and you have laid your back as the ground,  
 like a street to those who walk over."

## Isaiah Chapter 52

<sup>1</sup> Awake, awake! Put on your strength, Zion.  
 Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem,  
 the holy city:  
 for from now on the uncircumcised and the unclean will no more come into you.

<sup>2</sup> Shake yourself from the dust!  
 Arise, sit up, Jerusalem!  
 Release yourself from the bonds of your neck,  
 captive daughter of Zion!

<sup>3</sup> For Yahweh says, "You were sold for nothing;  
 and you will be redeemed without money."

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the Lord Yahweh:  
 "My people went down at the first into Egypt to live there:  
 and the Assyrian has oppressed them without cause.

<sup>5</sup> "Now therefore, what do I do here," says Yahweh,  
 "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing?  
 Those who rule over them mock," says Yahweh,  
 "and my name is blasphemed continually all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore my people shall know my name.  
 Therefore they shall know in that day that I

am he who speaks.  
Behold, it is I."

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the  
feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace,  
who brings good news,  
who proclaims salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

<sup>8</sup> Your watchmen lift up their voice,  
together they sing;  
for they shall see eye to eye, when Yahweh  
returns to Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Break out into joy,  
sing together, you waste places of  
Jerusalem;  
for Yahweh has comforted his people.  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> Yahweh has made bare his holy arm in  
the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, go out from there; touch  
no unclean thing!  
Go out from among her!  
Cleanse yourselves, you who carry Yahweh's  
vessels.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall not go out in haste,  
neither shall you go by flight:  
for Yahweh will go before you;  
and the God of Israel will be your rear  
guard.

<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant will deal wisely.  
He will be exalted and lifted up,  
and will be very high.

<sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you  
(his appearance was marred more than any  
man, and his form more than the sons of  
men),

<sup>15</sup> so he will cleanse\* many nations.  
Kings will shut their mouths at him:  
for they will see that which had not been  
told them;  
and they will understand that which they

had not heard.

\*52:15 or, sprinkle

## Isaiah Chapter 53

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message?  
To whom has the arm of Yahweh been  
revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him as a tender  
plant,  
and as a root out of dry ground.  
He has no good looks or majesty.  
When we see him, there is no beauty that  
we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised,  
and rejected by men;  
a man of suffering,  
and acquainted with disease.  
He was despised as one from whom men  
hide their face;  
and we didn't respect him.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our sickness,  
and carried our suffering;  
yet we considered him plagued,  
struck by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions.  
He was crushed for our iniquities.  
The punishment that brought our peace was  
on him;  
and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray.  
Everyone has turned to his own way;  
and Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of  
us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed,  
yet when he was afflicted he didn't open his  
mouth.  
As a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and as a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he didn't open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> He was taken away by oppression and judgment;  
and as for his generation,

who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living  
and stricken for the disobedience of my people?

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked,  
and with a rich man in his death;  
although he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him.

He has caused him to suffer.

When you make his soul an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring.

He will prolong his days,  
and Yahweh's pleasure will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul,  
he will see the light\* and be satisfied.

My righteous servant will justify many by the knowledge of himself;  
and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion with the great,  
and he will divide the plunder with the strong;

because he poured out his soul to death,

and was counted with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sins of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

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\***53:11** So read the Dead Sea  
Scrolls and Septuagint. Masoretic  
Text omits "the light".

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## Isaiah

### Chapter 54

<sup>1</sup>“Sing, barren, you who didn’t give birth;  
break out into singing, and cry aloud, you  
who didn’t travail with child:  
for more are the children of the desolate  
than the children of the married wife,” says  
Yahweh.

<sup>2</sup>“Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let them stretch out the curtains of your  
habitations;  
don’t spare: lengthen your cords, and  
strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup>For you will spread out on the right hand  
and on the left;  
and your offspring will possess the nations,  
and settle in desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup>“Don’t be afraid; for you will not be  
ashamed.  
Don’t be confounded; for you will not be  
disappointed.  
For you will forget the shame of your youth;  
and the reproach of your widowhood you  
shall remember no more.

<sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband; Yahweh  
of Armies is his name.  
The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer.  
He will be called the God of the whole earth.  
<sup>6</sup>For Yahweh has called you as a wife  
forsaken and grieved in spirit,  
even a wife of youth, when she is cast off,”  
says your God.

<sup>7</sup>“For a small moment I have forsaken you;  
but I will gather you with great mercies.

<sup>8</sup>In overflowing wrath I hid my face from  
you for a moment;  
but with everlasting loving kindness I will  
have mercy on you,” says Yahweh your  
Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup>“For this is like the waters of Noah to me;  
for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah  
will no more go over the earth,

so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup> For the mountains may depart,  
and the hills be removed;  
but my loving kindness will not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace will not be removed,"  
says Yahweh who has mercy on you.

<sup>11</sup> "You afflicted, tossed with storms, and not comforted,  
behold, I will set your stones in beautiful colors,  
and lay your foundations with sapphires.

<sup>12</sup> I will make your pinnacles of rubies,  
your gates of sparkling jewels,  
and all your walls of precious stones.

<sup>13</sup> All your children will be taught by Yahweh;  
and your children's peace will be great.

<sup>14</sup> In righteousness you will be established.  
You will be far from oppression,  
for you will not be afraid;  
and far from terror,  
for it shall not come near you.

<sup>15</sup> Behold, they may gather together, but not by me.  
Whoever gathers together against you will fall because of you.

<sup>16</sup> "Behold, I have created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame,  
and forges a weapon for his work;  
and I have created the destroyer to destroy.

<sup>17</sup> No weapon that is formed against you will prevail;  
and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment.  
This is the heritage of Yahweh's servants,  
and their righteousness is of me," says Yahweh.

## Isaiah

### Chapter 55

<sup>1</sup>“Hey! Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters!

Come, he who has no money, buy, and eat!

Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which doesn't satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good,

and let your soul delight itself in richness.

<sup>3</sup> Turn your ear, and come to me.

Hear, and your soul will live:

and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you don't know;

and a nation that didn't know you shall run to you,

because of Yahweh your God,

and for the Holy One of Israel;

for he has glorified you.”

<sup>6</sup> Seek Yahweh while he may be found.

Call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

Let him return to Yahweh, and he will have mercy on him;

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup>“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
and your ways are not my ways,” says Yahweh.

<sup>9</sup>“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain comes down and the snow

from the sky,  
and doesn't return there, but waters the  
earth,  
and makes it grow and bud,  
and gives seed to the sower and bread to  
the eater;

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out of my mouth:  
it will not return to me void,  
but it will accomplish that which I please,  
and it will prosper in the thing I sent it to  
do.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out with joy,  
and be led out with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break out  
before you into singing;  
and all the trees of the fields will clap their  
hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn the cypress tree will  
come up;  
and instead of the brier the myrtle tree will  
come up:  
and it will make a name for Yahweh,  
for an everlasting sign that will not be cut  
off."

## Isaiah Chapter 56

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh says,  
"Maintain justice,  
and do what is right;  
for my salvation is near,  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast;  
who keeps the Sabbath without profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

<sup>3</sup> Let no foreigner, who has joined himself to  
Yahweh, speak, saying,  
"Yahweh will surely separate me from his  
people."  
Do not let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a  
dry tree."

<sup>4</sup> For Yahweh says, "To the eunuchs who



keep my Sabbaths,  
and choose the things that please me,  
and hold fast to my covenant:

<sup>5</sup> I will give them in my house and within my  
walls a memorial and a name better than of  
sons and of daughters.

I will give them an everlasting name, that  
will not be cut off.

<sup>6</sup> Also the foreigners who join themselves to  
Yahweh,  
to serve him,  
and to love Yahweh's name,  
to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath from  
profaning it,  
and holds fast my covenant;

<sup>7</sup> I will bring these to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of  
prayer.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will  
be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called a house of  
prayer for all peoples."

<sup>8</sup> The Lord Yahweh, who gathers the  
outcasts of Israel, says,  
"I will yet gather others to him,  
in addition to his own who are gathered."

<sup>9</sup> All you animals of the field,  
come to devour,  
all you animals in the forest.

<sup>10</sup> His watchmen are blind.  
They are all without knowledge.  
They are all mute dogs.  
They can't bark;  
dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, the dogs are greedy.  
They can never have enough.  
They are shepherds who can't understand.  
They have all turned to their own way,  
each one to his gain, from every quarter.

<sup>12</sup> "Come," say they, "I will get wine,  
and we will fill ourselves with strong drink;  
and tomorrow will be as today,  
great beyond measure."

**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 57**

<sup>1</sup> The righteous perish,  
and no one lays it to heart.  
Merciful men are taken away,  
and no one considers that the righteous is  
taken away from the evil.

<sup>2</sup> He enters into peace.  
They rest in their beds,  
each one who walks in his uprightness.

<sup>3</sup> "But draw near here, you sons of a  
sorceress,  
you offspring of adulterers and prostitutes.

<sup>4</sup> Whom do you mock?  
Against whom do you make a wide mouth,  
and stick out your tongue?

Aren't you children of disobedience,  
and offspring of falsehood,

<sup>5</sup> you who inflame yourselves among the  
oaks,  
under every green tree;  
who kill the children in the valleys,  
under the clefts of the rocks?

<sup>6</sup> Among the smooth stones of the valley is  
your portion;  
they, they are your lot.

You have even poured a drink offering to  
them.

You have offered an offering.  
Shall I be appeased for these things?

<sup>7</sup> On a high and lofty mountain you have set  
your bed.

You also went up there to offer sacrifice.

<sup>8</sup> You have set up your memorial behind the  
doors and the posts;  
for you have exposed yourself to someone  
besides me,  
and have gone up;

you have enlarged your bed,  
and made you a covenant with them.

You loved what you saw on their bed.

<sup>9</sup> You went to the king with oil,  
and increased your perfumes,  
and sent your ambassadors far off,

and degraded yourself even to Sheol.\*

<sup>10</sup> You were wearied with the length of your ways;  
yet you didn't say, 'It is in vain.'  
You found a reviving of your strength;  
therefore you weren't faint.

<sup>11</sup> "Whom have you dreaded and feared,  
so that you lie,  
and have not remembered me, nor laid it to  
your heart?  
Haven't I held my peace for a long time,  
and you don't fear me?

<sup>12</sup> I will declare your righteousness;  
and as for your works, they will not benefit  
you.

<sup>13</sup> When you cry,  
let those whom you have gathered deliver  
you;  
but the wind will take them.  
a breath will carry them all away:  
but he who takes refuge in me will possess  
the land,  
and will inherit my holy mountain."

<sup>14</sup> He will say, "Build up, build up, prepare  
the way!  
Remove the stumbling-block out of the way  
of my people."

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the high and lofty One who  
inhabits eternity,  
whose name is Holy:  
"I dwell in the high and holy place, with him  
also who is of a contrite and humble spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the humble,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

<sup>16</sup> For I will not contend forever, neither will  
I always be angry;  
for the spirit would faint before me,  
and the souls whom I have made.

<sup>17</sup> I was angry because of the iniquity of his  
covetousness, and struck him;  
I hid myself and was angry;  
and he went on backsliding in the way of his  
heart.

<sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, and will heal him:

I will lead him also,  
and restore comforts to him and to his  
mourners.

<sup>19</sup> I create the fruit of the lips:

Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to  
him who is near,"  
says Yahweh; "and I will heal them."

<sup>20</sup> But the wicked are like the troubled sea;  
for it can't rest, and its waters cast up mire  
and mud.

<sup>21</sup> "There is no peace", says my God,  
"for the wicked."

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**\*57:9** Sheol is the place of the  
dead.

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## Isaiah Chapter 58

<sup>1</sup> "Cry aloud, don't spare.

Lift up your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their disobedience,  
and to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet they seek me daily,

and delight to know my ways.

As a nation that did righteousness,  
and didn't forsake the ordinance of their  
God,

they ask of me righteous judgments.

They delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> "Why have we fasted," they say, "and you  
don't see?

Why have we afflicted our soul, and you  
don't notice?"

"Behold, in the day of your fast you find  
pleasure,

and oppress all your laborers.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, you fast for strife and contention,

and to strike with the fist of wickedness.

You don't fast today so as to make your  
voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is this the fast that I have chosen?  
A day for a man to humble his soul?  
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under  
himself?  
Will you call this a fast,  
and an acceptable day to Yahweh?

<sup>6</sup> "Isn't this the fast that I have chosen:  
to release the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and that you break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Isn't it to distribute your bread to the  
hungry,  
and that you bring the poor who are cast  
out to your house?  
When you see the naked,  
that you cover him;  
and that you not hide yourself from your  
own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break out as the  
morning,  
and your healing will appear quickly;  
then your righteousness shall go before you;  
and Yahweh's glory will be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and Yahweh will  
answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I  
am.'

"If you take away from among you the  
yoke,  
finger pointing,  
and speaking wickedly;

<sup>10</sup> and if you pour out your soul to the  
hungry,  
and satisfy the afflicted soul:  
then your light will rise in darkness,  
and your obscurity will be as the noonday;

<sup>11</sup> and Yahweh will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your soul in dry places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
and like a spring of water,  
whose waters don't fail.

<sup>12</sup> Those who shall be of you shall build the  
old waste places;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
and you shall be called Repairer of the  
Breach,  
Restorer of Paths with Dwellings.

<sup>13</sup> "If you turn away your foot from the  
Sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day;  
and call the Sabbath a delight,  
and the holy of Yahweh honorable;  
and shall honor it,  
not doing your own ways,  
nor finding your own pleasure,  
nor speaking your own words:

<sup>14</sup> then you shall delight yourself in Yahweh;  
and I will make you to ride on the high  
places of the earth;  
and I will feed you with the heritage of  
Jacob your father:"  
for Yahweh's mouth has spoken it.

## Isaiah Chapter 59

<sup>1</sup> Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened,  
that it can't save;  
nor his ear dull, that it can't hear.

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you and  
your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from  
you,  
so that he will not hear.

<sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood,  
and your fingers with iniquity.  
Your lips have spoken lies.  
Your tongue mutters wickedness.

<sup>4</sup> No one sues in righteousness,  
and no one pleads in truth.  
They trust in vanity,  
and speak lies.

They conceive mischief,  
and give birth to iniquity.

<sup>5</sup> They hatch adders' eggs,

and weave the spider's web.  
He who eats of their eggs dies;  
and that which is crushed breaks out into a  
viper.

<sup>6</sup> Their webs won't become garments.  
They won't cover themselves with their  
works.

Their works are works of iniquity,  
and acts of violence are in their hands.

<sup>7</sup> Their feet run to evil,  
and they hurry to shed innocent blood.  
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity.  
Desolation and destruction are in their  
paths.

<sup>8</sup> They don't know the way of peace;  
and there is no justice in their ways.  
They have made crooked paths for  
themselves;  
whoever goes in them doesn't know peace.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore justice is far from us,  
and righteousness doesn't overtake us.  
We look for light, but see darkness;  
for brightness, but we walk in obscurity.

<sup>10</sup> We grope for the wall like the blind.  
Yes, we grope as those who have no eyes.  
We stumble at noon as if it were twilight.  
Among those who are strong, we are like  
dead men.

<sup>11</sup> We all roar like bears,  
and moan bitterly like doves.  
We look for justice, but there is none;  
for salvation, but it is far off from us.

<sup>12</sup> For our transgressions are multiplied  
before you,  
and our sins testify against us;  
for our transgressions are with us,  
and as for our iniquities, we know them:

<sup>13</sup> transgressing and denying Yahweh,  
and turning away from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,  
conceiving and uttering from the heart  
words of falsehood.

<sup>14</sup> Justice is turned away backward,  
and righteousness stands far away;

for truth has fallen in the street,  
and uprightness can't enter.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, truth is lacking;  
and he who departs from evil makes himself  
a prey.

Yahweh saw it,  
and it displeased him that there was no  
justice.

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no  
intercessor.

Therefore his own arm brought salvation to  
him;  
and his righteousness sustained him.

<sup>17</sup> He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head.  
He put on garments of vengeance for  
clothing,  
and was clad with zeal as a mantle.

<sup>18</sup> According to their deeds,  
he will repay as appropriate,  
wrath to his adversaries,  
recompense to his enemies;  
he will repay the islands their due.

<sup>19</sup> So they will fear Yahweh's name from the  
west,  
and his glory from the rising of the sun;  
for he will come as a rushing stream,  
which Yahweh's breath drives.

<sup>20</sup> "A Redeemer will come to Zion,  
and to those who turn from disobedience in  
Jacob," says Yahweh.

<sup>21</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with  
them," says Yahweh. "My Spirit who is on  
you, and my words which I have put in your  
mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth,  
nor out of the mouth of your offspring, nor  
out of the mouth of your offspring's  
offspring," says Yahweh, "from henceforth  
and forever."



## Isaiah Chapter 60

<sup>1</sup> "Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and Yahweh's glory has risen on you.

<sup>2</sup> For, behold, darkness will cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but Yahweh will arise on you,  
and his glory shall be seen on you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  
they all gather themselves together.  
They come to you.

Your sons will come from far away,  
and your daughters will be carried in arms.

<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant,  
and your heart will thrill and be enlarged;  
because the abundance of the sea will be  
turned to you.

The wealth of the nations will come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels will cover you,  
the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah.  
All from Sheba will come.

They will bring gold and frankincense,  
and will proclaim the praises of Yahweh.

<sup>7</sup> All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered  
together to you.

The rams of Nebaioth will serve you.

They will be accepted as offerings on my  
altar;

and I will beautify my glorious house.

<sup>8</sup> "Who are these who fly as a cloud,  
and as the doves to their windows?

<sup>9</sup> Surely the islands will wait for me,  
and the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your sons from far,  
their silver and their gold with them,  
for the name of Yahweh your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you.

<sup>10</sup> "Foreigners will build up your walls,  
and their kings will serve you:

for in my wrath I struck you,  
but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

<sup>11</sup> Your gates also shall be open continually;  
they shall not be shut day nor night; that  
men may bring to you the wealth of the  
nations, and their kings led captive.

<sup>12</sup> For that nation and kingdom that will not  
serve you shall perish; yes, those nations  
shall be utterly wasted.

<sup>13</sup> "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,  
the cypress tree, the pine, and the box tree  
together, to beautify the place of my  
sanctuary; and I will make the place of my  
feet glorious.

<sup>14</sup> The sons of those who afflicted you will  
come bowing to you;  
and all those who despised you will bow  
themselves down at the soles of your feet.  
They will call you Yahweh's City,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>15</sup> "Whereas you have been forsaken and  
hated,  
so that no one passed through you,  
I will make you an eternal excellency,  
a joy of many generations.

<sup>16</sup> You will also drink the milk of the nations,  
and will nurse from royal breasts.  
Then you will know that I, Yahweh, am your  
Savior,  
your Redeemer,  
the Mighty One of Jacob.

<sup>17</sup> For bronze I will bring gold;  
for iron I will bring silver;  
for wood, bronze,  
and for stones, iron.

I will also make peace your governor,  
and righteousness your ruler.

<sup>18</sup> Violence shall no more be heard in your  
land,  
nor desolation or destruction within your  
borders;  
but you will call your walls Salvation,  
and your gates Praise.

<sup>19</sup> The sun will be no more your light by day;

nor will the brightness of the moon give  
light to you,  
but Yahweh will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.

<sup>20</sup> Your sun will not go down any more,  
nor will your moon withdraw itself;  
for Yahweh will be your everlasting light,  
and the days of your mourning will end.

<sup>21</sup> Then your people will all be righteous.  
They will inherit the land forever,  
the branch of my planting,  
the work of my hands,  
that I may be glorified.

<sup>22</sup> The little one will become a thousand,  
and the small one a strong nation.  
I, Yahweh, will do this quickly in its time."

## Isaiah Chapter 61

<sup>1</sup> The Lord Yahweh's Spirit is on me;  
because Yahweh has anointed me to preach  
good news to the humble.  
He has sent me to bind up the broken  
hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to those who are bound;

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion,  
to give to them a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of  
heaviness;  
that they may be called trees of  
righteousness,  
the planting of Yahweh,  
that he may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the old ruins.  
They will raise up the places long  
devastated.  
They will repair the ruined cities,  
that have been devastated for many  
generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers will stand and feed your flocks,  
and foreigners will work your fields and your vineyards.

<sup>6</sup> But you will be called Yahweh's priests.  
Men will call you the servants of our God.  
You will eat the wealth of the nations,  
and you will boast in their glory.

<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame you will have double.

Instead of dishonor, they will rejoice in their portion.

Therefore in their land, they will possess double.

Everlasting joy will be to them.

<sup>8</sup> "For I, Yahweh, love justice.

I hate robbery and iniquity.

I will give them their reward in truth,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup> Their offspring will be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge them,  
that they are the offspring which Yahweh has blessed."

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh!

My soul will be joyful in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth produces its bud,  
and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring up;

so the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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### Chapter 62

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her righteousness shines out like the  
dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning lamp.

<sup>2</sup> The nations will see your righteousness,  
and all kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
which Yahweh's mouth will name.

<sup>3</sup> You will also be a crown of beauty in  
Yahweh's hand,  
and a royal diadem in your God's hand.

<sup>4</sup> You will not be called Forsaken any more;  
nor will your land be called Desolate any  
more:

but you will be called Hephzibah,<sup>\*</sup>  
and your land Beulah;<sup>†</sup>  
for Yahweh delights in you,  
and your land will be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a virgin,  
so your sons will marry you.  
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so your God will rejoice over you.

<sup>6</sup> I have set watchmen on your walls,  
Jerusalem.

They will never be silent day nor night.

You who call on Yahweh, take no rest,

<sup>7</sup> and give him no rest, until he establishes,  
and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the  
earth.

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh has sworn by his right hand,  
and by the arm of his strength,  
"Surely I will no more give your grain to be  
food for your enemies;  
and foreigners will not drink your new wine,  
for which you have labored;

<sup>9</sup> but those who have harvested it will eat it,  
and praise Yahweh;  
and those who have gathered it will drink it  
in the courts of my sanctuary."

<sup>10</sup> Go through, go through the gates!  
Prepare the way of the people!  
Build up, build up the highway!  
Gather out the stones!  
Lift up a banner for the peoples.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, Yahweh has proclaimed to the  
end of the earth,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your salvation comes.  
Behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.' "

<sup>12</sup> They will call them The holy people,  
Yahweh's redeemed.  
You will be called Sought out,  
A city not forsaken.

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\***62:4** Hephibah means "I delight  
in her".

†**62:4** Beulah means "married"

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## Isaiah Chapter 63

<sup>1</sup> Who is this who comes from Edom,  
with dyed garments from Bozrah?  
Who this who is glorious in his clothing,  
marching in the greatness of his strength?  
"It is I who speak in righteousness,  
mighty to save."

<sup>2</sup> Why is your clothing red,  
and your garments like him who treads in  
the wine vat?

<sup>3</sup> "I have trodden the wine press alone;  
and of the peoples, no one was with me:  
Yes, I trod them in my anger,  
and trampled them in my wrath.  
Their lifeblood is sprinkled on my garments,  
and I have stained all my clothing.

<sup>4</sup> For the day of vengeance was in my heart,  
and the year of my redeemed has come.

<sup>5</sup> I looked, and there was no one to help;  
and I wondered that there was no one to  
uphold:  
therefore my own arm brought salvation to  
me;  
and my own wrath upheld me.

<sup>6</sup> I trod down the peoples in my anger,  
and made them drunk in my wrath,  
and I poured out their lifeblood on the  
earth."

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the loving kindnesses of  
Yahweh  
and the praises of Yahweh,  
according to all that Yahweh has given to  
us,  
and the great goodness toward the house of  
Israel,  
which he has given to them according to his  
mercies,  
and according to the multitude of his loving  
kindnesses.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely, they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely;"  
so he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them.  
In his love and in his pity he redeemed  
them.  
He bore them,  
and carried them all the days of old.

<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled,  
and grieved his holy Spirit.  
Therefore he turned and became their  
enemy,  
and he himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup> Then he remembered the days of old,  
Moses and his people, saying,  
"Where is he who brought them up out of  
the sea with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put his Holy Spirit among  
them?"

<sup>12</sup> Who caused his glorious arm to be at  
Moses' right hand?

Who divided the waters before them, to  
make himself an everlasting name?

<sup>13</sup> Who led them through the depths,  
like a horse in the wilderness,  
so that they didn't stumble?

<sup>14</sup> As the livestock that go down into the  
valley,  
Yahweh's Spirit caused them to rest.  
So you led your people, to make yourself a  
glorious name.

<sup>15</sup> Look down from heaven,  
and see from the habitation of your holiness  
and of your glory.

Where are your zeal and your mighty acts?  
The yearning of your heart and your  
compassion is restrained toward me.

<sup>16</sup> For you are our Father,  
though Abraham doesn't know us,  
and Israel does not acknowledge us.  
You, Yahweh, are our Father.  
Our Redeemer from everlasting is your  
name.

<sup>17</sup> O Yahweh, why do you make us wander  
from your ways,  
and harden our heart from your fear?  
Return for your servants' sake,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

<sup>18</sup> Your holy people possessed it but a little  
while.  
Our adversaries have trodden down your  
sanctuary.

<sup>19</sup> We have become like those over whom  
you never ruled,  
like those who were not called by your  
name.

## Isaiah Chapter 64

<sup>1</sup> Oh that you would tear the heavens,  
that you would come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your  
presence.

<sup>2</sup> As when fire kindles the brushwood,  
and the fire causes the water to boil;



Make your name known to your adversaries,  
that the nations may tremble at your  
presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things which we  
didn't look for,  
you came down, and the mountains quaked  
at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> For from of old men have not heard,  
nor perceived by the ear,  
nor has the eye seen a God besides you,  
who works for him who waits for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who rejoices and does  
righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned.  
We have been in sin for a long time.  
Shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup> For we have all become like one who is  
unclean,  
and all our righteousness is like a polluted  
garment.  
We all fade like a leaf;  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us  
away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
who stirs himself up to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have consumed us by means of our  
iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> But now, Yahweh, you are our Father.  
We are the clay, and you our potter.  
We all are the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Don't be furious, Yahweh,  
and don't remember iniquity forever.  
Look and see, we beg you,  
we are all your people.

<sup>10</sup> Your holy cities have become a  
wilderness.  
Zion has become a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation.

<sup>11</sup> Our holy and our beautiful house, where  
our fathers praised you,  
is burned with fire;  
and all our pleasant places are laid waste.

<sup>12</sup> Will you hold yourself back for these

things, Yahweh?

Will you keep silent, and punish us very severely?

### Isaiah

#### Chapter 65

<sup>1</sup>“I am inquired of by those who didn’t ask.  
I am found by those who didn’t seek me.  
I said, ‘See me, see me,’ to a nation that  
was not called by my name.

<sup>2</sup>I have spread out my hands all day to a  
rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
after their own thoughts;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face  
continually,  
sacrificing in gardens,  
and burning incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit among the graves,  
and spend nights in secret places;  
who eat pig’s meat,  
and broth of abominable things is in their  
vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, ‘Stay by yourself,  
don’t come near to me,  
for I am holier than you.’  
These are smoke in my nose,  
a fire that burns all day.

<sup>6</sup>“Behold, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silence,  
but will repay,

yes, I will repay into their bosom,  
<sup>7</sup>your own iniquities, and the iniquities of  
your fathers together”, says Yahweh,  
“who have burned incense on the  
mountains,  
and blasphemed me on the hills.  
Therefore I will first measure their work into  
their bosom.”

<sup>8</sup>Yahweh says,  
“As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and one says, ‘Don’t destroy it, for a  
blessing is in it:’

so I will do for my servants' sake,  
that I may not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring offspring out of Jacob,  
and out of Judah an inheritor of my  
mountains.

My chosen will inherit it,  
and my servants will dwell there.

<sup>10</sup> Sharon will be a fold of flocks,  
and the valley of Achor a place for herds to  
lie down in,  
for my people who have sought me.

<sup>11</sup> "But you who forsake Yahweh,  
who forget my holy mountain,  
who prepare a table for Fortune,  
and who fill up mixed wine to Destiny;

<sup>12</sup> I will destine you to the sword,  
and you will all bow down to the slaughter;  
because when I called, you didn't answer.  
When I spoke, you didn't listen;  
but you did that which was evil in my eyes,  
and chose that in which I didn't delight."

<sup>13</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh,  
"Behold, my servants will eat,  
but you will be hungry;  
behold, my servants will drink,  
but you will be thirsty.

Behold, my servants will rejoice,  
but you will be disappointed;

<sup>14</sup> Behold, my servants will sing for joy of  
heart,  
but you will cry for sorrow of heart,  
and will wail for anguish of spirit.

<sup>15</sup> You will leave your name for a curse to  
my chosen;  
and the Lord Yahweh will kill you.

He will call his servants by another name,

<sup>16</sup> so that he who blesses himself in the  
earth will bless himself in the God of truth;  
and he who swears in the earth will swear  
by the God of truth;  
because the former troubles are forgotten,  
and because they are hidden from my eyes.

<sup>17</sup> "For, behold, I create new heavens and a

new earth;  
and the former things will not be  
remembered,  
nor come into mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in that  
which I create;  
for, behold, I create Jerusalem to be a  
delight,  
and her people a joy.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
and the voice of weeping and the voice of  
crying  
will be heard in her no more.

<sup>20</sup> "No more will there be an infant who only  
lives a few days,  
nor an old man who has not filled his days;  
for the child will die one hundred years old,  
and the sinner being one hundred years old  
will be accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They will build houses, and inhabit them.  
They will plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They will not build, and another inhabit.  
They will not plant, and another eat:  
for the days of my people will be like the  
days of a tree,  
and my chosen will long enjoy the work of  
their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They will not labor in vain,  
nor give birth for calamity;  
for they are the offspring of Yahweh's  
blessed,  
and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup> It will happen that, before they call, I will  
answer;  
and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
Dust will be the serpent's food.  
They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy  
mountain,"  
says Yahweh.

**Isaiah**  
**Chapter 66**

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh says,  
"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my  
footstool.

What kind of house will you build to me?  
Where will I rest?

<sup>2</sup>For my hand has made all these things,  
and so all these things came to be," says  
Yahweh:

"but I will look to this man,  
even to he who is poor and of a contrite  
spirit,  
and who trembles at my word.

<sup>3</sup>He who kills an ox is as he who kills a  
man;  
he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks  
a dog's neck;  
he who offers an offering, as he who offers  
pig's blood;  
he who burns frankincense, as he who  
blesses an idol.

Yes, they have chosen their own ways,  
and their soul delights in their abominations:

<sup>4</sup>I also will choose their delusions,  
and will bring their fears on them;  
because when I called, no one answered;  
when I spoke, they didn't listen;  
but they did that which was evil in my eyes,  
and chose that in which I didn't delight."

<sup>5</sup>Hear Yahweh's word,  
you who tremble at his word:  
"Your brothers who hate you,  
who cast you out for my name's sake, have  
said,  
'Let Yahweh be glorified,  
that we may see your joy;'  
but it is those who shall be disappointed.

<sup>6</sup>A voice of tumult from the city,  
a voice from the temple,  
a voice of Yahweh that repays his enemies  
what they deserve.

<sup>7</sup>"Before she travailed, she gave birth.

Before her pain came, she delivered a son.

<sup>8</sup> Who has heard of such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion travailed,  
she gave birth to her children.

<sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to  
be delivered?" says Yahweh.

"Shall I who cause to give birth shut the  
womb?" says your God.

<sup>10</sup> "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for  
her, all you who love her.

Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn  
over her;

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied at the  
comforting breasts;

that you may drink deeply,  
and be delighted with the abundance of her  
glory."

<sup>12</sup> For Yahweh says, "Behold, I will extend  
peace to her like a river,  
and the glory of the nations like an  
overflowing stream;  
and you will nurse.

You will be carried on her side,  
and will be dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you.

You will be comforted in Jerusalem."

<sup>14</sup> You will see it, and your heart shall  
rejoice,  
and your bones will flourish like the tender  
grass.

Yahweh's hand will be known among his  
servants;  
and he will have indignation against his  
enemies.

<sup>15</sup> For, behold, Yahweh will come with fire,  
and his chariots will be like the whirlwind;  
to render his anger with fierceness,  
and his rebuke with flames of fire.

<sup>16</sup>For Yahweh will execute judgment by fire and by his sword on all flesh; and those slain by Yahweh will be many.

<sup>17</sup>"Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, behind one in the middle, eating pig's meat, abominable things, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together," says Yahweh.

<sup>18</sup>"For I know their works and their thoughts. The time comes that I will gather all nations and languages, and they will come, and will see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>"I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to far-away islands, who have not heard my fame, nor have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.<sup>20</sup> They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to Yahweh, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yahweh, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into Yahweh's house. <sup>21</sup>Of them I will also select priests and Levites," says Yahweh.

<sup>22</sup>"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me," says Yahweh, "so your offspring and your name shall remain. <sup>23</sup>It shall happen that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before me," says Yahweh. <sup>24</sup>"They will go out, and look at the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me; for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."





## Jeremiah

### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> Yahweh's word\* came to him in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. <sup>3</sup> It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. <sup>4</sup> Now Yahweh's word came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

Before you were born, I sanctified you.

I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord<sup>†</sup> Yahweh! Behold,<sup>‡</sup> I don't know how to speak; for I am a child."

<sup>7</sup> But Yahweh said to me, "Don't say, 'I am a child;' for you must go to whomever I send you, and you must say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Don't be afraid because of them, for I am with you to rescue you," says Yahweh.

<sup>9</sup> Then Yahweh stretched out his hand, and touched my mouth. Then Yahweh said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> Behold, I have today set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

<sup>11</sup> Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

<sup>12</sup> Then Yahweh said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it."

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh's word came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?"

I said, "I see a boiling cauldron; and it is tipping away from the north."

<sup>14</sup> Then Yahweh said to me, "Out of the north, evil will break out on all the

inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup>For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," says Yahweh.

"They will come, and they will each set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.

<sup>16</sup>I will utter my judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

<sup>17</sup>"You therefore put your belt on your waist, arise, and say to them all that I command you. Don't be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them. <sup>18</sup>For, behold, I have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>They will fight against you, but they will not prevail against you; for I am with you", says Yahweh, "to rescue you."

\***1:2** "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

†**1:6** The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

‡**1:6** "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

Jeremiah  
Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Go,

and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem,  
saying, 'Yahweh says,  
"I remember for you the kindness of your  
youth,  
the love of your weddings;  
how you went after me in the wilderness,  
in a land that was not sown.

<sup>3</sup> Israel was holiness to Yahweh,  
the first fruits of his increase.  
All who devour him will be held guilty.  
Evil will come on them," ' says Yahweh."

<sup>4</sup> Hear Yahweh's word, O house of Jacob,  
and all the families of the house of  
Israel! <sup>5</sup> Yahweh says,  
"What unrighteousness have your fathers  
found in me,  
that they have gone far from me,  
and have walked after worthless vanity,  
and have become worthless?

<sup>6</sup> They didn't say, 'Where is Yahweh 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 the  
shadow of death,  
through a land that no one passed through,  
and where no man lived?'

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land,  
to eat its fruit and its goodness;  
but when you entered, you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests didn't say, 'Where is Yahweh?'  
and those who handle the law didn't know  
me.

The rulers also transgressed against me,  
and the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and followed things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> "Therefore I will yet contend with you,"  
says Yahweh,  
"and I will contend with your children's  
children.

<sup>10</sup> For pass over to the islands of Kittim, and  
see;  
and send to Kedar, and consider diligently;  
and see if there has been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods,

which really are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for that which doesn't profit.

<sup>12</sup> "Be astonished, you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid.

Be very desolate," says Yahweh.

<sup>13</sup> "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters,

and cut out cisterns for themselves: broken cisterns that can't hold water.

<sup>14</sup> Is Israel a slave?

Is he born into slavery?

Why has he become a captive?

<sup>15</sup> The young lions have roared at him, and yelled.

They have made his land waste.

His cities are burned up, without inhabitant.

<sup>16</sup> The children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head.

<sup>17</sup> "Haven't you brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken Yahweh your God,\* when he led you by the way?

<sup>18</sup> Now what do you gain by going to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor?

Or why do you to go on the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River?<sup>†</sup>

<sup>19</sup> "Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backsliding will rebuke you.

Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing,

that you have forsaken Yahweh your God, and that my fear is not in you," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>20</sup> "For long ago I broke off your yoke, and burst your bonds.

You said, 'I will not serve;'

for on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed yourself, playing the prostitute.

<sup>21</sup> Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a pure and faithful seed.

How then have you turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine to me?

<sup>22</sup> For though you wash yourself with lye,  
and use much soap,  
yet your iniquity is marked before me," says  
the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>23</sup> "How can you say, 'I am not defiled.

I have not gone after the Baals'?

See your way in the valley.

Know what you have done.

You are a swift dromedary traversing her  
ways; <sup>24</sup> a wild donkey used to the  
wilderness, that sniffs the wind in her  
craving.

When she is in heat, who can turn her  
away?

All those who seek her will not weary  
themselves. In her month, they will find her.

<sup>25</sup> "Keep your feet from being bare,  
and your throat from thirst.

But you said, 'It is in vain.

No, for I have loved strangers,

and I will go after them.'

<sup>26</sup> As the thief is ashamed when he is found,  
so the house of Israel is ashamed:  
they, their kings, their princes, their priests,  
and their prophets;

<sup>27</sup> who tell wood, 'You are my father;'  
and a stone, 'You have given birth to me:'

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.'

<sup>28</sup> "But where are your gods that you have  
made for yourselves?

Let them arise, if they can save you in the  
time of your trouble:

for you have as many gods as you have  
towns, O Judah.

<sup>29</sup> "Why will you contend with me?

You all have transgressed against me," says  
Yahweh.

<sup>30</sup> "I have struck your children in vain.

They received no correction.

Your own sword has devoured your  
prophets,

like a destroying lion.

<sup>31</sup> Generation, consider Yahweh's word.

Have I been a wilderness to Israel?  
Or a land of thick darkness?  
Why do my people say, 'We have broken  
loose.  
We will come to you no more.'  
<sup>32</sup> "Can a virgin forget her ornaments,  
or a bride her attire?  
Yet my people have forgotten me for days  
without number.  
<sup>33</sup> How well you prepare your way to seek  
love!  
Therefore you have even taught the wicked  
women your ways.  
<sup>34</sup> Also the blood of the souls of the innocent  
poor is found in your skirts.  
You didn't find them breaking in;  
but it is because of all these things.  
<sup>35</sup> "Yet you said, 'I am innocent.  
Surely his anger has turned away from me.'  
"Behold, I will judge you,  
because you say, 'I have not sinned.'  
<sup>36</sup> Why do you go about so much to change  
your ways?  
You will be ashamed of Egypt also,  
as you were ashamed of Assyria.  
<sup>37</sup> You will also leave that place with your  
hands on your head;  
for Yahweh has rejected those in whom you  
trust,  
and you won't prosper with them.

**\*2:17** The Hebrew word rendered  
"God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).  
**†2:18** i.e., the Euphrates River

Jeremiah  
Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> "They say, 'If a man puts away his wife,  
and she goes from him, and becomes  
another man's, should he return to her  
again?' Wouldn't that land be greatly

polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me," says Yahweh.

<sup>2</sup>"Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been lain with? You have sat waiting for them by the road, as an Arabian in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness. <sup>3</sup>Therefore the showers have been withheld and there has been no latter rain; yet you have had a prostitute's forehead and you refused to be ashamed. <sup>4</sup>Will you not from this time cry to me, 'My Father, you are the guide of my youth?'

<sup>5</sup>" 'Will he retain his anger forever? Will he keep it to the end?' Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, and have had your way."

<sup>6</sup>Moreover, Yahweh said to me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and has played the prostitute there. <sup>7</sup>I said after she had done all these things, 'She will return to me;' but she didn't return; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. <sup>8</sup>I saw when, for this very cause, that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce, yet treacherous Judah, her sister, had no fear; but she also went and played the prostitute. <sup>9</sup>Because she took her prostitution lightly, the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with wood. <sup>10</sup>Yet for all this her treacherous sister, Judah, has not returned to me with her whole heart, but only in pretense," says Yahweh.

<sup>11</sup>Yahweh said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. <sup>12</sup>Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, you backsliding Israel,' says Yahweh; 'I will not look in anger on you; for I am merciful,' says Yahweh. 'I will not keep

anger forever. <sup>13</sup> Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against Yahweh your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice,' says Yahweh." <sup>14</sup> "Return, backsliding children," says Yahweh; "for I am a husband to you. I will take one of you from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. <sup>15</sup> I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. <sup>16</sup> It will come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days," says Yahweh, "they will no longer say, 'the ark of Yahweh's covenant!' It will not come to mind. They won't remember it. They won't miss it, nor will another be made. <sup>17</sup> At that time they will call Jerusalem 'Yahweh's Throne;' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Yahweh's name, to Jerusalem. They will no longer walk after the stubbornness of their evil heart. <sup>18</sup> In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers.

<sup>19</sup> "But I said, 'How I desire to put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the armies of the nations!' and I said, 'You shall call me "My Father", and shall not turn away from following me.'

<sup>20</sup> "Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with me, house of Israel," says Yahweh. <sup>21</sup> A voice is heard on the bare heights, the weeping and the petitions of the children of Israel; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten Yahweh their God. <sup>22</sup> Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding.

"Behold, we have come to you; for you are Yahweh our God. <sup>23</sup> Truly in vain is help from the hills, the tumult on the mountains. Truly the salvation of Israel is in Yahweh our



God.<sup>24</sup> But the shameful thing has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.<sup>25</sup> Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against Yahweh our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. We have not obeyed Yahweh our God's voice."

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup> "If you will return, Israel," says Yahweh, "if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you will not be removed; <sup>2</sup> and you will swear, 'As Yahweh lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations will bless themselves in him, and they will glory in him."

<sup>3</sup> For Yahweh says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns. <sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. <sup>5</sup> Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, 'Blow the trumpet in the land!' Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves! Let's go into the fortified cities!' <sup>6</sup> Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety! Don't wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction."

<sup>7</sup> A lion has gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations. He is on his way. He has gone out from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. <sup>8</sup> For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of Yahweh hasn't turned back from us. <sup>9</sup> "It will happen at that day," says Yahweh, "that the heart of the king will perish, along with the heart of the princes."

The priests will be astonished, and the prophets will wonder."

<sup>10</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord Yahweh! Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You will have peace;' whereas the sword reaches to the heart."

<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse; <sup>12</sup> a full wind from these will come for me. Now I will also utter judgments against them."

<sup>13</sup> Behold, he will come up as clouds, and his chariots will be as the whirlwind. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! For we are ruined. <sup>14</sup> Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long will your evil thoughts lodge within you? <sup>15</sup> For a voice declares from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of Ephraim: <sup>16</sup> "Tell the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, 'Watchers come from a far country, and raise their voice against the cities of Judah.' <sup>17</sup> As keepers of a field, they are against her all around, because she has been rebellious against me," says Yahweh. <sup>18</sup> "Your way and your doings have brought these things to you. This is your wickedness; for it is bitter, for it reaches to your heart."

<sup>19</sup> My anguish, my anguish! I am pained at my very heart! My heart trembles within me. I can't hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. <sup>20</sup> Destruction on destruction is decreed, for the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, and my curtains gone in a moment. <sup>21</sup> How long will I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet?

<sup>22</sup> "For my people are foolish. They don't know me. They are foolish children, and they have no understanding. They are skillful in doing evil, but they don't know how to do good." <sup>23</sup> I saw the earth, and,

behold, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup>I saw the mountains, and behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. <sup>25</sup>I saw, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the sky had fled. <sup>26</sup>I saw, and behold, the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of Yahweh, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup>For Yahweh says, "The whole land will be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup>For this the earth will mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it. I have planned it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it."

<sup>29</sup>Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and archers. They go into the thickets, and climb up on the rocks. Every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells therein. <sup>30</sup>You, when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with makeup, you make yourself beautiful in vain. Your lovers despise you. They seek your life. <sup>31</sup>For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her who gives birth to her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now! For my soul faints before the murderers."

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### Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup>"Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its wide places, if you can find a man, if there is anyone who does justly, who seeks truth, then I will pardon her. <sup>2</sup>Though they say, 'As Yahweh lives,' surely they swear falsely."

<sup>3</sup>O Yahweh, don't your eyes look on truth? You have stricken them, but they were not grieved. You have consumed them, but they

have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than a rock. They have refused to return.

<sup>4</sup>Then I said, "Surely these are poor. They are foolish; for they don't know the way of Yahweh, nor the law of their God. <sup>5</sup>I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they know the way of Yahweh, and the law of their God." But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. <sup>6</sup>Therefore a lion out of the forest will kill them, a wolf of the evenings will destroy them, a leopard will watch against their cities. Everyone who goes out there will be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, and their backsliding has increased.

<sup>7</sup>"How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by what are no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses. <sup>8</sup>They were as fed horses roaming at large. Everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife. <sup>9</sup>Shouldn't I punish them for these things?" says Yahweh. "Shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

<sup>10</sup>"Go up on her walls, and destroy; but don't make a full end. Take away her branches, for they are not Yahweh's. <sup>11</sup>For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me," says Yahweh.

<sup>12</sup>They have denied Yahweh, and said, "It is not he. Evil will won't come on us. We won't see sword or famine. <sup>13</sup>The prophets will become wind, and the word is not in them. Thus it will be done to them."

<sup>14</sup>Therefore Yahweh, the God of Armies says, "Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it will devour them. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far away, house of Israel," says Yahweh. "It is a mighty nation. It is an

ancient nation, a nation whose language you don't know and don't understand what they say.<sup>16</sup> Their quiver is an open tomb. They are all mighty men.<sup>17</sup> They will eat up your harvest and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat. They will eat up your flocks and your herds. They will eat up your vines and your fig trees. They will beat down your fortified cities in which you trust with the sword.

<sup>18</sup>"But even in those days," says Yahweh, "I will not make a full end of you.<sup>19</sup> It will happen, when you say, 'Why has Yahweh our God done all these things to us?' Then you shall say to them, 'Just as you have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you will serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

<sup>20</sup>"Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,<sup>21</sup> 'Hear this now, foolish people without understanding; who have eyes, and don't see; who have ears, and don't hear:<sup>22</sup> Don't you fear me?' says Yahweh 'Won't you tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it can't pass it? Though its waves toss themselves, yet they can't prevail. Though they roar, they still can't pass over it.'

<sup>23</sup>"But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart. They have revolted and gone.<sup>24</sup> They don't say in their heart, 'Let's now fear Yahweh our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.'

<sup>25</sup>"Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you.<sup>26</sup> For among my people are found wicked men. They watch, as fowlers lie in wait. They set a trap. They catch men.<sup>27</sup> As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit. Therefore they have become great, and grew rich.<sup>28</sup> They have grown fat. They shine; yes, they excel in deeds of wickedness. They don't plead the cause, the

cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and they don't judge the right of the needy.

<sup>29</sup> "Shouldn't I punish for these things?" says Yahweh. "Shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

<sup>30</sup> "An astonishing and horrible thing has happened in the land. <sup>31</sup> The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority; and my people love to have it so. What will you do in the end of it?"

### Jeremiah Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup> "Flee for safety, you children of Benjamin, out of the middle of Jerusalem! Blow the trumpet in Tekoa and raise up a signal on Beth Haccherem, for evil looks out from the north with a great destruction. <sup>2</sup> I will cut off the beautiful and delicate one, the daughter of Zion. <sup>3</sup> Shepherds with their flocks will come to her. They will pitch their tents against her all around. They will feed everyone in his place."

<sup>4</sup> "Prepare war against her! Arise! Let's go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day declines, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. <sup>5</sup> Arise! Let's go up by night, and let's destroy her palaces." <sup>6</sup> For Yahweh of Armies said, "Cut down trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem. This is the city to be visited. She is wholly oppression within herself. <sup>7</sup> As a well produces its waters, so she produces her wickedness. Violence and destruction is heard in her. Sickness and wounds are continually before me. <sup>8</sup> Be instructed, Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from you; lest I make you a desolation, an uninhabited land."

<sup>9</sup> Yahweh of Armies says, "They will thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine. Turn again your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets."

<sup>10</sup> To whom should I speak and testify, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is

uncircumcised, and they can't listen. Behold, Yahweh's word has become a reproach to them. They have no delight in it. <sup>11</sup> Therefore I am full of Yahweh's wrath. I am weary with holding it in.

"Pour it out on the children in the street, and on the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife will be taken, the aged with him who is full of days.

<sup>12</sup> Their houses will be turned to others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh."

<sup>13</sup> "For from their least even to their greatest, everyone is given to covetousness. From the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely.

<sup>14</sup> They have healed also the hurt of my people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace!' when there is no peace.

<sup>15</sup> Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?

No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush.

Therefore they will fall among those who fall.

When I visit them, they will be cast down," says Yahweh.

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh says, "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, 'Where is the good way?' and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' <sup>17</sup> I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen!' <sup>18</sup> Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what is among them. <sup>19</sup> Hear, earth! Behold, I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it. <sup>20</sup> To what purpose does frankincense from Sheba come to me, and

the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, and your sacrifices are not pleasing to me."

<sup>21</sup> Therefore Yahweh says, "Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together will stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend will perish."<sup>22</sup> Yahweh says, "Behold, a people comes from the north country. A great nation will be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. <sup>23</sup> They take hold of bow and spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea, and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Zion."

<sup>24</sup> We have heard its report. Our hands become feeble. Anguish has taken hold of us, and pains as of a woman in labor. <sup>25</sup> Don't go out into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and terror are on every side. <sup>26</sup> Daughter of my people, clothe yourself with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes! Mourn, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation, for the destroyer will suddenly come on us.

<sup>27</sup> "I have made you a tester of metals and a fortress among my people, that you may know and try their way. <sup>28</sup> They are all grievous rebels, going around to slander. They are bronze and iron. All of them deal corruptly. <sup>29</sup> The bellows blow fiercely. The lead is consumed in the fire. In vain they go on refining, for the wicked are not plucked away. <sup>30</sup> Men will call them rejected silver, because Yahweh has rejected them."

## **Jeremiah Chapter 7**

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Stand in the gate of Yahweh's house, and proclaim this word there, and say, 'Hear Yahweh's word, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Yahweh.' "



<sup>3</sup>Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Don't trust in lying words, saying, 'Yahweh's temple, Yahweh's temple, Yahweh's temple, are these.' <sup>5</sup>For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; <sup>6</sup>if you don't oppress the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, and don't walk after other gods to your own hurt; <sup>7</sup>then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even forever more. <sup>8</sup>Behold, you trust in lying words that can't profit. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered;' that you may do all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it," says Yahweh.

<sup>12</sup>"But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. <sup>13</sup>Now, because you have done all these works," says Yahweh, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you didn't hear; and I called you, but you didn't answer; <sup>14</sup>therefore I will do to the house which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup>I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, even the whole offspring\* of Ephraim.

<sup>16</sup>"Therefore don't pray for this people. Don't lift up a cry or prayer for them or make intercession to me; for I will not hear you. <sup>17</sup>Don't you see what they do in the

cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup> The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. <sup>19</sup> Do they provoke me to anger?" says Yahweh. "Don't they provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?"

<sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, on man, on animal, on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and will not be quenched."

<sup>21</sup> Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. <sup>22</sup> For I didn't speak to your fathers or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices; <sup>23</sup> but this thing I commanded them, saying, 'Listen to my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.' <sup>24</sup> But they didn't listen or turn their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. <sup>25</sup> Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them. <sup>26</sup> Yet they didn't listen to me or incline their ear, but made their neck stiff. They did worse than their fathers.

<sup>27</sup> "You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. <sup>28</sup> You shall tell them, 'This is the nation that has not listened to Yahweh their God's voice, nor received instruction. Truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouth.' <sup>29</sup> Cut off your hair, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the

bare heights; for Yahweh has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

<sup>30</sup>“For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight,” says Yahweh. “They have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. <sup>31</sup>They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I didn’t command, nor did it come into my mind. <sup>32</sup>Therefore behold, the days come”, says Yahweh, “that it will no more be called ‘Topheth’ or ‘The valley of the son of Hinnom’, but ‘The valley of Slaughter’; for they will bury in Topheth until there is no place to bury. <sup>33</sup>The dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth. No one will frighten them away. <sup>34</sup>Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land will become a waste.”

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## Jeremiah Chapter 8

<sup>1</sup>“At that time,” says Yahweh, “they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, the bones of his princes, the bones of the priests, the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves. <sup>2</sup>They will spread them before the sun, the moon, and all the army of the sky, which they have loved, which they have served, after which they have walked, which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered or be buried. They will be for dung

on the surface of the earth. <sup>3</sup> Death will be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places where I have driven them," says Yahweh of Armies. <sup>4</sup> "Moreover you shall tell them, 'Yahweh says:

" 'Do men fall, and not rise up again?

Does one turn away, and not return?

<sup>5</sup> Why then have the people of Jerusalem fallen back by a perpetual backsliding?

They cling to deceit.

They refuse to return.

<sup>6</sup> I listened and heard, but they didn't say what is right.

No one repents of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?"

Everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle.

<sup>7</sup> Yes, the stork in the sky knows her appointed times.

The turtledove, the swallow, and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people don't know Yahweh's law.

<sup>8</sup> " 'How do you say, "We are wise, and Yahweh's law is with us?"

But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely.

<sup>9</sup> The wise men are disappointed.

They are dismayed and trapped.

Behold, they have rejected Yahweh's word.

What kind of wisdom is in them?

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who will possess them.

For everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

<sup>11</sup> They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

<sup>12</sup> Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?

No, they were not at all ashamed.

They couldn't blush.  
Therefore they will fall among those who fall.

In the time of their visitation they will be cast down, says Yahweh.

<sup>13</sup> "I will utterly consume them, says Yahweh.

No grapes will be on the vine,  
no figs on the fig tree,  
and the leaf will fade.

The things that I have given them  
will pass away from them.' "

<sup>14</sup> "Why do we sit still?

Assemble yourselves!

Let's enter into the fortified cities,  
and let's be silent there;

for Yahweh our God has put us to silence,  
and given us water of gall to drink,  
because we have sinned against Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> We looked for peace, but no good came;  
and for a time of healing, and behold,  
dismay!

<sup>16</sup> The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan.

The whole land trembles at the sound of the  
neighing of his strong ones;  
for they have come, and have devoured the  
land and all that is in it;  
the city and those who dwell therein."

<sup>17</sup> "For, behold, I will send serpents,  
adders among you,  
which will not be charmed;  
and they will bite you," says Yahweh.

<sup>18</sup> Oh that I could comfort myself against  
sorrow!

My heart is faint within me.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, the voice of the cry of the  
daughter of my people from a land that is  
very far off:

"Isn't Yahweh in Zion?

Isn't her King in her?"

"Why have they provoked me to anger with  
their engraved images,

and with foreign idols?"

<sup>20</sup> "The harvest is past.  
The summer has ended,  
and we are not saved."

<sup>21</sup> For the hurt of the daughter of my people,  
I am hurt.

I mourn.

Dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then isn't the health of the daughter of  
my people recovered?

### Jeremiah Chapter 9

<sup>1</sup> Oh that my head were waters,  
and my eyes a spring of tears,  
that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

<sup>2</sup> Oh that I had in the wilderness  
a lodging place of wayfaring men;  
that I might leave my people,  
and go from them!

For they are all adulterers,  
an assembly of treacherous men.

<sup>3</sup> "They bend their tongue,  
as their bow, for falsehood.  
They have grown strong in the land,  
but not for truth;  
for they proceed from evil to evil,  
and they don't know me," says Yahweh.

<sup>4</sup> "Everyone beware of his neighbor,  
and don't trust in any brother;  
for every brother will utterly supplant,  
and every neighbor will go around with  
slanders.

<sup>5</sup> Everyone will deceive their neighbors,  
and will not speak the truth.  
They have taught their tongue to speak lies.  
They weary themselves committing iniquity.

<sup>6</sup> Your habitation is in the middle of deceit.  
Through deceit, they refuse to know me,"  
says Yahweh.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Yahweh of Armies says,  
"Behold, I will melt them and test them;  
for how should I deal with the daughter of  
my people?"

<sup>8</sup> Their tongue is a deadly arrow.  
It speaks deceit.

One speaks peaceably to his neighbor with  
his mouth,  
but in his heart, he waits to ambush him.

<sup>9</sup> "Shouldn't I punish them for these things?"  
says Yahweh.

"Shouldn't my soul be avenged on a nation  
such as this?"

<sup>10</sup> I will weep and wail for the mountains,  
and lament for the pastures of the  
wilderness,  
because they are burned up, so that no one  
passes through;  
Men can't hear the voice of the livestock.  
Both the birds of the sky and the animals  
have fled.  
They are gone.

<sup>11</sup> "I will make Jerusalem heaps,  
a dwelling place of jackals.  
I will make the cities of Judah a desolation,  
without inhabitant."

<sup>12</sup> Who is wise enough to understand this?  
Who is he to whom the mouth of Yahweh  
has spoken, that he may declare it? Why  
has the land perished and burned up like a  
wilderness, so that no one passes through?

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh says, "Because they have  
forsaken my law which I set before them,  
and have not obeyed my voice, neither  
walked therein, <sup>14</sup> but have walked after the  
stubbornness of their own heart, and after  
the Baals, which their fathers taught  
them." <sup>15</sup> Therefore Yahweh of Armies, the  
God of Israel, says, "Behold, I will feed  
them, even this people, with wormwood,  
and give them water of gall to drink. <sup>16</sup> I will  
scatter them also among the nations, whom  
neither they nor their fathers have known;  
and I will send the sword after them, until I  
have consumed them."

<sup>17</sup> Yahweh of Armies says,  
"Consider, and call for the mourning  
women, that they may come;  
and send for the skillful women, that they  
may come.

<sup>18</sup> Let them make haste,  
and take up a wailing for us,  
that our eyes may run down with tears,  
and our eyelids gush out with waters.

<sup>19</sup> For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion,  
'How we are ruined!  
We are greatly confounded,  
because we have forsaken the land,  
because they have cast down our  
dwellings.' "

<sup>20</sup> Yet hear Yahweh's word, you women.  
Let your ear receive the word of his mouth.  
Teach your daughters wailing,  
and everyone her neighbor lamentation.

<sup>21</sup> For death has come up into our windows.  
It has entered into our palaces  
to cut off the children from outside,  
and the young men from the streets.

<sup>22</sup> Speak, "Yahweh says,  
" 'The dead bodies of men will fall as dung  
on the open field,  
and as the handful after the harvester;  
and no one will gather them.' "

<sup>23</sup> Yahweh says,  
"Don't let the wise man glory in his wisdom.  
Don't let the mighty man glory in his might.  
Don't let the rich man glory in his riches.

<sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this,  
that he has understanding, and knows me,  
that I am Yahweh who exercises loving  
kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the  
earth;

for I delight in these things," says Yahweh.

<sup>25</sup> "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh,  
"that I will punish all those who are  
circumcised only in their flesh: <sup>26</sup> Egypt,  
Judah, Edom, the children of Ammon, Moab,  
and all who have the corners of their hair  
cut off, who dwell in the wilderness; for all  
the nations are uncircumcised, and all the



house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart."

## Jeremiah Chapter 10

<sup>1</sup> Hear the word which Yahweh speaks to you, house of Israel! <sup>2</sup> Yahweh says, "Don't learn the way of the nations, and don't be dismayed at the signs of the sky;

for the nations are dismayed at them.

<sup>3</sup> For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the ax.

<sup>4</sup> They deck it with silver and with gold. They fasten it with nails and with hammers, so that it can't move.

<sup>5</sup> They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and don't speak.

They must be carried, because they can't move.

Don't be afraid of them; for they can't do evil, neither is it in them to do good."

<sup>6</sup> There is no one like you, Yahweh. You are great, and your name is great in might.

<sup>7</sup> Who shouldn't fear you, King of the nations?

For it belongs to you.

Because among all the wise men of the nations,

and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you.

<sup>8</sup> But they are together brutish and foolish, instructed by idols!

It is just wood.

<sup>9</sup> There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish,

and gold from Uphaz, the work of the engraver and of the hands of the goldsmith.

Their clothing is blue and purple.

They are all the work of skillful men.

<sup>10</sup> But Yahweh is the true God.

He is the living God,  
and an everlasting King.  
At his wrath, the earth trembles.  
The nations aren't able to withstand his  
indignation.

<sup>11</sup> "You shall say this to them: 'The gods that  
have not made the heavens and the earth  
will perish from the earth, and from under  
the heavens.' "

<sup>12</sup> God has made the earth by his power.  
He has established the world by his wisdom,  
and by his understanding has he stretched  
out the heavens.

<sup>13</sup> When he utters his voice,  
the waters in the heavens roar,  
and he causes the vapors to ascend from  
the ends of the earth.

He makes lightnings for the rain,  
and brings the wind out of his treasures.

<sup>14</sup> Every man has become brutish and  
without knowledge.

Every goldsmith is disappointed by his  
engraved image;  
for his molten image is falsehood,  
and there is no breath in them.

<sup>15</sup> They are vanity, a work of delusion.  
In the time of their visitation they will  
perish.

<sup>16</sup> The portion of Jacob is not like these;  
for he is the maker of all things;  
and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance:  
Yahweh of Armies is his name.

<sup>17</sup> Gather up your wares out of the land,  
you who live under siege.

<sup>18</sup> For Yahweh says,  
"Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of  
the land at this time,  
and will distress them, that they may feel  
it."

<sup>19</sup> Woe is me because of my injury!  
My wound is serious;  
but I said,  
"Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it."

<sup>20</sup> My tent has been destroyed,  
and all my cords are broken.  
My children have gone away from me, and

they are no more.

There is no one to spread my tent any more,  
to set up my curtains.

<sup>21</sup> For the shepherds have become brutish,  
and have not inquired of Yahweh.  
Therefore they have not prospered,  
and all their flocks have scattered.

<sup>22</sup> The voice of news, behold, it comes,  
and a great commotion out of the north country,  
to make the cities of Judah a desolation,  
a dwelling place of jackals.

<sup>23</sup> Yahweh, I know that the way of man is  
not in himself.

It is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

<sup>24</sup> Yahweh, correct me, but gently;  
not in your anger,  
lest you reduce me to nothing.

<sup>25</sup> Pour out your wrath on the nations that  
don't know you,  
and on the families that don't call on your name;  
for they have devoured Jacob.  
Yes, they have devoured him, consumed him,  
and have laid waste his habitation.

## Jeremiah Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; <sup>3</sup>and say to them, Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Cursed is the man who doesn't hear the words of this covenant,<sup>4</sup> which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace,' saying, 'Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you; so you shall be my people, and I will be your God; <sup>5</sup>that I may establish the oath which I swore to your

fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey,' as it is today."

Then answered I, and said, "Amen, Yahweh."

<sup>6</sup>Yahweh 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.' <sup>7</sup>For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, "Obey my voice." <sup>8</sup>Yet they didn't obey, nor turn their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of their evil heart. Therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they didn't do them.' "

<sup>9</sup>Yahweh said to me, "A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words. 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. <sup>11</sup>Therefore Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on them, which they will not be able to escape; and they will cry to me, but I will not listen to them. <sup>12</sup>Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to which they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. <sup>13</sup>For according to the number of your cities are your gods, Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal.'

<sup>14</sup>"Therefore don't pray for this people. Don't lift up cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me because of their trouble.

<sup>15</sup>What has my beloved to do in my house, since she has behaved lewdly with many,

and the holy flesh has passed from you?  
When you do evil,  
then you rejoice."

<sup>16</sup>Yahweh called your name, "A green olive tree,  
beautiful with goodly fruit."  
With the noise of a great roar he has kindled fire on it,  
and its branches are broken.

<sup>17</sup>For Yahweh of Armies, 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 themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal.

<sup>18</sup>Yahweh gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it. Then you showed me their doings. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter. I didn't know that they had devised plans against me, saying, "Let's destroy the tree with its fruit, and let's cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered."

<sup>20</sup>But, Yahweh of Armies, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, I will see your vengeance on them; for to you I have revealed my cause.

<sup>21</sup>"Therefore Yahweh says concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, 'You shall not prophesy in Yahweh's name, that you not die by our hand;' <sup>22</sup>therefore Yahweh of Armies says, 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men will die by the sword. Their sons and their daughters will die by famine. <sup>23</sup>There will be no remnant to them, for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.' "

## Jeremiah Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup> You are righteous, Yahweh,

when I contend with you;  
yet I would like to reason the cause with  
you.

Why does the way of the wicked prosper?  
Why are they all at ease who deal very  
treacherously?

<sup>2</sup>You have planted them. Yes, they have  
taken root.

They grow. Yes, they produce fruit.

You are near in their mouth,  
and far from their heart.

<sup>3</sup>But you, Yahweh, know me.

You see me, and test my heart toward you.

Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,  
and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

<sup>4</sup>How long will the land mourn,  
and the herbs of the whole country wither?  
Because of the wickedness of those who  
dwell therein,  
the animals and birds are consumed;  
because they said,

"He won't see our latter end."

<sup>5</sup>"If you have run with the footmen,  
and they have wearied you,  
then how can you contend with horses?  
Though in a land of peace you are secure,  
yet how will you do in the pride of the  
Jordan?

<sup>6</sup>For even your brothers, and the house of  
your father,  
even they have dealt treacherously with  
you!

Even they have cried aloud after you!  
Don't believe them,  
though they speak beautiful words to you.

<sup>7</sup>"I have forsaken my house.  
I have cast off my heritage.  
I have given the dearly beloved of my soul  
into the hand of her enemies.

<sup>8</sup>My heritage has become to me as a lion in  
the forest.

She has uttered her voice against me.

Therefore I have hated her.

<sup>9</sup>Is my heritage to me as a speckled bird of  
prey?

Are the birds of prey against her all around?  
Go, assemble all the animals of the field.  
Bring them to devour.

<sup>10</sup> Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard.

They have trodden my portion under foot.  
They have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

<sup>11</sup> They have made it a desolation.

It mourns to me, being desolate.

The whole land is made desolate,  
because no one cares.

<sup>12</sup> Destroyers have come on all the bare heights in the wilderness;

for the sword of Yahweh devours from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land.

No flesh has peace.

<sup>13</sup> They have sown wheat,

and have reaped thorns.

They have exhausted themselves,  
and profit nothing.

You will be ashamed of your fruits,  
because of Yahweh's fierce anger."

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh says, "Concerning all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. <sup>15</sup> It will happen, that

after I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them. I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. <sup>16</sup> It will happen, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As Yahweh lives;' even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then they will be built up in the middle of my people. <sup>17</sup> But if they will not hear, then I will pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it," says Yahweh.

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 13

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh said to me, "Go, and buy yourself a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and don't put it in water."

<sup>2</sup>So I bought a belt according to Yahweh's word, and put it on my waist.

<sup>3</sup>Yahweh's word came to me the second time, saying, <sup>4</sup>"Take the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock."

<sup>5</sup>So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as Yahweh commanded me.

<sup>6</sup>After many days, Yahweh said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there."

<sup>7</sup>Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and behold, the belt was ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

<sup>8</sup>Then Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Yahweh says, 'In this way I, will ruin the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and have gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, will even be as this belt, which is profitable for nothing. <sup>11</sup>For as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to me,' says Yahweh; 'that they may be to me for a people, for a name, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.'

<sup>12</sup>"Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Yahweh, the God of Israel says, "Every container should be filled with wine." ' They will tell you, 'Do we not certainly know that every container should be filled with wine?' <sup>13</sup>Then tell them, 'Yahweh says, "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who



sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. <sup>14</sup>I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," says Yahweh: "I will not pity, spare, or have compassion, that I should not destroy them." ' ' "

<sup>15</sup> Hear, and give ear.

Don't be proud,  
for Yahweh has spoken.

<sup>16</sup> Give glory to Yahweh your God,  
before he causes darkness,  
and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains,  
and, while you look for light,  
he turns it into the shadow of death,  
and makes it deep darkness.

<sup>17</sup> But if you will not hear it,  
my soul will weep in secret for your pride.  
My eye will weep bitterly,  
and run down with tears,  
because Yahweh's flock has been taken captive.

<sup>18</sup> Say to the king and to the queen mother,  
"Humble yourselves.  
Sit down, for your crowns have come down,  
even the crown of your glory.

<sup>19</sup> The cities of the South is shut up,  
and there is no one to open them.  
Judah is carried away captive: all of it.  
It is wholly carried away captive.

<sup>20</sup> Lift up your eyes,  
and see those who come from the north.  
Where is the flock that was given to you,  
your beautiful flock?

<sup>21</sup> What will you say, when he sets over you  
as head those whom you have yourself  
taught to be friends to you?  
Won't sorrows take hold of you, as of a  
woman in travail?

<sup>22</sup> If you say in your heart,  
"Why have these things come on me?"  
Your skirts are uncovered because of the  
greatness of your iniquity,  
and your heels suffer violence.

<sup>23</sup> Can the Ethiopian change his skin,

or the leopard his spots?  
Then may you also do good,  
who are accustomed to do evil.

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore I will scatter them,  
as the stubble that passes away,  
by the wind of the wilderness.

<sup>25</sup> This is your lot,  
the portion measured to you from me," says  
Yahweh,  
"because you have forgotten me,  
and trusted in falsehood."

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I will also uncover your skirts  
on your face,  
and your shame will appear.

<sup>27</sup> I have seen your abominations, even your  
adulteries,  
and your neighing, the lewdness of your  
prostitution,  
on the hills in the field.  
Woe to you, Jerusalem!  
You will not be made clean.  
How long will it yet be?"

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup> This is Yahweh's word that came to  
Jeremiah concerning the drought.

<sup>2</sup> "Judah mourns,  
and its gates languish.  
They sit in black on the ground.  
The cry of Jerusalem goes up.

<sup>3</sup> Their nobles send their little ones to the  
waters.

They come to the cisterns,  
and find no water.

They return with their vessels empty.  
They are disappointed and confounded,  
and cover their heads.

<sup>4</sup> Because of the ground which is cracked,  
because no rain has been in the land,  
the plowmen are disappointed.  
They cover their heads.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, the doe in the field also calves and  
forsakes her young,

because there is no grass.

<sup>6</sup>The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights.

They pant for air like jackals.

Their eyes fail,

because there is no vegetation.

<sup>7</sup>Though our iniquities testify against us,  
work for your name's sake, Yahweh;  
for our rebellions are many.

We have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>You hope of Israel,

its Savior in the time of trouble,

why should you be as a foreigner in the land,

and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like a scared man,  
as a mighty man who can't save?

Yet you, Yahweh, are in the middle of us,  
and we are called by your name.

Don't leave us.

<sup>10</sup>Yahweh says to this people,

"Even so they have loved to wander.

They have not restrained their feet.

Therefore Yahweh does not accept them.

Now he will remember their iniquity,  
and punish them for their sins."

<sup>11</sup>Yahweh said to me, "Don't pray for this people for their good. <sup>12</sup>When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence."

<sup>13</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord Yahweh! Behold, the prophets tell them, 'You will not see the sword, neither will you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.'"

<sup>14</sup>Then Yahweh said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in my name. I didn't send them. I didn't command them. I didn't speak to them. They prophesy to you a lying vision, divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart. <sup>15</sup>Therefore Yahweh says concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, but I didn't send them, yet they say, 'Sword and

famine will not be in this land.' Those prophets will be consumed by sword and famine.<sup>16</sup> The people to whom they prophesy will be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword. They will have no one to bury them—they, their wives, their sons, or their daughters, for I will pour their wickedness on them.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall say this word to them:

" 'Let my eyes run down with tears night and day,  
and let them not cease;  
for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach,  
with a very grievous wound.

<sup>18</sup> If I go out into the field,  
then, behold, the slain with the sword!  
If I enter into the city,  
then, behold, those who are sick with famine!  
For both the prophet and the priest go about in the land,  
and have no knowledge.' "

<sup>19</sup> Have you utterly rejected Judah?  
Has your soul loathed Zion?  
Why have you struck us, and there is no healing for us?  
We looked for peace, but no good came;  
and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay!

<sup>20</sup> We acknowledge, Yahweh, our wickedness,  
and the iniquity of our fathers;  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup> Do not abhor us, for your name's sake.  
Do not disgrace the throne of your glory.  
Remember, and don't break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup> Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain?  
Or can the sky give showers?  
Aren't you he, Yahweh our God?  
Therefore we will wait for you;  
for you have made all these things.

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 15

<sup>1</sup> Then Yahweh said to me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people. Cast them out of my sight, and let them go out! <sup>2</sup> It will happen, when they tell you, 'Where shall we go out?' Then you shall tell them, 'Yahweh says:

"Such as are for death, to death;  
such as are for the sword, to the sword;  
such as are for the famine, to the famine;  
and such as are for captivity, to captivity." "

<sup>3</sup> "I will appoint over them four kinds," says Yahweh: "the sword to kill, the dogs to tear, the birds of the sky, and the animals of the earth, to devour and to destroy. <sup>4</sup> I will cause them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> For who will have pity on you, Jerusalem?

Who will mourn you?

Who will come to ask of your welfare?

<sup>6</sup> You have rejected me," says Yahweh.

"You have gone backward.

Therefore I have stretched out my hand against you,  
and destroyed you.

I am weary of showing compassion.

I am weary of showing compassion.

<sup>7</sup> I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land.

I have bereaved them of children.

I have destroyed my people.

They didn't return from their ways.

<sup>8</sup> Their widows are increased more than the sand of the seas;

I have brought on them against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday.

I have caused anguish and terrors to fall on her suddenly.

<sup>9</sup> She who has borne seven languishes.

She has given up the spirit.

Her sun has gone down while it was yet

day.

She has been disappointed and confounded.  
I will deliver their residue to the sword  
before their enemies," says Yahweh.

<sup>10</sup> Woe is me, my mother, that you have  
borne me, a man of strife,  
and a man of contention to the whole earth!  
I have not lent, neither have men lent to  
me;

yet every one of them curses me.

<sup>11</sup> Yahweh said,

"Most certainly I will strengthen you for  
good.

Most certainly I will cause the enemy to  
make supplication to you in the time of evil  
and in the time of affliction.

<sup>12</sup> Can one break iron,  
even iron from the north, and bronze?

<sup>13</sup> I will give your substance and your  
treasures for a plunder without price,  
and that for all your sins,  
even in all your borders.

<sup>14</sup> I will make them to pass with your  
enemies into a land which you don't know;  
for a fire is kindled in my anger,  
which will burn on you."

<sup>15</sup> Yahweh, you know.

Remember me, visit me,  
and avenge me of my persecutors.  
You are patient, so don't take me away.  
Know that for your sake I have suffered  
reproach.

<sup>16</sup> Your words were found,  
and I ate them.

Your words were to me a joy and the  
rejoicing of my heart,  
for I am called by your name, Yahweh, God  
of Armies.

<sup>17</sup> I didn't sit in the assembly of those who  
make merry and rejoice.

I sat alone because of your hand,  
for you have filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> Why is my pain perpetual,  
and my wound incurable,

which refuses to be healed?  
Will you indeed be to me as a deceitful  
brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup> Therefore Yahweh says,  
"If you return, then I will bring you again,  
that you may stand before me;  
and if you take out the precious from the  
vile,  
you will be as my mouth.

They will return to you,  
but you will not return to them.

<sup>20</sup> I will make you to this people a fortified  
bronze wall.

They will fight against you,  
but they will not prevail against you;  
for I am with you to save you  
and to deliver you," says Yahweh.

<sup>21</sup> "I will deliver you out of the hand of the  
wicked,  
and I will redeem you out of the hand of the  
terrible."

## Jeremiah Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came also to me,  
saying, <sup>2</sup> "You shall not take a wife, neither  
shall you have sons or daughters, in this  
place." <sup>3</sup> For Yahweh says concerning the  
sons and concerning the daughters who are  
born in this place, and concerning their  
mothers who bore them, and concerning  
their fathers who became their father in this  
land: <sup>4</sup> "They will die grievous deaths: they  
will not be lamented, neither will they be  
buried. They will be as dung on the surface  
of the ground. They will be consumed by  
the sword and by famine. Their dead bodies  
will be food for the birds of the sky and for  
the animals of the earth."

<sup>5</sup> For Yahweh says, "Don't enter into the  
house of mourning. Don't go to lament.  
Don't bemoan them, for I have taken away  
my peace from this people," says Yahweh,  
"even loving kindness and tender

mercies. <sup>6</sup>Both great and small will die in this land. They will not be buried. Men won't lament for them, cut themselves, or make themselves bald for them. <sup>7</sup>Men won't break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead. Men won't give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

<sup>8</sup>"You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink." <sup>9</sup>For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: "Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. <sup>10</sup>It will happen, when you tell this people all these words, and they ask you, 'Why has Yahweh pronounced all this great evil against us?' or 'What is our iniquity? or 'What is our sin that we have committed against Yahweh our God?' <sup>11</sup>then you shall tell them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken me,' says Yahweh, 'and have walked after other gods, have served them, have worshiped them, have forsaken me, and have not kept my law. <sup>12</sup>You have done evil more than your fathers, for behold, you each walk after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that you don't listen to me. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I will cast you out of this land into the land that you have not known, neither you nor your fathers. There you will serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no favor.'

<sup>14</sup>"Therefore behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that it will no more be said, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' <sup>15</sup>but, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries where he had driven them.' I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers.

<sup>16</sup>"Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says Yahweh, "and they will fish them up. Afterward I will send for many hunters, and



they will hunt them from every mountain, from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. <sup>17</sup> For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from my face. Their iniquity isn't concealed from my eyes. <sup>18</sup> First I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."

<sup>19</sup> Yahweh, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations will come to you from the ends of the earth, and will say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, vanity and things in which there is no profit. <sup>20</sup> Should a man make to himself gods, which yet are no gods?"

<sup>21</sup> "Therefore behold, I will cause them to know, this once I will cause them to know my hand and my might. Then they will know that my name is Yahweh."

## Jeremiah Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup> "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond. It is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of your altars.

<sup>2</sup> Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles by the green trees on the high hills.

<sup>3</sup> My mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures for a plunder, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders.

<sup>4</sup> You, even of yourself, will discontinue from your heritage that I gave you.

I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you don't know, for you have kindled a fire in my anger which will burn forever."

<sup>5</sup>Yahweh says:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man, relies on strength of flesh, and whose heart departs from Yahweh.

<sup>6</sup>For he will be like a bush in the desert, and will not see when good comes, but will inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahweh, and whose confidence is in Yahweh.

<sup>8</sup>For he will be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green; and will not be concerned in the year of drought.

It won't cease from yielding fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things and it is exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it?

<sup>10</sup>"I, Yahweh, search the mind.

I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

<sup>11</sup>As the partridge that sits on eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by right. In the middle of his days, they will leave him.

At his end, he will be a fool.

<sup>12</sup>A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.

<sup>13</sup>Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be disappointed. Those who depart from me will be written in

the earth,  
because they have forsaken Yahweh,  
the spring of living waters.

<sup>14</sup> Heal me, O Yahweh, and I will be healed.

Save me, and I will be saved;  
for you are my praise.

<sup>15</sup> Behold, they tell me,

"Where is Yahweh's word?

Let it be fulfilled now."

<sup>16</sup> As for me, I have not hurried from being a  
shepherd after you.

I haven't desired the woeful day. You know.

That which came out of my lips was before  
your face.

<sup>17</sup> Don't be a terror to me.

You are my refuge in the day of evil.

<sup>18</sup> Let them be disappointed who persecute  
me,

but let not me be disappointed.

Let them be dismayed,

but don't let me be dismayed.

Bring on them the day of evil,

and destroy them with double destruction.

<sup>19</sup> Yahweh said this to me: "Go, and stand in  
the gate of the children of the people,

through which the kings of Judah come in  
and by which they go out, and in all the

gates of Jerusalem.<sup>20</sup> Tell them, 'Hear  
Yahweh's word, you kings of Judah, and all

Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
that enter in by these gates: <sup>21</sup>Yahweh

says, "Be careful, and bear no burden on  
the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates

of Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> Don't carry a burden out of  
your houses on the Sabbath day. Don't do

any work, but make the Sabbath day holy,  
as I commanded your fathers. <sup>23</sup> But they

didn't listen. They didn't turn their ear, but  
made their neck stiff, that they might not

hear, and might not receive instruction. <sup>24</sup> It  
will happen, if you diligently listen to me,"

says Yahweh, "to bring in no burden  
through the gates of this city on the

Sabbath day, but to make the Sabbath day  
holy, to do no work therein; <sup>25</sup> then there

will enter in by the gates of this city kings

and princes sitting on David's throne, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will remain forever. <sup>26</sup> They will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the South, bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, meal offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, to Yahweh's house. <sup>27</sup> But if you will not listen to me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a burden and enter in at 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. It will not be quenched." ' ' "

### Jeremiah Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup> The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words."

<sup>3</sup> Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was making something on the wheels. <sup>4</sup> When the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

<sup>5</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>6</sup> "House of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter?" says Yahweh. "Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At the instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; <sup>8</sup> if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them. <sup>9</sup> At the instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; <sup>10</sup> if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they not obey my voice,

then I will repent of the good with which I said I would benefit them.

<sup>11</sup> "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Yahweh says: "Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a plan against you. Everyone return from his evil way now, and amend your ways and your doings." ' <sup>12</sup> But they say, 'It is in vain; for we will walk after our own plans, and we will each follow the stubbornness of his evil heart.' "

<sup>13</sup> Therefore Yahweh says:

"Ask now among the nations,  
'Who has heard such things?'

The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.

<sup>14</sup> Will the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field?

Will the cold waters that flow down from afar be dried up?

<sup>15</sup> For my people have forgotten me.

They have burned incense to false gods.

They have been made to stumble in their ways,

in the ancient paths,

to walk in byways, in a way not built up;

<sup>16</sup> to make their land an astonishment,

and a perpetual hissing.

Everyone who passes by it will be astonished,

and shake his head.

<sup>17</sup> I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy.

I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

<sup>18</sup> Then they said, "Come! Let's devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law won't perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let's strike him with the tongue, and let's not give heed to any of his words."

<sup>19</sup> Give heed to me, Yahweh, and listen to the voice of those who contend with me.

<sup>20</sup> Should evil be recompensed for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul.

Remember how I stood before you to speak  
good for them,

to turn away your wrath from them.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore deliver up their children to the  
famine,

and give them over to the power of the  
sword.

Let their wives become childless, and  
widows.

Let their men be killed,

and their young men struck by the sword in  
battle.

<sup>22</sup> Let a cry be heard from their houses,  
when you bring a troop suddenly on them;  
for they have dug a pit to take me,  
and hidden snares for my feet.

<sup>23</sup> Yet, Yahweh, you know all their counsel  
against me to kill me.

Don't forgive their iniquity.

Don't blot out their sin from your sight,

Let them be overthrown before you.

Deal with them in the time of your anger.

## Jeremiah Chapter 19

<sup>1</sup> Thus said Yahweh, "Go, and buy a potter's  
earthen container, and take some of the  
elders of the people, and of the elders of  
the priests; <sup>2</sup> and go out to the valley of the  
son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the  
gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words  
that I will tell you. <sup>3</sup> Say, 'Hear Yahweh's  
word, kings of Judah, and inhabitants of  
Jerusalem: Yahweh of Armies, the God of  
Israel says, "Behold, I will bring evil on this  
place, which whoever hears, his ears will  
tingle. <sup>4</sup> Because they have forsaken me,  
and have defiled this place, and have  
burned incense in it to other gods, that they  
didn't know, they and their fathers and the  
kings of Judah, and have filled this place  
with the blood of innocents, <sup>5</sup> and have built  
the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in  
the fire for burnt offerings to Baal; which I  
didn't command, nor speak, which didn't

even enter into my mind: <sup>6</sup>therefore, behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that this place will no more be called 'Topheth', nor 'The Valley of the son of Hinnom', but 'The valley of Slaughter'.

<sup>7</sup>"I will make the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem void in this place. I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their life. I will give their dead bodies to be food for the birds of the sky and for the animals of the earth. <sup>8</sup>I will make this city an astonishment and a hissing. Everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. <sup>9</sup>I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters. They will each eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their life, will distress them."

<sup>10</sup>"Then you shall break the container in the sight of the men who go with you, <sup>11</sup>and shall tell them, 'Yahweh of Armies says: "Even so I will break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that can't be made whole again. They will bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury. <sup>12</sup>Thus I will do to this place," says Yahweh, "and to its inhabitants, even making this city as Topheth. <sup>13</sup>The houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, will be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the army of the sky, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods."

<sup>14</sup>Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Yahweh's house, and said to all the people: <sup>15</sup>"Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, 'Behold, I will bring on this city and on all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words.'"

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup> Now Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in Yahweh's house, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. <sup>2</sup> Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in Yahweh's house. <sup>3</sup> On the next day, Pashhur released Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "Yahweh has not called your name Pashhur, but Magormissabib.\* <sup>4</sup> For Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They will fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes will see it. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them captive to Babylon, and will kill them with the sword. <sup>5</sup> Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all its gains, and all its precious things, yes, I will give all the treasures of the kings of Judah into the hand of their enemies. They will make them captives, take them, and carry them to Babylon. <sup>6</sup> You, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house will go into captivity. You will come to Babylon, and there you will die, and there you will be buried, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely.' "

<sup>7</sup> Yahweh, you have persuaded me, and I was persuaded.  
You are stronger than I, and have prevailed.  
I have become a laughing-stock all day.  
Everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For as often as I speak, I cry out;  
I cry, "Violence and destruction!"  
because Yahweh's word has been made a reproach to me,  
and a derision, all day.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, I will not make mention of him,  
or speak any more in his name,  
then there is in my heart as it were a



burning fire shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I can't.

<sup>10</sup> For I have heard the defaming of many,  
"Terror on every side!

Denounce, and we will denounce him!"  
say all my familiar friends,  
those who watch for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be persuaded,  
and we will prevail against him,  
and we will take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But Yahweh is with me as an awesome  
mighty one.

Therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they won't prevail.

They will be utterly disappointed,  
because they have not dealt wisely,  
even with an everlasting dishonor which will  
never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> But, Yahweh of Armies, who tests the  
righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance on them;  
for to you I have revealed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to Yahweh!

Praise Yahweh,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

<sup>14</sup> Cursed is the day in which I was born.

Don't let the day in which my mother bore  
me be blessed.

<sup>15</sup> Cursed is the man who brought news to  
my father, saying,

"A boy is born to you," making him very  
glad.

<sup>16</sup> Let that man be as the cities which  
Yahweh overthrew,  
and didn't repent.

Let him hear a cry in the morning,  
and shouting at noontime;

<sup>17</sup> because he didn't kill me from the womb.

So my mother would have been my grave,  
and her womb always great.

<sup>18</sup> Why did I come out of the womb to see  
labor and sorrow,  
that my days should be consumed with

shame?

\*20:3 "Magormissabib" means  
"surrounded by terror"

Jeremiah  
Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Please inquire of Yahweh for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us. Perhaps Yahweh will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may withdraw from us."  
<sup>3</sup>Then Jeremiah said to them, "Tell Zedekiah: <sup>4</sup>"Yahweh, the God of Israel says, "Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the walls; and I will gather them into the middle of this city. <sup>5</sup>I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation. <sup>6</sup>I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal. They will die of a great pestilence. <sup>7</sup>Afterward," says Yahweh, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, and the people, even those who are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. He will strike them with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them, have pity, or have mercy."  
<sup>8</sup>"You shall say to this people, 'Yahweh says: "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. <sup>9</sup>He who remains

in this city will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he will live, and he will escape with his life. <sup>10</sup>For I have set my face on this city for evil, and not for good," says Yahweh. "It will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire." "

<sup>11</sup>"Concerning the house of the king of Judah, hear Yahweh's word: <sup>12</sup>House of David, Yahweh says,

'Execute justice in the morning,  
and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor,  
lest my wrath go out like fire,  
and burn so that no one can quench it,  
because of the evil of your doings.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley,  
and of the rock of the plain,' says Yahweh.

'You that say, "Who would come down against us?"

or "Who would enter into our homes?"

<sup>14</sup>I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says Yahweh;  
and I will kindle a fire in her forest,  
and it will devour all that is around her.' "

## Jeremiah Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh said, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak this word, there:<sup>2</sup>'Hear Yahweh's word, king of Judah, who sits on David's throne, you, your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. <sup>3</sup>Yahweh says: "Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong. Do no violence to the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow. Don't shed innocent blood in this place. <sup>4</sup>For if you do this thing indeed, then kings sitting on David's throne will enter in by the gates of this house, riding in chariots and on horses,

he, his servants, and his people. <sup>5</sup> But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself," says Yahweh, "that this house will become a desolation." ' ' "

<sup>6</sup> For Yahweh says concerning the house of the king of Judah:

"You are Gilead to me,  
the head of Lebanon.

Yet surely I will make you a wilderness,  
cities which are not inhabited.

<sup>7</sup> I will prepare destroyers against you,  
everyone with his weapons,  
and they will cut down your choice cedars,  
and cast them into the fire.

<sup>8</sup> "Many nations will pass by this city, and  
they will each ask his neighbor, 'Why has  
Yahweh done this to this great city?' <sup>9</sup> Then  
they will answer, 'Because they abandoned  
the covenant of Yahweh their God,  
worshiped other gods, and served them.' "

<sup>10</sup> Don't weep for the dead.

Don't bemoan him;  
but weep bitterly for him who goes away,  
for he will return no more,  
and not see his native country.

<sup>11</sup> For Yahweh says touching Shallum the  
son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned  
instead of Josiah his father, and who went  
out of this place: "He won't return there any  
more. <sup>12</sup> But he will die in the place where  
they have led him captive. He will see this  
land no more."

<sup>13</sup> "Woe to him who builds his house by  
unrighteousness,  
and his rooms by injustice;  
who uses his neighbor's service without  
wages,  
and doesn't give him his hire;

<sup>14</sup> who says, 'I will build myself a wide house  
and spacious rooms,'  
and cuts out windows for himself;  
with a cedar ceiling,  
and painted with red.

<sup>15</sup> "Should you reign, because you strive to  
excel in cedar?

Didn't your father eat and drink,  
and do justice and righteousness?  
Then it was well with him.

<sup>16</sup>He judged the cause of the poor and  
needy;

so it was well, then.

Wasn't this to know me?"

says Yahweh.

<sup>17</sup>But your eyes and your heart are only for  
your covetousness,  
for shedding innocent blood,  
for oppression, and for doing violence."

<sup>18</sup>Therefore Yahweh says concerning  
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

"They won't lament for him,  
saying, 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!'

They won't lament for him,  
saying 'Ah lord!' or, 'Ah his glory!'

<sup>19</sup>He will be buried with the burial of a  
donkey,  
drawn and cast out beyond the gates of  
Jerusalem."

<sup>20</sup>"Go up to Lebanon, and cry.

Lift up your voice in Bashan,  
and cry from Abarim;  
for all your lovers have been destroyed.

<sup>21</sup>I spoke to you in your prosperity;  
but you said, 'I will not listen.'

This has been your way from your youth,  
that you didn't obey my voice.

<sup>22</sup>The wind will feed all your shepherds,  
and your lovers will go into captivity.  
Surely then you will be ashamed  
and confounded for all your wickedness.

<sup>23</sup>Inhabitant of Lebanon,  
who makes your nest in the cedars,  
how greatly to be pitied you will be when  
pangs come on you,  
the pain as of a woman in travail!

<sup>24</sup>"As I live," says Yahweh, "though Coniah  
the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the  
signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck  
you from there. <sup>25</sup>I would give you into the  
hand of those who seek your life, and into  
the hand of them of whom you are afraid,

even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.<sup>26</sup> I will cast you out with your mother who bore you into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.<sup>27</sup> But to the land to which their soul longs to return, there they will not return."

<sup>28</sup> Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel?

Is he a vessel in which no one delights?

Why are they cast out, he and his offspring, and cast into a land which they don't know?

<sup>29</sup> O earth, earth, earth,  
hear Yahweh's word!

<sup>30</sup> Yahweh says,

"Record this man as childless,

a man who will not prosper in his days;

for no more will a man of his offspring prosper,

sitting on David's throne,

and ruling in Judah."

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### Chapter 23

<sup>1</sup> "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says Yahweh.<sup>2</sup> Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says against the shepherds who feed my people: "You have scattered my flock, driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings," says Yahweh. <sup>3</sup> "I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they will be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will set up shepherds over them, who will feed them. They will no longer be afraid or dismayed, neither will any be lacking," says Yahweh.

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh,

"that I will raise to David a righteous Branch,

and he will reign as king and deal wisely,

and will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved,  
and Israel will dwell safely.  
This is his name by which he will be called:  
Yahweh our righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore behold, the days come," says  
Yahweh, "that they will no more say, 'As  
Yahweh lives, who brought up the children  
of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' <sup>8</sup> but, 'As  
Yahweh lives, who brought up and who led  
the offspring of the house of Israel out of  
the north country, and from all the countries  
where I had driven them.' Then they will  
dwell in their own land."

<sup>9</sup> Concerning the prophets:  
My heart within me is broken.  
All my bones shake.

I am like a drunken man,  
and like a man whom wine has overcome,  
because of Yahweh,  
and because of his holy words.

<sup>10</sup> For the land is full of adulterers;  
for because of the curse the land mourns.  
The pastures of the wilderness have dried  
up.

Their course is evil,  
and their might is not right;

<sup>11</sup> for both prophet and priest are profane.  
Yes, in my house I have found their  
wickedness," says Yahweh.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore their way will be to them as  
slippery places in the darkness.  
They will be driven on,  
and fall therein;  
for I will bring evil on them,  
even the year of their visitation," says  
Yahweh.

<sup>13</sup> "I have seen folly in the prophets of  
Samaria.

They prophesied by Baal,  
and caused my people Israel to err.

<sup>14</sup> In the prophets of Jerusalem I have also  
seen a horrible thing:  
they commit adultery and walk in lies.  
They strengthen the hands of evildoers,  
so that no one returns from his wickedness.

They have all become to me as Sodom,  
and its inhabitants as Gomorrah."

<sup>15</sup> Therefore Yahweh of Armies says  
concerning the prophets:

"Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,  
and make them drink the water of gall;  
for from the prophets of Jerusalem  
ungodliness has gone out into all the land."

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh of Armies says,  
"Don't listen to the words of the prophets  
who prophesy to you.

They teach you vanity.

They speak a vision of their own heart,  
and not out of the mouth of Yahweh.

<sup>17</sup> They say continually to those who despise  
me,

'Yahweh has said, "You will have peace;"'  
and to everyone who walks in the  
stubbornness of his own heart they say,  
'No evil will come on you.'

<sup>18</sup> For who has stood in the council of  
Yahweh,  
that he should perceive and hear his word?  
Who has listened to my word, and heard it?

<sup>19</sup> Behold, Yahweh's storm, his wrath, has  
gone out.

Yes, a whirling storm:

It will burst on the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup> Yahweh's anger will not return until he  
has executed,  
and until he has performed the intents of his  
heart.

In the latter days, you will understand it  
perfectly.

<sup>21</sup> I didn't send these prophets, yet they ran.  
I didn't speak to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have caused my people to  
hear my words,  
and would have turned them from their evil  
way,  
and from the evil of their doings.

<sup>23</sup> "Am I a God at hand," says Yahweh,  
"and not a God afar off?

<sup>24</sup> Can anyone hide himself in secret places



so that I can't see him?" says Yahweh.

"Don't I fill heaven and earth?" says Yahweh.

<sup>25</sup>"I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' <sup>26</sup>How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They intend to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they each tell his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. <sup>28</sup>The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat?" says Yahweh. <sup>29</sup>"Isn't my word like fire?" says Yahweh; "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

<sup>30</sup>"Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says Yahweh, "who each steal my words from his neighbor. <sup>31</sup>Behold, I am against the prophets," says Yahweh, "who use their tongues, and say, 'He says.' <sup>32</sup>Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams," says Yahweh, "who tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting; yet I didn't send them or command them. They don't profit this people at all," says Yahweh.

<sup>33</sup>"When this people, or the prophet, or a priest, asks you, saying, 'What is the message from Yahweh?' Then you shall tell them, 'What message? I will cast you off,' says Yahweh.' <sup>34</sup>As for the prophet, the priest, and the people, who say, 'The message from Yahweh,' I will even punish that man and his household. <sup>35</sup>You will say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, 'What has Yahweh answered?' and, 'What has Yahweh said?' <sup>36</sup>You will mention the message from Yahweh no more: for every man's own word has become his message; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of Yahweh of Armies, our God. <sup>37</sup>You will say

to the prophet, 'What has Yahweh answered you?' and, 'What has Yahweh spoken?' <sup>38</sup> Although you say, 'The message from Yahweh;' therefore Yahweh says: 'Because you say this word, "The message from Yahweh," and I have sent to you, telling you not to say, "The message from Yahweh;" <sup>39</sup> therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence. <sup>40</sup> I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a perpetual shame, which will not be forgotten.' "

### Jeremiah Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs were set before Yahweh's temple, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. <sup>2</sup> One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

<sup>3</sup> Then Yahweh asked me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

I said, "Figs. The good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so bad that can't be eaten."

<sup>4</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Like these good figs, so I will regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. <sup>6</sup> For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land. I will build them, and not pull them down. I will plant them, and not pluck them up. <sup>7</sup> I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their God; for they will return

to me with their whole heart.

<sup>8</sup>“‘As the bad figs, which can’t be eaten, they are so bad,’ surely Yahweh says, ‘So I will give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>I will even give them up to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I will drive them. <sup>10</sup>I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they are consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.’”

## Jeremiah Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (this was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), <sup>2</sup>which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: <sup>3</sup>From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, Yahweh’s word has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened.

<sup>4</sup>Yahweh has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened or inclined your ear to hear), <sup>5</sup>saying, “Return now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Yahweh has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even forever more. <sup>6</sup>Don’t go after other gods to serve them or worship them, and don’t provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; then I will do you no harm.”

<sup>7</sup>“Yet you have not listened to me,” says Yahweh; “that you may provoke me to

anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt."

<sup>8</sup>Therefore Yahweh of Armies says: "Because you have not heard my words, <sup>9</sup>behold, I will send and take all the families of the north," says Yahweh, "and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations around. I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. <sup>10</sup>Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth 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. <sup>11</sup>This whole land will be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

<sup>12</sup>"It will happen, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation," says Yahweh, "for their iniquity. I will make the land of the Chaldeans desolate forever. <sup>13</sup>I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. <sup>14</sup>For many nations and great kings will make bondservants of them, even of them. I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands."

<sup>15</sup>For Yahweh, 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. <sup>16</sup>They will drink, and reel back and forth, and be insane, because of the sword that I will send among them."

<sup>17</sup>Then took I the cup at Yahweh's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom Yahweh had sent me: <sup>18</sup>Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, with its kings and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is

today; <sup>19</sup>Pharaoh king of Egypt, with his servants, his princes, and all his people; <sup>20</sup>and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, all the kings of the Philistines, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; <sup>21</sup>Edom, Moab, and the children of Ammon; <sup>22</sup>and all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea; <sup>23</sup>Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who have the corners of their beard cut off; <sup>24</sup>and all the kings of Arabia, all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the wilderness; <sup>25</sup>and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes; <sup>26</sup>and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are on the surface of the earth. The king of Sheshach will drink after them.

<sup>27</sup>"You shall tell them, 'Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: "Drink, and be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you." ' <sup>28</sup>It shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall tell them, 'Yahweh of Armies says: "You shall surely drink. <sup>29</sup>For, behold, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? You will not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, says Yahweh of Armies." ' "

<sup>30</sup>"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and tell them,  
" 'Yahweh will roar from on high,  
and utter his voice from his holy habitation.  
He will mightily roar against his fold.  
He will give a shout, as those who tread grapes,  
against all the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>A noise will come even to the end of the earth;  
for Yahweh has a controversy with the nations.  
He will enter into judgment with all flesh.

As for the wicked, he will give them to the sword," ' says Yahweh."

<sup>32</sup> Yahweh of Armies says,

"Behold, evil will go out from nation to nation,

and a great storm will be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth."

<sup>33</sup> The slain of Yahweh will be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They won't be lamented. They won't be gathered or buried. They will be dung on the surface of the ground.

<sup>34</sup> Wail, you shepherds, and cry.

Wallow in dust, you leader of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions have fully come, and you will fall like fine pottery.

<sup>35</sup> The shepherds will have no way to flee.

The leader of the flock will have no escape.

<sup>36</sup> A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the leader of the flock, for Yahweh destroys their pasture.

<sup>37</sup> The peaceful folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of Yahweh.

<sup>38</sup> He has left his covert, as the lion; for their land has become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppression, and because of his fierce anger.

## Jeremiah Chapter 26

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from Yahweh: <sup>2</sup> "Yahweh says: 'Stand in the court of Yahweh's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Yahweh's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Don't omit a word. <sup>3</sup> It may be they will listen, and every man turn from his evil way; that I may relent from the evil which I intend to do to them because of the evil of their doings.' <sup>4</sup> You shall tell them, "Yahweh says: 'If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, <sup>5</sup> to listen

to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending them, but you have not listened; <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." " "

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in Yahweh's house. <sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that Yahweh had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You shall surely die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name, saying, 'This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant?' " All the people were crowded around Jeremiah in Yahweh's house.

<sup>10</sup>When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to Yahweh's house; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Yahweh's house. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and to all the people, saying, "This man is worthy of death; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, "Yahweh sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey Yahweh your God's voice; then Yahweh will relent from the evil that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hand. Do with me what is good and right in your eyes. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that, if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for in truth Yahweh has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

<sup>16</sup>Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: "This man is not worthy of death; for he has

spoken to us in the name of Yahweh our God."

<sup>17</sup> Then certain of the elders of the land rose up, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies says:

" 'Zion will be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem will become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.'

<sup>19</sup> Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Didn't he fear Yahweh, and entreat the favor of Yahweh, and Yahweh relented of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? We would commit great evil against our own souls that way!"

<sup>20</sup> There was also a man who prophesied in Yahweh's name, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. <sup>21</sup> When Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and all the princes heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt. <sup>22</sup> Then Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt; <sup>23</sup> and they fetched Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

<sup>24</sup> But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that they didn't give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

## Jeremiah Chapter 27

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh,



saying, <sup>2</sup>Yahweh says to me: "Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck. <sup>3</sup>Then send them to the king of Edom, to the king of Moab, to the king of the children of Ammon, to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. <sup>4</sup>Give them a command to their masters, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "You shall tell your masters: <sup>5</sup>'I have made the earth, the men, and the animals that are on the surface of the earth by my great power and by my outstretched arm. I give it to whom it seems right to me. <sup>6</sup>Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant. I have also given the animals of the field to him to serve him. <sup>7</sup>All the nations will serve him, his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes. Then many nations and great kings will make him their bondservant.

<sup>8</sup>"'It will happen that I will punish the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon,' says Yahweh, 'with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. <sup>9</sup>But as for you, don't listen to your prophets, to your diviners, to your dreams, to your soothsayers, or to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon;" <sup>10</sup>for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, so that I would drive you out, and you would perish. <sup>11</sup>But the nation that brings their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, that nation I will let remain in their own land,' says Yahweh; 'and they will till it and dwell in it.''"

<sup>12</sup>I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of

Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.<sup>13</sup> Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Yahweh has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? <sup>14</sup>Don't listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon;' for they prophesy a lie to you. <sup>15</sup>For I have not sent them," says Yahweh, "but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you."

<sup>16</sup>Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Yahweh says, "Don't listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the vessels of Yahweh's house will now shortly be brought again from Babylon;' for they prophesy a lie to you. <sup>17</sup>Don't listen to them. Serve the king of Babylon, and live. Why should this city become a desolation? <sup>18</sup>But if they are prophets, and if Yahweh's word is with them, let them now make intercession to Yahweh of Armies, that the vessels which are left in Yahweh's house, in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, don't go to Babylon. <sup>19</sup>For Yahweh of Armies says concerning the pillars, concerning the sea, concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city,<sup>20</sup> which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon didn't take when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; <sup>21</sup>yes, Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says concerning the vessels that are left in Yahweh's house, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: <sup>22</sup>'They will be carried to Babylon, and there they will be, until the day that I visit them,' says Yahweh; 'then I will bring them up, and restore them to this place.' "

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 28

<sup>1</sup>That 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 was of Gibeon, spoke to me in Yahweh's house, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.' <sup>3</sup>Within two full years I will bring again into this place all the vessels of Yahweh's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon,' says Yahweh; 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in Yahweh's house, <sup>6</sup>even the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May Yahweh do so. May Yahweh perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Yahweh's house, and all those who are captives, from Babylon to this place. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless listen now to this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people: <sup>8</sup>The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, of evil, and of pestilence. <sup>9</sup>The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet happens, then the prophet will be known, that Yahweh has truly sent him."

<sup>10</sup>Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. <sup>11</sup>Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Yahweh says: 'Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from off

the neck of all the nations within two full years.' " Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

<sup>12</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, <sup>13</sup> "Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Yahweh says, "You have broken the bars of wood, but you have made in their place bars of iron." <sup>14</sup> For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "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. I have also given him the animals of the field." ' ' "

<sup>15</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Listen, Hananiah! Yahweh has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. <sup>16</sup> Therefore Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will send you away from off the surface of the earth. This year you will die, because you have spoken rebellion against Yahweh.' "

<sup>17</sup> So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

## Jeremiah Chapter 29

<sup>1</sup> Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, <sup>2</sup> (after Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem), <sup>3</sup> by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon). It said:

<sup>4</sup> Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives whom I have caused to

be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>"Build houses and dwell in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and father sons and daughters. Take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters. Multiply there, and don't be diminished. <sup>7</sup>Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to Yahweh for it; for in its peace you will have peace." <sup>8</sup>For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: "Don't let your prophets who are among you and your diviners deceive you. Don't listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. <sup>9</sup>For they prophesy falsely to you in my name. I have not sent them," says Yahweh. <sup>10</sup>For Yahweh says, "After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. <sup>11</sup>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says Yahweh, "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup>You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>You shall seek me, and find me, when you search for me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you," says Yahweh, "and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says Yahweh. I will bring you again to the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive."

<sup>15</sup>Because you have said, "Yahweh has raised us up prophets in Babylon;" <sup>16</sup>Yahweh says concerning the king who sits on David's throne, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who haven't gone with you into captivity; <sup>17</sup>Yahweh of Armies says: "Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like rotten figs that can't be eaten, they are so bad. <sup>18</sup>I will pursue after them

with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,<sup>19</sup> because they have not listened to my words," says Yahweh, "with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear," says Yahweh.

<sup>20</sup>Hear therefore Yahweh's word, all you captives, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>21</sup>Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: "Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he will kill them before your eyes." <sup>22</sup>A curse will be taken up about them by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, 'Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;' <sup>23</sup>because they have done foolish things in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I didn't command them. I am he who knows, and am witness," says Yahweh.

<sup>24</sup>Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying, <sup>25</sup>"Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, 'Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying, <sup>26</sup>"Yahweh has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in Yahweh's house, for every man who is crazy, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles. <sup>27</sup>Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you, <sup>28</sup>because

he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long. Build houses, and dwell in them. Plant gardens, and eat their fruit?" ' "

<sup>29</sup> Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet. <sup>30</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>31</sup> "Send to all of the captives, saying, 'Yahweh says concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: "Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I didn't send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie;" <sup>32</sup> therefore Yahweh says, "Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his offspring. He will not have a man to dwell among this people. He won't see the good that I will do to my people," says Yahweh, "because he has spoken rebellion against Yahweh." ' "

## Jeremiah Chapter 30

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. <sup>3</sup> For, behold, the days come,' says Yahweh, 'that I will reverse the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,' says Yahweh. 'I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they will possess it.' "

<sup>4</sup> These are the words that Yahweh spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. <sup>5</sup> For Yahweh says:

"We have heard a voice of trembling;  
a voice of fear, and not of peace.

<sup>6</sup> Ask now, and see whether a man travails with child.

Why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail,  
and all faces are turned pale?

<sup>7</sup> Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it.

It is even the time of Jacob's trouble;  
but he will be saved out of it.

<sup>8</sup> It will come to pass in that day, says

Yahweh of Armies, that I will break his yoke  
from off your neck,  
and will burst your bonds.

Strangers will no more make them their  
bondservants;

<sup>9</sup> but they will serve Yahweh their God,  
and David their king,  
whom I will raise up to them.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore don't be afraid, O Jacob my  
servant, says Yahweh.

Don't be dismayed, Israel.

For, behold, I will save you from afar,  
and save your offspring from the land of  
their captivity.

Jacob will return,  
and will be quiet and at ease.

No one will make him afraid.

<sup>11</sup> For I am with you, says Yahweh, to save  
you;

for I will make a full end of all the nations  
where I have scattered you,  
but I will not make a full end of you;  
but I will correct you in measure,  
and will in no way leave you unpunished."

<sup>12</sup> For Yahweh says,  
"Your hurt is incurable.

Your wound is grievous.

<sup>13</sup> There is no one to plead your cause,  
that you may be bound up.

You have no healing medicines.

<sup>14</sup> All your lovers have forgotten you.

They don't seek you.

For I have wounded you with the wound of  
an enemy,

with the chastisement of a cruel one,  
for the greatness of your iniquity,  
because your sins were increased.

<sup>15</sup> Why do you cry over your injury?

Your pain is incurable.

For the greatness of your iniquity,  
because your sins have increased,  
I have done these things to you.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore all those who devour you will  
be devoured.

All your adversaries, everyone of them, will  
go into captivity.



Those who plunder you will be plunder.  
I will make all who prey on you become prey.

<sup>17</sup> For I will restore health to you,  
and I will heal you of your wounds," says Yahweh;

"because they have called you an outcast,  
saying, 'It is Zion, whom no man seeks after.' "

<sup>18</sup> Yahweh says:

"Behold, I will reverse the captivity of Jacob's tents,  
and have compassion on his dwelling places.  
The city will be built on its own hill,  
and the palace will be inhabited in its own place.

<sup>19</sup> Thanksgiving will proceed out of them  
with the voice of those who make merry.  
I will multiply them,  
and they will not be few;  
I will also glorify them,  
and they will not be small.

<sup>20</sup> Their children also will be as before,  
and their congregation will be established before me.

I will punish all who oppress them.

<sup>21</sup> Their prince will be one of them,  
and their ruler will proceed from among them.

I will cause him to draw near,  
and he will approach me;  
for who is he who has had boldness to approach me?" says Yahweh.

<sup>22</sup> "You shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.

<sup>23</sup> Behold, Yahweh's storm, his wrath, has gone out,  
a sweeping storm:

it will burst on the head of the wicked.

<sup>24</sup> The fierce anger of Yahweh will not return until he has accomplished,  
and until he has performed the intentions of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it."

**Jeremiah**  
**Chapter 31**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time,” says Yahweh, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

<sup>2</sup>Yahweh says, “The people who survive the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.”

<sup>3</sup>Yahweh appeared of old to me, saying, “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love.

Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness.

<sup>4</sup>I will build you again,  
and you will be built, O virgin of Israel.  
You will again be adorned with your tambourines,  
and will go out in the dances of those who make merry.

<sup>5</sup>Again you will plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria.

The planters will plant,  
and will enjoy its fruit.

<sup>6</sup>For there will be a day that the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim cry,  
‘Arise! Let’s go up to Zion to Yahweh our God.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>For Yahweh says,  
“Sing with gladness for Jacob,  
and shout for the chief of the nations.  
Publish, praise, and say,  
‘Yahweh, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel!’

<sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the north country,  
and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth,  
along with the blind and the lame,  
the woman with child and her who travails with child together.

They will return as a great company.

<sup>9</sup>They will come with weeping.  
I will lead them with petitions.  
I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters,

in a straight way in which they won't  
stumble;  
for I am a father to Israel.  
Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> "Hear Yahweh's word, you nations,  
and declare it in the distant islands. Say,  
'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock.'

<sup>11</sup> For Yahweh has ransomed Jacob,  
and redeemed him from the hand of him  
who was stronger than he.

<sup>12</sup> They will come and sing in the height of  
Zion,  
and will flow to the goodness of Yahweh,  
to the grain, to the new wine, to the oil,  
and to the young of the flock and of the  
herd.

Their soul will be as a watered garden.  
They will not sorrow any more at all.

<sup>13</sup> Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance;  
the young men and the old together;  
for I will turn their mourning into joy,  
and will comfort them, and make them  
rejoice from their sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will satiate the soul of the priests with  
fatness,  
and my people will be satisfied with my  
goodness," says Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> Yahweh says:

"A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping,  
Rachel weeping for her children.  
She refuses to be comforted for her  
children,  
because they are no more."

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh says:

"Refrain your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears;  
for your work will be rewarded," says  
Yahweh.

"They will come again from the land of the  
enemy.

<sup>17</sup> There is hope for your latter end," says  
Yahweh.

"Your children will come again to their own territory.

<sup>18</sup> "I have surely heard Ephraim grieving thus,  
'You have chastised me,  
and I was chastised, as an untrained calf.  
Turn me, and I will be turned;  
for you are Yahweh my God.

<sup>19</sup> Surely after that I was turned.  
I repented.

After that I was instructed.

I struck my thigh.

I was ashamed, yes, even confounded,  
because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

<sup>20</sup> Is Ephraim my dear son?

Is he a darling child?

For as often as I speak against him,

I still earnestly remember him.

therefore my heart yearns for him.

I will surely have mercy on him," says  
Yahweh.

<sup>21</sup> "Set up road signs.

Make guideposts.

Set your heart toward the highway,  
even the way by which you went.

Turn again, virgin of Israel.

Turn again to these your cities.

<sup>22</sup> How long will you go here and there,  
you backsliding daughter?

For Yahweh has created a new thing in the  
earth:

a woman will encompass a man."

<sup>23</sup> Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel,  
says: "Yet again they will use this speech in  
the land of Judah and in its cities, when I  
reverse their captivity: 'Yahweh bless you,  
habitation of righteousness, mountain of  
holiness.' <sup>24</sup> Judah and all its cities will dwell  
therein together, the farmers, and those  
who go about with flocks. <sup>25</sup> For I have  
satiated the weary soul, and I have  
replenished every sorrowful soul."

<sup>26</sup> On this I awakened, and saw; and my

sleep was sweet to me.

<sup>27</sup>“Behold, the days come,” says Yahweh,  
“that I will sow the house of Israel and the  
house of Judah with the seed of man and  
with the seed of animal. <sup>28</sup>It will happen  
that, like as I have watched over them to  
pluck up and to break down and to  
overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so I  
will watch over them to build and to plant,”  
says Yahweh. <sup>29</sup>“In those days they will say  
no more,

“ ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

<sup>30</sup> But everyone will die for his own iniquity.  
Every man who eats the sour grapes, his  
teeth will be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days come,” says Yahweh,  
“that I will make a new covenant with the  
house of Israel,  
and with the house of Judah:

<sup>32</sup> not according to the covenant that I made  
with their fathers in the day that I took  
them by the hand to bring them out of the  
land of Egypt;  
which covenant of mine they broke,  
although I was a husband to them,” says  
Yahweh.

<sup>33</sup>“But this is the covenant that I will make  
with the house of Israel after those days,”  
says Yahweh:

I will put my law in their inward parts,  
and I will write it in their heart.

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

<sup>34</sup>They will no longer each teach his  
neighbor,

and every man teach his brother, saying,  
‘Know Yahweh;’

for they will all know me,  
from their least to their greatest,” says  
Yahweh:

“for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and I will remember their sin no more.”

<sup>35</sup>Yahweh, who gives the sun for a light by  
day,  
and the ordinances of the moon and of the

stars for a light by night,  
who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar;  
Yahweh of Armies is his name, says:  
<sup>36</sup>“If these ordinances depart from before  
me,” says Yahweh,  
“then the offspring of Israel also will cease  
from being a nation before me forever.”  
<sup>37</sup>Yahweh says: “If heaven above can be  
measured,  
and the foundations of the earth searched  
out beneath,  
then I will also cast off all the offspring of  
Israel for all that they have done,” says  
Yahweh.  
<sup>38</sup>“Behold, the days come,” says Yahweh,  
“that the city will be built to Yahweh from  
the tower of Hananel to the gate of the  
corner.<sup>39</sup> The measuring line will go out  
further straight onward to the hill Gareb,  
and will turn toward Goah.<sup>40</sup> The whole  
valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes,  
and all the fields to the brook Kidron, to the  
corner of the horse gate toward the east,  
will be holy to Yahweh. It will not be  
plucked up or thrown down any more  
forever.”

**Jeremiah**  
**Chapter 32**

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from  
Yahweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king  
of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of  
Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>Now at that time the king  
of Babylon’s army was besieging Jerusalem.  
Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the  
court of the guard, which was in the king of  
Judah’s house.  
<sup>3</sup>For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him  
up, saying, “Why do you prophesy, and say,  
‘Yahweh says, “Behold, I will give this city  
into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he  
will take it;’<sup>4</sup> and Zedekiah king of Judah  
won’t escape out of the hand of the  
Chaldeans, but will surely be delivered into  
the hand of the king of Babylon, and will

speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes will see his eyes;<sup>5</sup> and he will bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and he will be there until I visit him," says Yahweh: "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you will not prosper?" " "

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, "Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>7</sup>'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, 'Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.' " "

<sup>8</sup>"So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to Yahweh's word, and said to me, 'Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours. Buy it for yourself.'

"Then I knew that this was Yahweh's word. <sup>9</sup>I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels\* of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, called witnesses, and weighed the money in the balances to him. <sup>11</sup>So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and that which was open; <sup>12</sup>and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

<sup>13</sup>"I commanded Baruch before them, saying, <sup>14</sup>Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: 'Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days.' <sup>15</sup>For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: 'Houses and fields and vineyards will yet again be bought in this land.'

<sup>16</sup>Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I

prayed to Yahweh, saying,

<sup>17</sup>“Ah Lord Yahweh! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you,<sup>18</sup> who show loving kindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, Yahweh of Armies is his name;<sup>19</sup> great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of men, to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings;<sup>20</sup> who performed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, both in Israel and among other men; and made yourself a name, as it is today;<sup>21</sup> and brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, with wonders, with a strong hand, with an outstretched arm, and with great terror;<sup>22</sup> and gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.<sup>23</sup> They came in and possessed it, but they didn't obey your voice and didn't walk in your law. They have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do. Therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them.

<sup>24</sup>“Behold, siege ramps have come to the city to take it. The city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, of the famine, and of the pestilence. What you have spoken has happened. Behold, you see it.<sup>25</sup> You have said to me, Lord Yahweh, ‘Buy the field for money, and call witnesses;’ whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>27</sup>“Behold, I am Yahweh, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me? <sup>28</sup> Therefore Yahweh says: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of



Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will take it. <sup>29</sup> The Chaldeans, who fight against this city, will come and set this city on fire, and burn it with the houses on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.

<sup>30</sup> "For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says Yahweh. <sup>31</sup> For this city has been to me a provocation of my anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even to this day, so that I should remove it from before my face, <sup>32</sup> because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger: they, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>33</sup> They have turned their backs to me, and not their faces. Although I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. <sup>34</sup> But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. <sup>35</sup> They built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through fire to Molech; which I didn't command them. It didn't even come into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin."

<sup>36</sup> Now therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says concerning this city, about which you say, "It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:" <sup>37</sup> "Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries where I have driven them in my anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again to this place. I will cause them to dwell safely. <sup>38</sup> Then they will be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup> I will give

them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their good, and the good of their children after them.<sup>40</sup> I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me.<sup>41</sup> Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul."

<sup>42</sup> For Yahweh says: "Just as I have brought all this great evil on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them.<sup>43</sup> Fields will be bought in this land, about which you say, 'It is desolate, without man or animal. It is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'<sup>44</sup> Men will buy fields for money, sign the deeds, seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around 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 South; for I will cause their captivity to be reversed," says Yahweh.

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\***32:9** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces.

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**Jeremiah**  
**Chapter 33**

<sup>1</sup> Moreover Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still locked up in the court of the guard, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Yahweh who does it, Yahweh who forms it to establish it—Yahweh is his name, says: <sup>3</sup> 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know.'<sup>4</sup> For Yahweh, the God of Israel, says concerning the houses of this city and concerning the houses of the

kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword; <sup>5</sup> while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in my anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city: <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth. <sup>7</sup> I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. <sup>8</sup> I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against me. I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against me and by which they have transgressed against me. <sup>9</sup> This city will be to me for a name of joy, for praise, and for glory, before all the nations of the earth, which will hear all the good that I do to them, and will fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I provide to it.' "

<sup>10</sup> Yahweh says: "Yet again there will be heard in this place, about which you say, 'It is waste, without man and without animal, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without animal,' <sup>11</sup> the 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 Yahweh of Armies, for Yahweh is good, for his loving kindness endures forever;' who bring thanksgiving into Yahweh's house. For I will cause the captivity of the land to be reversed as at the first," says Yahweh.

<sup>12</sup> Yahweh of Armies says: "Yet again there will be in this place, which is waste, without man and without animal, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. <sup>13</sup> In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South, in the land of Benjamin,

in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of him who counts them," says Yahweh.

<sup>14</sup>"Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>"In those days and at that time, I will cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David.

He will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely.

This is the name by which she will be called: Yahweh our righteousness."

<sup>17</sup>For Yahweh says: "David will never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel.<sup>18</sup> The priests the Levites won't lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings, to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."

<sup>19</sup>Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>20</sup>"Yahweh says: 'If you can break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, so that there will not be day and night in their time; <sup>21</sup>then may my covenant also be broken with David my servant, that he won't have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. <sup>22</sup>As the army of the sky can't be counted, and the sand of the sea can't be measured; so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant and the Levites who minister to me.' "

<sup>23</sup>Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>24</sup>"Don't consider what this people has spoken, saying, 'Has Yahweh cast off the two families which he chose?' Thus they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them." <sup>25</sup>Yahweh says: "If my covenant of day and night fails, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; <sup>26</sup>then I will also cast away the offspring of Jacob, and of David

my servant, so that I will not take of his offspring to be rulers over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to be reversed and will have mercy on them."

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 34

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, with all his army, all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying: <sup>2</sup>"Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Yahweh says, "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it with fire. <sup>3</sup>You won't escape out of his hand, but will surely be taken and delivered into his hand. Your eyes will see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with you mouth to mouth. You will go to Babylon."'

<sup>4</sup>"Yet hear Yahweh's word, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Yahweh says concerning you, 'You won't die by the sword. <sup>5</sup>You will die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will make a burning for you. They will lament you, saying, "Ah Lord!" for I have spoken the word,' says Yahweh."

<sup>6</sup>Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,<sup>7</sup> when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities.

<sup>8</sup>The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them; <sup>9</sup>that every man should let his male servant, and every man

his female servant, who is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that no one should make bondservants of them, of a Jew his brother.<sup>10</sup> All the princes and all the people obeyed who had entered into the covenant, that everyone should let his male servant, and everyone his female servant go free, that no one should make bondservants of them any more. They obeyed and let them go;<sup>11</sup> but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,<sup>13</sup> "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: 'I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,<sup>14</sup> At the end of seven years, every man of you shall release his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years. You shall let him go free from you; but your fathers didn't listen to me, and didn't incline their ear.'<sup>15</sup> You had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor. You had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name;<sup>16</sup> but you turned and profaned my name, and every man caused his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return. You brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.' "

<sup>17</sup>Therefore Yahweh says: "You have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim to you a liberty," says Yahweh, "to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine. I will make you be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth."<sup>18</sup> I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the

covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts: <sup>19</sup>the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf; <sup>20</sup>I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and for the animals of the earth.

<sup>21</sup>"I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes into the hands of their enemies, into the hands of those who seek their life and into the hands of the king of Babylon's army, who has gone away from you. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will command," says Yahweh, "and cause them to return to this city. They will fight against it, take it, and burn it with fire. I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant."

## Jeremiah Chapter 35

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into Yahweh's house, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink."

<sup>3</sup>Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, with his brothers, all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; <sup>4</sup>and I brought them into Yahweh's house, into the room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaiah, the man of God, which was by the room of the princes, which was above the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold. <sup>5</sup>I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine!"

<sup>6</sup>But they said, "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father,

commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons, forever. <sup>7</sup>You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, or have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land in which you live as nomads.' <sup>8</sup>We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters; <sup>9</sup>and not to build houses for ourselves to dwell in. We have no vineyard, field, or seed; <sup>10</sup>but we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. <sup>11</sup>But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, we said, 'Come! Let's go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we will dwell at Jerusalem.' "

<sup>12</sup>Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>13</sup>"Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words?" says Yahweh. <sup>14</sup>"The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment; but I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking, and you have not listened to me. <sup>15</sup>I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Every one of you must return now from his evil way, amend your doings, and don't go after other gods to serve them, then you will dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers:' but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to me.' "



<sup>17</sup>“Therefore Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.’ ”

<sup>18</sup>Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, “Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he commanded you;’ <sup>19</sup>therefore Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Jonadab the son of Rechab will not lack a man to stand before me forever.’ ”

## Jeremiah Chapter 36

<sup>1</sup>In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Take a scroll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day. <sup>3</sup>It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I intend to do to them; that they may each return from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.”

<sup>4</sup>Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all Yahweh’s words, which he had spoken to him, on a scroll of a book. <sup>5</sup>Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, “I am restricted. I can’t go into Yahweh’s house. <sup>6</sup>Therefore you go, and read from the scroll which you have written from my mouth, Yahweh’s words, in the ears of the people in Yahweh’s house on the fast day. Also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. <sup>7</sup>It may be they will present their

supplication before Yahweh, and will each return from his evil way; for Yahweh has pronounced great anger and wrath against this people."

<sup>8</sup> Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book Yahweh's words in Yahweh's house. <sup>9</sup> Now 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 Yahweh. <sup>10</sup> Then Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the book in Yahweh's house, in the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan, the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of Yahweh's house, in the ears of all the people.

<sup>11</sup> When Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all Yahweh's words, <sup>12</sup> he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room: and behold, all the princes were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. <sup>13</sup> Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. <sup>14</sup> Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come."

So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them. <sup>15</sup> They said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing."

So Baruch read it in their hearing.

<sup>16</sup> Now when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words." <sup>17</sup> They asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how did you write all

these words at his mouth?"

<sup>18</sup> Then Baruch answered them, "He dictated all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book."

<sup>19</sup> Then the princes said to Baruch, "You and Jeremiah go hide. Don't let anyone know where you are."

<sup>20</sup> They went in to the king into the court; but they had laid up the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe. Then they told all the words in the hearing of the king. <sup>21</sup> So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll; and he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king, and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king. <sup>22</sup> Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month; and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. <sup>23</sup> When Jehudi had read three or four leaves, the king cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. <sup>24</sup> The king and his servants who heard all these words were not afraid, and didn't tear their garments. <sup>25</sup> Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them. <sup>26</sup> The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Yahweh hid them.

<sup>27</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, <sup>28</sup> "Take again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned." <sup>29</sup> Concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Yahweh says: "You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written therein, saying, 'The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will cause

to cease from there man and animal?" ' ' ' <sup>30</sup> Therefore Yahweh says concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He will have no one to sit on David's throne. His dead body will be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. <sup>31</sup> I will punish him, his offspring, and his servants for their iniquity. I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they didn't listen." ' ' ' "

<sup>32</sup> Then took Jeremiah another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many similar words were added to them.

### Jeremiah Chapter 37

<sup>1</sup> Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. <sup>2</sup> But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to Yahweh's words, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>3</sup> Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to Yahweh our God for us."

<sup>4</sup> Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. <sup>5</sup> Pharaoh's army had come out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, <sup>7</sup> "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, will return to Egypt into

their own land.<sup>8</sup> The Chaldeans will come again, and fight against this city. They will take it and burn it with fire.” ’

<sup>9</sup>“Yahweh says, ‘Don’t deceive yourselves, saying, “The Chaldeans will surely depart from us;” for they will not depart.’<sup>10</sup> For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and only wounded men remained among them, they would each rise up in his tent and burn this city with fire.’ ”

<sup>11</sup>When the army of the Chaldeans had broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh’s army,<sup>12</sup> then Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the middle of the people.<sup>13</sup> When he was in Benjamin’s gate, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “You are defecting to the Chaldeans!”

<sup>14</sup>Then Jeremiah said, “That is false! I am not defecting to the Chaldeans.”

But he didn’t listen to him; so Irijah siezed Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.<sup>15</sup> The princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

<sup>16</sup>When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days,<sup>17</sup> then Zedekiah the king sent, and had him brought out. The king asked him secretly in his house, “Is there any word from Yahweh?”

Jeremiah said, “There is.” He also said, “You will be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.”

<sup>18</sup>Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, “How have I sinned against you, against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?<sup>19</sup> Now where are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of Babylon will not come

against you, nor against this land?’<sup>20</sup> Now please hear, my lord the king: please let my supplication be presented before you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard. They gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

## Jeremiah Chapter 38

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup>“Yahweh says, ‘He who remains in this city will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live, and he will escape with his life, and he will live.’” <sup>3</sup>Yahweh says, ‘This city will surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will take it.’”

<sup>4</sup> Then the princes said to the king, “Please let this man be put to death; because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man doesn’t seek the welfare of this people, but harm.”

<sup>5</sup> Zedekiah the king said, “Behold, he is in your hand; for the king can’t do anything to oppose you.”

<sup>6</sup> Then took they Jeremiah and threw him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king’s son, that was in the court of the guard. They let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire.

<sup>7</sup> Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king’s house, heard

that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king was then sitting in Benjamin's gate), <sup>8</sup>Ebedmelech went out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying, <sup>9</sup>"My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon. He is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city."

<sup>10</sup>Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies."

<sup>11</sup>So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. <sup>12</sup>Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords."

Jeremiah did so. <sup>13</sup>So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

<sup>14</sup>Then Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to himself into the third entry that is in Yahweh's house. Then the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."

<sup>15</sup>Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? If I give you counsel, you will not listen to me."

<sup>16</sup>So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As Yahweh lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."

<sup>17</sup>Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'If you will go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul will live, and this city

will not be burned with fire. You will live, along with your house. <sup>18</sup> But if you will not go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire, and you won't escape out of their hand.' "

<sup>19</sup> Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."

<sup>20</sup> But Jeremiah said, "They won't deliver you. Obey, I beg you, Yahweh's voice, in that which I speak to you; so it will be well with you, and your soul will live. <sup>21</sup> But if you refuse to go out, this is the word that Yahweh has shown me: <sup>22</sup> 'Behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house will be brought out to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women will say,

"Your familiar friends have turned on you, and have prevailed over you.

Your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away from you."

<sup>23</sup> They will bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans. You won't escape out of their hand, but will be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. You will cause this city to be burned with fire.' "

<sup>24</sup> Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you won't die. <sup>25</sup> But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and tell you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king; don't hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also tell us what the king said to you;' <sup>26</sup> then you shall tell them, 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.' "

<sup>27</sup> Then all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.



<sup>28</sup> So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

## Jeremiah Chapter 39

<sup>1</sup> In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city. <sup>3</sup> All the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, Nergal Sharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon. <sup>4</sup> When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah.

<sup>5</sup> But the army of the Chaldeans pursued them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. When they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he pronounced judgment on him. <sup>6</sup> Then the king of Babylon killed Zedekiah's sons in Riblah before his eyes. The king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah. <sup>7</sup> Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

<sup>8</sup> The Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup> Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the residue of the people who remained. <sup>10</sup> But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people,

who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

<sup>11</sup> Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard concerning Jeremiah, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Take him, and take care of him. Do him no harm; but do to him even as he tells you."

<sup>13</sup> So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, with Nebushazban, Rabсарis, and Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; <sup>14</sup> they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home. So he lived among the people.

<sup>15</sup> Now Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, <sup>16</sup> "Go, and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Behold, I will bring my words on this city for evil, and not for good; and they will be accomplished before you in that day. <sup>17</sup> But I will deliver you in that day," says Yahweh; "and you will not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. <sup>18</sup> For I will surely save you, and you won't fall by the sword, but you will escape with your life; because you have put your trust in me," says Yahweh.' "

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### **Chapter 40**

<sup>1</sup> The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon. <sup>2</sup> The captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, "Yahweh your God pronounced this evil on this place; <sup>3</sup> and Yahweh has brought it, and done according

as he spoke. Because you have sinned against Yahweh, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come on you.<sup>4</sup> Now, behold, I release you today from the chains which are on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will take care of you; but if it seems bad to you to come with me into Babylon, don't. Behold, all the land is before you. Where it seems good and right to you to go, there go."<sup>5</sup> Now while he had not yet gone back, "Go back then," he said, "to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go."

So the captain of the guard gave him food and a present, and let him go.<sup>6</sup> Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

<sup>7</sup> Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, women, children, and of the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon;<sup>8</sup> then 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, they and their men came to Gedaliah to Mizpah.<sup>9</sup> Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, "Don't be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you."<sup>10</sup> As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans who will come to us; but you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken."

<sup>11</sup> Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; <sup>12</sup> then all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered very much wine and summer fruits.

<sup>13</sup> Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, <sup>14</sup> and said to him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?"

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam didn't believe them.

<sup>15</sup> Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Please let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man will know it. Why should he take your life, that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?"

<sup>16</sup> But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael."

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### Chapter 41

<sup>1</sup> Now in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal offspring and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah. <sup>2</sup> Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword

and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. <sup>3</sup> Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

<sup>4</sup> The second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it, <sup>5</sup> men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to Yahweh's house. <sup>6</sup> Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam." <sup>7</sup> It was so, when they came into the middle of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and cast them into the middle of the pit, he, and the men who were with him. <sup>8</sup> But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael, "Don't kill us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey."

So he stopped, and didn't kill them among their brothers. <sup>9</sup> Now the pit in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had killed, by the side of Gedaliah (this was that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel), Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed.

<sup>10</sup> Then Ishmael carried away captive all the of the people who were left in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

<sup>11</sup> But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, <sup>12</sup> then they

took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. <sup>13</sup> Now when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad. <sup>14</sup> So all the people who Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. <sup>15</sup> But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon.

<sup>16</sup> Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces who were with him took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the men of war, with the women, the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon. <sup>17</sup> They departed and lived in Geruth Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt <sup>18</sup> because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

## Jeremiah Chapter 42

<sup>1</sup> Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near, <sup>2</sup> and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our supplication be presented before you, and pray for us to Yahweh your God, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes see us; <sup>3</sup> that Yahweh your God may show us the way in which we should walk, and the things that we should do."

<sup>4</sup> Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I

have heard you. Behold, I will pray to Yahweh your God according to your words; and it will happen that whatever thing Yahweh answers you, I will declare it to you. I will keep nothing back from you."

<sup>5</sup> Then they said to Jeremiah, "May Yahweh be a true and faithful witness among us, if we don't do according to all the word with which Yahweh your God sends you to tell us. <sup>6</sup> Whether it is good, or whether it is bad, we will obey the voice of Yahweh our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of Yahweh our God."

<sup>7</sup> After ten days, Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah. <sup>8</sup> Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, <sup>9</sup> and said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him, says: <sup>10</sup> 'If you will still live in this land, then I will build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought on you. <sup>11</sup> Don't be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Don't be afraid of him,' says Yahweh: 'for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. <sup>12</sup> I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land.

<sup>13</sup> " 'But if you say, "We will not dwell in this land;" so that you don't obey Yahweh your God's voice, <sup>14</sup> saying, "No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we will see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:" ' <sup>15</sup> now therefore hear Yahweh's word, O remnant of Judah: Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, 'If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there; <sup>16</sup> then it will happen that the sword, which you fear, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are afraid, will

follow close behind you there in Egypt; and you will die there.<sup>17</sup> So will it be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there. They will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. None of them will remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.'<sup>18</sup> For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'As my anger and my wrath has been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so my wrath will be poured out on you, when you enter into Egypt; and you will be an object of horror, an astonishment, a curse, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.'

<sup>19</sup>"Yahweh has spoken concerning you, remnant of Judah, 'Don't go into Egypt!' Know certainly that I have testified to you today.<sup>20</sup> For you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent me to Yahweh your God, saying, 'Pray for us to Yahweh our God; and according to all that Yahweh our God says, so declare to us, and we will do it.'<sup>21</sup> I have declared it to you today; but you have not obeyed Yahweh your God's voice in anything for which he has sent me to you.<sup>22</sup> Now therefore know certainly that you will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence in the place where you desire to go to live there."

## Jeremiah Chapter 43

<sup>1</sup> When Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of Yahweh their God, with which Yahweh their God had sent him to them, even all these words,<sup>2</sup> then Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, "You speak falsely. Yahweh our God has not sent you to say, 'You shall not go into Egypt to live there;'<sup>3</sup> but Baruch the son of Neriah has turned you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to



Babylon."

<sup>4</sup> So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, didn't obey Yahweh's voice, to dwell in the land of Judah. <sup>5</sup> But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah; <sup>6</sup> the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; <sup>7</sup> and they came into the land of Egypt; for they didn't obey Yahweh's voice: and they came to Tahpanhes.

<sup>8</sup> Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brick work, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; <sup>10</sup> and tell them, Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his royal pavilion over them. <sup>11</sup> He will come, and will strike the land of Egypt; such as are for death will be put to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. <sup>12</sup> I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. He will burn them, and carry them away captive. He will array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he will go out from there in peace. <sup>13</sup> He will also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and he will burn the houses of the gods of Egypt with fire.' "

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore now Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Why do you commit great evil against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the middle of Judah, to leave yourselves no one remaining; <sup>8</sup> in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? <sup>9</sup> Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the

streets of Jerusalem? <sup>10</sup>They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.'

<sup>11</sup>"Therefore Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. <sup>12</sup>I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there, and they will all be consumed. They will fall in the land of Egypt. They will be consumed by the sword and by the famine. They will die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine. They will be an object of horror, an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. <sup>13</sup>For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; <sup>14</sup>so that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, will escape or be left to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there; for no one will return except those who will escape.' "

<sup>15</sup>Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, <sup>16</sup>"As for the word that you have spoken to us in Yahweh's name, we will not listen to you. <sup>17</sup>But we will certainly perform every word that has gone out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. <sup>18</sup>But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of the sky, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all things, and have been consumed by the

sword and by the famine.

<sup>19</sup>“When we burned incense to the queen of the sky, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands?”

<sup>20</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people who had given him an answer, saying, <sup>21</sup>“The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, didn’t Yahweh remember them, and didn’t it come into his mind? <sup>22</sup>Thus Yahweh could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed. Therefore your land has become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is today. <sup>23</sup>Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against Yahweh, and have not obeyed Yahweh’s voice, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as it is today.”

<sup>24</sup>Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, “Hear Yahweh’s word, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt! <sup>25</sup>Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, ‘You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, “We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her.”’

“‘Establish then your vows, and perform your vows.’

<sup>26</sup>“Therefore hear Yahweh’s word, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: ‘Behold, I have sworn by my great name,’ says Yahweh, ‘that my name will no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “As the Lord

Yahweh lives.”<sup>27</sup> Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until they are all gone.<sup>28</sup> Those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah few in number. All the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, will know whose word will stand, mine or theirs.<sup>29</sup> “This will be the sign to you,” says Yahweh, ‘that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words will surely stand against you for evil.’<sup>30</sup> Yahweh says, ‘Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.’ ”

## Jeremiah Chapter 45

<sup>1</sup> The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Yahweh, the God of Israel, says to you, Baruch: <sup>3</sup> “You said, “Woe is me now! For Yahweh has added sorrow to my pain! I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.” ’

<sup>4</sup> “You shall tell him, Yahweh says: ‘Behold, that which I have built, I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land.’ <sup>5</sup> Do you seek great things for yourself? Don’t seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh,’ says Yahweh; ‘but I will let you escape with your life wherever you go.’ ”

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 46

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

<sup>2</sup>Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

<sup>3</sup>"Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle!

<sup>4</sup>Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand up with your helmets.

Polish the spears, put on the coats of mail.

<sup>5</sup>Why have I seen it?

They are dismayed and are turned backward.

Their mighty ones are beaten down, have fled in haste, and don't look back.

Terror is on every side," says Yahweh.

<sup>6</sup>"Don't let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape.

In the north by the river Euphrates they have stumbled and fallen.

<sup>7</sup>"Who is this who rises up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers?

<sup>8</sup>Egypt rises up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers.

He says, 'I will rise up. I will cover the earth. I will destroy cities and its inhabitants.'

<sup>9</sup>Go up, you horses!

Rage, you chariots!

Let the mighty men go out:

Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.

<sup>10</sup>For that day is of the Lord, Yahweh of

Armies,  
a day of vengeance,  
that he may avenge himself of his  
adversaries.

The sword will devour and be satiated,  
and will drink its fill of their blood;  
for the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, has a  
sacrifice in the north country by the river  
Euphrates.

<sup>11</sup> Go up into Gilead, and take balm, virgin  
daughter of Egypt.

You use many medicines in vain.

There is no healing for you.

<sup>12</sup> The nations have heard of your shame,  
and the earth is full of your cry;  
for the mighty man has stumbled against  
the mighty,  
they both fall together."

<sup>13</sup> The word that Yahweh spoke to Jeremiah  
the prophet, how that Nebuchadnezzar king  
of Babylon should come and strike the land  
of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "Declare in Egypt,  
publish in Migdol,  
and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes:  
say, 'Stand up, and prepare;  
for the sword has devoured around you.'

<sup>15</sup> Why are your strong ones swept away?  
They didn't stand, because Yahweh pushed  
them.

<sup>16</sup> He made many to stumble.  
Yes, they fell on one another.  
They said, 'Arise! Let's go again to our own  
people,  
and to the land of our birth,  
from the oppressing sword.'

<sup>17</sup> They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is  
but a noise;  
he has let the appointed time pass by.'

<sup>18</sup> "As I live," says the King,  
whose name is Yahweh of Armies,  
"surely like Tabor among the mountains,  
and like Carmel by the sea,  
so he will come.

<sup>19</sup> You daughter who dwells in Egypt,  
furnish yourself to go into captivity;  
for Memphis will become a desolation,  
and will be burned up,  
without inhabitant.

<sup>20</sup> "Egypt is a very beautiful heifer;  
but destruction out of the north has come.  
It has come.

<sup>21</sup> Also her hired men in the middle of her  
are like calves of the stall;  
for they also are turned back.  
They have fled away together.  
They didn't stand,  
for the day of their calamity has come on  
them,  
the time of their visitation.

<sup>22</sup> Its sound will go like the serpent;  
for they will march with an army,  
and come against her with axes, as wood  
cutters.

<sup>23</sup> They will cut down her forest," says  
Yahweh,  
"though it can't be searched;  
because they are more than the locusts,  
and are innumerable.

<sup>24</sup> The daughter of Egypt will be  
disappointed;  
she will be delivered into the hand of the  
people of the north."

<sup>25</sup> Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel,  
says: "Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and  
Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her  
kings; even Pharaoh, and those who trust in  
him. <sup>26</sup> I will deliver them into the hand of  
those who seek their lives, and into the  
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,  
and into the hand of his servants.  
Afterwards it will be inhabited, as in the  
days of old," says Yahweh.

<sup>27</sup> "But don't you be afraid, Jacob my  
servant.  
Don't be dismayed, Israel;  
for, behold, I will save you from afar,  
and your offspring from the land of their  
captivity.



Jacob will return,  
and will be quiet and at ease.  
No one will make him afraid.  
<sup>28</sup> Don't be afraid, O Jacob my servant," says  
Yahweh;  
"for I am with you;  
for I will make a full end of all the nations  
where I have driven you;  
but I will not make a full end of you,  
but I will correct you in measure,  
and will in no way leave you unpunished."

## Jeremiah Chapter 47

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza.

<sup>2</sup> Yahweh says:

"Behold, waters rise up out of the north,  
and will become an overflowing stream,  
and will overflow the land and all that is therein,  
the city and those who dwell therein.  
The men will cry,  
and all the inhabitants of the land will wail.

<sup>3</sup> At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones,  
at the rushing of his chariots,  
at the rumbling of his wheels,  
the fathers don't look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

<sup>4</sup> because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines,  
to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains;  
for Yahweh will destroy the Philistines,  
the remnant of the isle of Caphtor.

<sup>5</sup> Baldness has come on Gaza;  
Ashkelon is brought to nothing,  
the remnant of their valley:  
how long will you cut yourself?

<sup>6</sup> "You sword of Yahweh, how long will it be before you are quiet?  
Put yourself back into your scabbard;

rest, and be still.'

<sup>7</sup>"How can you be quiet,  
since Yahweh has given you a command?  
Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore,  
there has he appointed it."

### Jeremiah Chapter 48

<sup>1</sup> Of Moab. Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says:

"Woe to Nebo!

For it is laid waste.

Kiriathaim is disappointed.

It is taken.

Misgab\* is put to shame  
and broken down.

<sup>2</sup> The praise of Moab is no more.

In Heshbon they have devised evil against her:

'Come! Let's cut her off from being a nation.'

You also, Madmen, will be brought to silence.

The sword will pursue you.

<sup>3</sup> The sound of a cry from Horonaim,  
desolation and great destruction!

<sup>4</sup> Moab is destroyed.

Her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

<sup>5</sup> For they will go up by the ascent of Luhith  
with continual weeping.

For at the descent of Horonaim they have  
heard the distress of the cry of destruction.

<sup>6</sup> Flee! Save your lives!

Be like the juniper bush in the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup> For, because you have trusted in your  
works and in your treasures,  
you also will be taken.

Chemosh will go out into captivity,  
his priests and his princes together.

<sup>8</sup> The destroyer will come on every city,  
and no city will escape;  
the valley also will perish,  
and the plain will be destroyed; as Yahweh

has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> Give wings to Moab,  
that she may fly and get herself away:  
and her cities will become a desolation,  
without anyone to dwell in them.

<sup>10</sup> "Cursed is he who does the work of  
Yahweh negligently;  
and cursed is he who keeps back his sword  
from blood.

<sup>11</sup> "Moab has been at ease from his youth,  
and he has settled on his lees,  
and has not been emptied from vessel to  
vessel,  
neither has he gone into captivity:  
therefore his taste remains in him,  
and his scent is not changed.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore behold, the days come," says  
Yahweh,  
"that I will send to him those who pour off,  
and they will pour him off;  
and they will empty his vessels,  
and break their containers in pieces.

<sup>13</sup> Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh,  
as the house of Israel was ashamed of  
Bethel, their confidence.

<sup>14</sup> "How do you say, 'We are mighty men,  
and valiant men for the war?'

<sup>15</sup> Moab is laid waste,  
and they have gone up into his cities,  
and his chosen young men have gone down  
to the slaughter,"  
says the King, whose name is Yahweh of  
Armies.

<sup>16</sup> "The calamity of Moab is near to come,  
and his affliction hurries fast.

<sup>17</sup> All you who are around him, bemoan him,  
and all you who know his name; say,  
'How the strong staff is broken,  
the beautiful rod!'

<sup>18</sup> "You daughter who dwells in Dibon,  
come down from your glory,  
and sit in thirst;

for the destroyer of Moab has come up  
against you.

He has destroyed your strongholds.

<sup>19</sup> Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way and  
watch.

Ask him who flees, and her who escapes;  
say, 'What has been done?'

<sup>20</sup> Moab is disappointed;  
for it is broken down.

Wail and cry!

Tell it by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste.

<sup>21</sup> Judgment has come on the plain country,  
on Holon, on Jahzah, on Mephaath,

<sup>22</sup> on Dibon, on Nebo, on Beth Diblathaim,

<sup>23</sup> on Kiriathaim, on Beth Gamul, on Beth  
Meon,

<sup>24</sup> on Keriath, on Bozrah,  
and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far  
or near.

<sup>25</sup> The horn of Moab is cut off,  
and his arm is broken," says Yahweh.

<sup>26</sup> "Make him drunken;  
for he magnified himself against Yahweh.  
Moab will wallow in his vomit,  
and he also will be in derision.

<sup>27</sup> For wasn't Israel a derision to you?

Was he found among thieves?

For as often as you speak of him,  
you shake your head.

<sup>28</sup> You inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities,  
and dwell in the rock.

Be like the dove that makes her nest over  
the mouth of the abyss.

<sup>29</sup> "We have heard of the pride of Moab.

He is very proud in his loftiness, his pride,  
his arrogance, and the arrogance of his  
heart.

<sup>30</sup> I know his wrath," says Yahweh, "that it is  
nothing;

his boastings have done nothing.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore I will wail for Moab.

Yes, I will cry out for all Moab.

They will mourn for the men of Kir Heres.

<sup>32</sup> With more than the weeping of Jazer

I will weep for you, vine of Sibmah.  
Your branches passed over the sea.  
They reached even to the sea of Jazer.  
The destroyer has fallen on your summer  
fruits

and on your vintage.

<sup>33</sup> Gladness and joy is taken away from the  
fruitful field

and from the land of Moab.

I have caused wine to cease from the wine  
presses.

No one will tread with shouting.

The shouting will be no shouting.

<sup>34</sup> From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh,  
even to Jahaz they have uttered their voice,  
from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath  
Shelishiyah;

for the waters of Nimrim will also become  
desolate.

<sup>35</sup> Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab,"  
says Yahweh,

"him who offers in the high place,  
and him who burns incense to his gods.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like  
pipes,  
and my heart sounds like pipes for the men  
of Kir Heres.

Therefore the abundance that he has gotten  
has perished.

<sup>37</sup> For every head is bald,  
and every beard clipped.

There are cuttings on all the hands,  
and sackcloth on the waist.

<sup>38</sup> On all the housetops of Moab,  
and in its streets, there is lamentation  
everywhere;

for I have broken Moab like a vessel in  
which no one delights," says Yahweh.

<sup>39</sup> "How it is broken down!

How they wail!

How Moab has turned the back with shame!

So will Moab become a derision  
and a terror to all who are around him."

<sup>40</sup> For Yahweh says: "Behold, he will fly as  
an eagle,  
and will spread out his wings against Moab.

<sup>41</sup> Keriath is taken,  
and the strongholds are seized.  
The heart of the mighty men of Moab at  
that day  
will be as the heart of a woman in her  
pangs.

<sup>42</sup> Moab will be destroyed from being a  
people,  
because he has magnified himself against  
Yahweh.

<sup>43</sup> Terror, the pit, and the snare are on you,  
inhabitant of Moab," says Yahweh.

<sup>44</sup> "He who flees from the terror will fall into  
the pit;  
and he who gets up out of the pit will be  
taken in the snare:  
for I will bring on him, even on Moab,  
the year of their visitation," says Yahweh.

<sup>45</sup> "Those who fled stand without strength  
under the shadow of Heshbon;  
for a fire has gone out of Heshbon,  
and a flame from the middle of Sihon,  
and has devoured the corner of Moab,  
and the crown of the head of the  
tumultuous ones.

<sup>46</sup> Woe to you, O Moab!  
The people of Chemosh are undone;  
for your sons are taken away captive,  
and your daughters into captivity.

<sup>47</sup> "Yet I will reverse the captivity of Moab in  
the latter days,"  
says Yahweh.  
Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

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\***48:1** or, The stronghold

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## Jeremiah Chapter 49

<sup>1</sup> Of the children of Ammon. Yahweh says:  
"Has Israel no sons?"

Has he no heir?

Why then does Malcam possess Gad,  
and his people dwell in its cities?

<sup>2</sup> Therefore behold, the days come,"

says Yahweh,

"that I will cause an alarm of war to be  
heard against Rabbah of the children of  
Ammon;

and it will become a desolate heap,

and her daughters will be burned with fire:

then Israel will possess those who  
possessed him,"

says Yahweh.

<sup>3</sup> "Wail, Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste!

Cry, you daughters of Rabbah!

Clothe yourself in sackcloth.

Lament, and run back and forth among the  
fences;

for Malcam will go into captivity,

his priests and his princes together.

<sup>4</sup> Why do you boast in the valleys,  
your flowing valley, backsliding daughter?

You trusted in her treasures,  
saying, 'Who will come to me?'

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will bring a terror on you,"

says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,

"from all who are around you.

All of you will be driven completely out,

and there will be no one to gather together  
the fugitives.

<sup>6</sup> "But afterward I will reverse the captivity  
of the children of Ammon,"

says Yahweh.

<sup>7</sup> Of Edom, Yahweh of Armies says:

"Is wisdom no more in Teman?

Has counsel perished from the prudent?

Has their wisdom vanished?

<sup>8</sup> Flee! Turn back!

Dwell in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan;

for I will bring the calamity of Esau on him  
when I visit him.

<sup>9</sup> If grape gatherers came to you,  
would they not leave some gleaning grapes?

If thieves came by night,

wouldn't they steal until they had enough?

<sup>10</sup> But I have made Esau bare,  
I have uncovered his secret places,  
and he will not be able to hide himself.  
His offspring is destroyed,  
with his brothers and his neighbors;  
and he is no more.

<sup>11</sup> Leave your fatherless children.  
I will preserve them alive.  
Let your widows trust in me."

<sup>12</sup> For Yahweh says: "Behold, they to whom  
it didn't pertain to drink of the cup will  
certainly drink; and are you he who will  
altogether go unpunished? You won't go  
unpunished, but you will surely drink. <sup>13</sup> For  
I have sworn by myself," says Yahweh, "that  
Bozrah will become an astonishment, a  
reproach, a waste, and a curse. All its cities  
will be perpetual wastes."

<sup>14</sup> I have heard news from Yahweh,  
and an ambassador is sent among the  
nations,  
saying, "Gather yourselves together!  
Come against her!  
Rise up to the battle!"

<sup>15</sup> "For, behold, I have made you small  
among the nations,  
and despised among men.

<sup>16</sup> As for your terror,  
the pride of your heart has deceived you,  
O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock,  
who hold the height of the hill,  
though you should make your nest as high  
as the eagle,  
I will bring you down from there," says  
Yahweh.

<sup>17</sup> "Edom will become an astonishment.  
Everyone who passes by it will be  
astonished,  
and will hiss at all its plagues.

<sup>18</sup> As in the overthrow of Sodom and  
Gomorrah and its neighbor cities," says  
Yahweh,  
"no man will dwell there,  
neither will any son of man live therein.



<sup>19</sup>“Behold, he will come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation:

for I will suddenly make them run away from it;

and whoever is chosen, I will appoint him over it.

For who is like me?

Who will appoint me a time?

Who is the shepherd who will stand before me?”

<sup>20</sup>Therefore hear the counsel of Yahweh, that he has taken against Edom;

and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

Surely they will drag them away, the little ones of the flock.

Surely he will make their habitation desolate over them.

<sup>21</sup>The earth trembles at the noise of their fall;

there is a cry, the noise which is heard in the Red Sea.

<sup>22</sup>Behold, he will come up and fly as the eagle,

and spread out his wings against Bozrah.

The heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day will be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

<sup>23</sup>Of Damascus:

“Hamath is confounded, and Arpad;

for they have heard evil news.

They have melted away.

There is sorrow on the sea.

It can’t be quiet.

<sup>24</sup>Damascus has grown feeble,

she turns herself to flee,

and trembling has seized her.

Anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her,

as of a woman in travail.

<sup>25</sup>How is the city of praise not forsaken,

the city of my joy?

<sup>26</sup>Therefore her young men will fall in her

streets,  
and all the men of war will be brought to  
silence in that day,"  
says Yahweh of Armies.

<sup>27</sup> "I will kindle a fire in the wall of  
Damascus,  
and it will devour the palaces of Ben  
Hadad."

<sup>28</sup> Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor,  
which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon  
struck. Yahweh says:

"Arise, go up to Kedar,  
and destroy the children of the east.

<sup>29</sup> They will take their tents and their flocks.  
they will carry away for themselves their  
curtains,  
all their vessels, and their camels;  
and they will cry to them, 'Terror on every  
side!'

<sup>30</sup> Flee!

Wander far off!

Dwell in the depths, you inhabitants of  
Hazor," says Yahweh;

"for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has  
taken counsel against you,  
and has conceived a purpose against you.

<sup>31</sup> Arise! Go up to a nation that is at ease,  
that dwells without care," says Yahweh;  
"that has neither gates nor bars,  
that dwells alone.

<sup>32</sup> Their camels will be a booty,  
and the multitude of their livestock a  
plunder.

I will scatter to all winds those who have the  
corners of their beards cut off;  
and I will bring their calamity from every  
side of them,"  
says Yahweh.

<sup>33</sup> Hazor will be a dwelling place of jackals,  
a desolation forever.

No man will dwell there,  
neither will any son of man live therein."

<sup>34</sup> Yahweh's word that came to Jeremiah the  
prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning

of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah,  
saying,<sup>35</sup> "Yahweh of Armies says:  
'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,  
the chief of their might.

<sup>36</sup> I will bring on Elam the four winds from  
the four quarters of the sky,  
and will scatter them toward all those winds.  
There will be no nation where the outcasts  
of Elam will not come.

<sup>37</sup> I will cause Elam to be dismayed before  
their enemies,  
and before those who seek their life.  
I will bring evil on them, even my fierce  
anger,' says Yahweh;  
'and I will send the sword after them,  
until I have consumed them.

<sup>38</sup> I will set my throne in Elam,  
and will destroy from there king and  
princes,' says Yahweh.

<sup>39</sup> 'But it will happen in the latter days  
that I will reverse the captivity of Elam,'  
says Yahweh."

## Jeremiah

### Chapter 50

<sup>1</sup> The word that Yahweh spoke concerning  
Babylon, concerning the land of the  
Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

<sup>2</sup> "Declare among the nations and publish,  
and set up a standard;  
publish, and don't conceal:  
say, 'Babylon has been taken,  
Bel is disappointed,  
Merodach is dismayed!  
Her images are disappointed.  
Her idols are dismayed.'

<sup>3</sup> For a nation comes up out of the north  
against her,  
which will make her land desolate,  
and no one will dwell in it.  
They have fled.  
They are gone,  
both man and animal.

<sup>4</sup> "In those days, and in that time," says

Yahweh,  
"the children of Israel will come,  
they and the children of Judah together;  
they will go on their way weeping,  
and will seek Yahweh their God.

<sup>5</sup> They will inquire concerning Zion with their  
faces turned toward it,  
saying, 'Come, and join yourselves to  
Yahweh in an everlasting covenant  
that will not be forgotten.'

<sup>6</sup> My people have been lost sheep.  
Their shepherds have caused them to go  
astray.  
They have turned them away on the  
mountains.

They have gone from mountain to hill.  
They have forgotten their resting place.

<sup>7</sup> All who found them have devoured them.  
Their adversaries said, 'We are not guilty,  
because they have sinned against Yahweh,  
the habitation of righteousness,  
even Yahweh, the hope of their fathers.'

<sup>8</sup> "Flee out of the middle of Babylon!  
Go out of the land of the Chaldeans,  
and be as the male goats before the flocks.

<sup>9</sup> For, behold, I will stir up  
and cause to come up against Babylon a  
company of great nations from the north  
country;  
and they will set themselves in array against  
her.

She will be taken from there.  
Their arrows will be as of an expert mighty  
man.

None of them will return in vain.

<sup>10</sup> Chaldea will be a prey.  
All who prey on her will be satisfied," says  
Yahweh.

<sup>11</sup> "Because you are glad,  
because you rejoice,  
O you who plunder my heritage,  
because you are wanton as a heifer that  
treads out the grain,  
and neigh as strong horses;

<sup>12</sup> your mother will be utterly disappointed.  
She who bore you will be confounded.  
Behold, she will be the least of the nations,  
a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

<sup>13</sup> Because of Yahweh's wrath she won't be  
inhabited,  
but she will be wholly desolate.  
Everyone who goes by Babylon will be  
astonished,  
and hiss at all her plagues.

<sup>14</sup> Set yourselves in array against Babylon all  
around,  
all you who bend the bow;  
shoot at her.  
Spare no arrows;  
for she has sinned against Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> Shout against her all around.  
She has submitted herself.  
Her bulwarks have fallen.  
Her walls have been thrown down,  
for it is the vengeance of Yahweh.  
Take vengeance on her.  
As she has done, do to her.

<sup>16</sup> Cut off the sower from Babylon,  
and him who handles the sickle in the time  
of harvest.  
For fear of the oppressing sword,  
they will each return to their own people,  
and they will each flee to their own land.

<sup>17</sup> "Israel is a hunted sheep.  
The lions have driven him away.  
First, the king of Assyria devoured him,  
and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of  
Babylon has broken his bones."

<sup>18</sup> Therefore Yahweh of Armies, the God of  
Israel, says:

"Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon  
and his land,  
as I have punished the king of Assyria.

<sup>19</sup> I will bring Israel again to his pasture,  
and he will feed on Carmel and Bashan.  
His soul will be satisfied on the hills of  
Ephraim and in Gilead.

<sup>20</sup> In those days, and in that time," says  
Yahweh,

"the iniquity of Israel will be sought for,  
and there will be none;  
also the sins of Judah,  
and they won't be found;  
for I will pardon them whom I leave as a  
remnant.

<sup>21</sup> "Go up against the land of Merathaim,  
even against it, and against the inhabitants  
of Pekod.

Kill and utterly destroy after them," says  
Yahweh,

"and do according to all that I have  
commanded you.

<sup>22</sup> A sound of battle is in the land,  
and of great destruction.

<sup>23</sup> How the hammer of the whole earth is cut  
apart and broken!

How Babylon has become a desolation  
among the nations!

<sup>24</sup> I have laid a snare for you,  
and you are also taken, Babylon,  
and you weren't aware.

You are found,  
and also caught,  
because you have fought against Yahweh.

<sup>25</sup> Yahweh has opened his armory,  
and has brought out the weapons of his  
indignation;  
for the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, has a work  
to do in the land of the Chaldeans.

<sup>26</sup> Come against her from the farthest  
border.

Open her storehouses.

Cast her up as heaps.

Destroy her utterly.

Let nothing of her be left.

<sup>27</sup> Kill all her bulls.

Let them go down to the slaughter.

Woe to them! For their day has come,  
the time of their visitation.

<sup>28</sup> Listen to those who flee and escape out of  
the land of Babylon,  
to declare in Zion the vengeance of Yahweh  
our God,  
the vengeance of his temple.

<sup>29</sup> "Call together the archers against  
Babylon,  
all those who bend the bow.  
Encamp against her all around.  
Let none of it escape.

Pay her back according to her work.  
According to all that she has done, do to  
her;  
for she has been proud against Yahweh,  
against the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore her young men will fall in her  
streets.

All her men of war will be brought to silence  
in that day," says Yahweh.

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, I am against you, you proud  
one," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies;  
"for your day has come,  
the time that I will visit you.

<sup>32</sup> The proud one will stumble and fall,  
and no one will raise him up.  
I will kindle a fire in his cities,  
and it will devour all who are around him."

<sup>33</sup> Yahweh of Armies says: "The children of  
Israel and the children of Judah are  
oppressed together.

All who took them captive hold them fast.  
They refuse to let them go.

<sup>34</sup> Their Redeemer is strong:  
Yahweh of Armies is his name.  
He will thoroughly plead their cause,  
that he may give rest to the earth,  
and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

<sup>35</sup> "A sword is on the Chaldeans," says  
Yahweh,  
"and on the inhabitants of Babylon,  
on her princes,  
and on her wise men.

<sup>36</sup> A sword is on the boasters,  
and they will become fools.  
A sword is on her mighty men,  
and they will be dismayed.

<sup>37</sup> A sword is on their horses,  
on their chariots,  
and on all the mixed people who are in the

middle of her;  
and they will become as women.

A sword is on her treasures,  
and they will be robbed.

<sup>38</sup> A drought is on her waters,  
and they will be dried up;  
for it is a land of engraved images,  
and they are mad over idols.

<sup>39</sup> Therefore the wild animals of the desert  
with the wolves will dwell there.  
The ostriches will dwell therein;  
and it will be inhabited no more forever;  
neither will it be lived in from generation to  
generation.

<sup>40</sup> As when God overthrew Sodom and  
Gomorrah and its neighbor cities," says  
Yahweh,  
"so no man will dwell there,  
neither will any son of man live therein.

<sup>41</sup> "Behold, a people comes from the north;  
and a great nation and many kings will be  
stirred up from the uttermost parts of the  
earth.

<sup>42</sup> They take up bow and spear.  
They are cruel, and have no mercy.  
Their voice roars like the sea.  
They ride on horses,  
everyone set in array,  
as a man to the battle,  
against you, daughter of Babylon.

<sup>43</sup> The king of Babylon has heard the news  
of them,  
and his hands become feeble:  
anguish has taken hold of him,  
pains as of a woman in labor.

<sup>44</sup> Behold, the enemy will come up like a lion  
from the pride of the Jordan against the  
strong habitation;  
for I will suddenly make them run away  
from it.

Whoever is chosen,  
I will appoint him over it;  
for who is like me?  
Who will appoint me a time?  
Who is the shepherd who can stand before



me?"

<sup>45</sup> Therefore hear the counsel of Yahweh,  
that he has taken against Babylon;  
and his purposes,  
that he has purposed against the land of the  
Chaldeans:

Surely they will drag them away,  
even the little ones of the flock.  
Surely he will make their habitation desolate  
over them.

<sup>46</sup> At the noise of the taking of Babylon the  
earth trembles;  
and the cry is heard among the nations.

## Jeremiah Chapter 51

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh says:

"Behold, I will raise up against Babylon,  
and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a  
destroying wind.

<sup>2</sup> I will send to Babylon strangers, who will  
winnow her.

They will empty her land;  
for in the day of trouble they will be against  
her all around.

<sup>3</sup> Against him who bends, let the archer  
bend his bow,  
also against him who lifts himself up in his  
coat of mail.

Don't spare her young men!  
Utterly destroy all her army!

<sup>4</sup> They will fall down slain in the land of the  
Chaldeans,  
and thrust through in her streets.

<sup>5</sup> For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, by  
his God,  
by Yahweh of Armies;  
though their land is full of guilt against the  
Holy One of Israel.

<sup>6</sup> "Flee out of the middle of Babylon!  
Everyone save his own life!  
Don't be cut off in her iniquity;  
for it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance.  
He will render to her a recompense.

<sup>7</sup> Babylon has been a golden cup in  
Yahweh's hand,  
who made all the earth drunk.

The nations have drunk of her wine;  
therefore the nations have gone mad.

<sup>8</sup> Babylon has suddenly fallen and been  
destroyed!

Wail for her!

Take balm for her pain.

Perhaps she may be healed.

<sup>9</sup> "We would have healed Babylon,  
but she is not healed.

Forsake her,  
and let's each go into his own country;  
for her judgment reaches to heaven,  
and is lifted up even to the skies.

<sup>10</sup> 'Yahweh has produced our righteousness:  
come, and let's declare in Zion the work of  
Yahweh our God.'

<sup>11</sup> "Make the arrows sharp!

Hold the shields firmly!

Yahweh has stirred up the spirit of the kings  
of the Medes,

because his purpose is against Babylon, to  
destroy it;

for it is the vengeance of Yahweh,  
the vengeance of his temple.

<sup>12</sup> Set up a standard against the walls of  
Babylon!

Make the watch strong!

Set the watchmen,

and prepare the ambushes;

for Yahweh has both purposed and done  
that which he spoke concerning the  
inhabitants of Babylon.

<sup>13</sup> You who dwell on many waters, abundant  
in treasures,  
your end has come, the measure of your  
covetousness.

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh of Armies has sworn by himself,  
saying,

'Surely I will fill you with men,

as with the canker worm;

and they will lift up a shout against you.'

<sup>15</sup> "He has made the earth by his power.  
He has established the world by his wisdom.  
By his understanding he has stretched out  
the heavens.

<sup>16</sup> When he utters his voice,  
there is a roar of waters in the heavens,  
and he causes the vapors to ascend from  
the ends of the earth.  
He makes lightning for the rain,  
and brings the wind out of his treasuries.

<sup>17</sup> "Every man has become brutish without  
knowledge.  
Every goldsmith is disappointed by his  
image;  
for his molten image is falsehood,  
and there is no breath in them.

<sup>18</sup> They are vanity,  
a work of delusion.  
In the time of their visitation, they will  
perish.

<sup>19</sup> The portion of Jacob is not like these,  
for he is the former of all things;  
including the tribe of his inheritance:  
Yahweh of Armies is his name.

<sup>20</sup> "You are my battle ax and weapons of  
war.  
With you I will break the nations into pieces.  
With you I will destroy kingdoms.

<sup>21</sup> With you I will break in pieces  
the horse and his rider.

<sup>22</sup> With you I will break in pieces  
the chariot and him who rides therein.  
With you I will break in pieces  
man and woman.

With you I will break in pieces  
the old man and the youth.

With you I will break in pieces  
the young man and the virgin.

<sup>23</sup> With you I will break in pieces  
the shepherd and his flock.

With you I will break in pieces  
the farmer and his yoke.

With you I will break in pieces

governors and deputies.

<sup>24</sup>“I will render to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight,” says Yahweh.

<sup>25</sup>“Behold, I am against you, destroying mountain,” says Yahweh,  
“which destroys all the earth.

I will stretch out my hand on you,  
roll you down from the rocks,  
and will make you a burned mountain.

<sup>26</sup>They won’t take a cornerstone from you,  
nor a stone for foundations;  
but you will be desolate forever,” says Yahweh.

<sup>27</sup>“Set up a standard in the land!  
Blow the trumpet among the nations!  
Prepare the nations against her!  
Call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz!  
Appoint a marshal against her!  
Cause the horses to come up as the rough canker worm!

<sup>28</sup>Prepare against her the nations,  
the kings of the Medes, its governors, and all its deputies, and all the land of their dominion!

<sup>29</sup>The land trembles and is in pain;  
for the purposes of Yahweh against Babylon stand,  
to make the land of Babylon a desolation,  
without inhabitant.

<sup>30</sup>The mighty men of Babylon have stopped fighting,  
they remain in their strongholds.  
Their might has failed.

They have become as women.  
Her dwelling places are set on fire.  
Her bars are broken.

<sup>31</sup>One runner will run to meet another,  
and one messenger to meet another,  
to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every quarter.

<sup>32</sup>So the passages are seized.  
They have burned the reeds with fire.

The men of war are frightened."

<sup>33</sup> For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says:

"The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time when it is trodden. Yet a little while, and the time of harvest comes for her."

<sup>34</sup> "Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me.

He has crushed me.

He has made me an empty vessel.

He has, like a monster, swallowed me up.

He has filled his mouth with my delicacies.

He has cast me out.

<sup>35</sup> May the violence done to me and to my flesh be on Babylon!"

the inhabitant of Zion will say; and,

"May my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea!"

will Jerusalem say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore Yahweh says:

"Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you.

I will dry up her sea,

and make her fountain dry.

<sup>37</sup> Babylon will become heaps,

a dwelling place for jackals,

an astonishment, and a hissing,

without inhabitant.

<sup>38</sup> They will roar together like young lions.

They will growl as lions' cubs.

<sup>39</sup> When they are heated, I will make their feast,

and I will make them drunk,

that they may rejoice,

and sleep a perpetual sleep,

and not wake up," says Yahweh.

<sup>40</sup> "I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter,

like rams with male goats.

<sup>41</sup> "How Sheshach is taken!

How the praise of the whole earth seized!

How Babylon has become a desolation  
among the nations!

<sup>42</sup> The sea has come up on Babylon.

She is covered with the multitude of its  
waves.

<sup>43</sup> Her cities have become a desolation,  
a dry land, and a desert,  
a land in which no man dwells.

No son of man passes by it.

<sup>44</sup> I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon,  
and I will bring out of his mouth that which  
he has swallowed up.

The nations will not flow any more to him.

Yes, the wall of Babylon will fall.

<sup>45</sup> "My people, go away from the middle of  
her,  
and each of you save yourselves from  
Yahweh's fierce anger.

<sup>46</sup> Don't let your heart faint.

Don't fear for the news that will be heard in  
the land.

For news will come one year,  
and after that in another year news will  
come,  
and violence in the land,  
ruler against ruler.

<sup>47</sup> Therefore behold, the days come that I  
will execute judgment on the engraved  
images of Babylon;  
and her whole land will be confounded.

All her slain will fall in the middle of her.

<sup>48</sup> Then the heavens and the earth,  
and all that is therein,  
will sing for joy over Babylon;  
for the destroyers will come to her from the  
north," says Yahweh.

<sup>49</sup> "As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel  
to fall,  
so the slain of all the land will fall at  
Babylon.

<sup>50</sup> You who have escaped the sword, go!

Don't stand still!

Remember Yahweh from afar,  
and let Jerusalem come into your mind."

<sup>51</sup> "We are confounded,  
because we have heard reproach.  
Confusion has covered our faces,  
for strangers have come into the sanctuaries  
of Yahweh's house."

<sup>52</sup> "Therefore behold, the days come," says  
Yahweh,  
"that I will execute judgment on her  
engraved images;  
and through all her land the wounded will  
groan."

<sup>53</sup> Though Babylon should mount up to the  
sky,  
and though she should fortify the height of  
her strength,  
yet destroyers will come to her from me,"  
says Yahweh.

<sup>54</sup> "The sound of a cry comes from Babylon,  
and of great destruction from the land of  
the Chaldeans!

<sup>55</sup> For Yahweh lays Babylon waste,  
and destroys out of her the great voice!  
Their waves roar like many waters.  
The noise of their voice is uttered.

<sup>56</sup> For the destroyer has come on her,  
even on Babylon.  
Her mighty men are taken.  
Their bows are broken in pieces,  
for Yahweh is a God of retribution.  
He will surely repay.

<sup>57</sup> I will make her princes, her wise men,  
her governors, her deputies, and her mighty  
men drunk.  
They will sleep a perpetual sleep,  
and not wake up,"  
says the King, whose name is Yahweh of  
Armies.

<sup>58</sup> Yahweh of Armies says:  
"The wide walls of Babylon will be utterly  
overthrown.  
Her high gates will be burned with fire.  
The peoples will labor for vanity,  
and the nations for the fire;

and they will be weary.”

<sup>59</sup>The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief quartermaster. <sup>60</sup>Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon. <sup>61</sup>Jeremiah said to Seraiah, “When you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words, <sup>62</sup>and say, ‘Yahweh, you have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that no one will dwell in it, neither man nor animal, but that it will be desolate forever.’ <sup>63</sup>It will be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the middle of the Euphrates. <sup>64</sup>Then you shall say, ‘Thus will Babylon sink, and will not rise again because of the evil that I will bring on her; and they will be weary.’ ”

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah**  
**Chapter 52**

<sup>1</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign. He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>2</sup>He did that which was evil in Yahweh’s sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. <sup>3</sup>For through Yahweh’s anger this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. <sup>4</sup>In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. <sup>5</sup>So the city was besieged to the eleventh year



of king Zedekiah.

<sup>6</sup>In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. <sup>7</sup>Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden. Now the Chaldeans were against the city all around. The men of war went toward the Arabah, <sup>8</sup>but the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. <sup>9</sup>Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he pronounced judgment on him. <sup>10</sup>The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah. <sup>11</sup>He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

<sup>12</sup>Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>He burned Yahweh's house, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, he burned with fire. <sup>14</sup>All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. <sup>15</sup>Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people who were left in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. <sup>16</sup>But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers.

<sup>17</sup>The Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze

that were in Yahweh's house, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in Yahweh's house in pieces, and carried all of their bronze to Babylon.<sup>18</sup> They also took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered.<sup>19</sup> The captain of the guard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lamp stands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver.

<sup>20</sup> They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made for Yahweh's house. The bronze of all these vessels was without weight.<sup>21</sup> As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits;<sup>\*</sup> and a line of twelve cubits encircled it; and its thickness was four fingers. It was hollow.<sup>22</sup> A capital of bronze was on it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits,<sup>†</sup> with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze: and the second pillar also had like these, and pomegranates.<sup>23</sup> There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were one hundred on the network all around.

<sup>24</sup> The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold:<sup>25</sup> and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the middle of the city.<sup>26</sup> Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.<sup>27</sup> The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath.

So Judah was carried away captive out of

his land. <sup>28</sup>This is the number of the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive:

in the seventh year, three thousand twenty-three Jews;

<sup>29</sup>in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons;

<sup>30</sup>in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five people:

all the people were four thousand six hundred.

<sup>31</sup>In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and released him from prison. <sup>32</sup>He spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, <sup>33</sup>and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life. <sup>34</sup>For his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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**\*52:21** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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## Lamentations

### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> How the city sits solitary,  
that was full of people!  
She has become as a widow,  
who was great among the nations!  
She who was a princess among the  
provinces  
has become a slave!

<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night.  
Her tears are on her cheeks.  
Among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her.  
All her friends have dealt treacherously with  
her.  
They have become her enemies.

<sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into captivity because of  
affliction,  
and because of great servitude.  
She dwells among the nations.  
She finds no rest.  
All her persecutors overtook her within the  
straits.

<sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn,  
because no one comes to the solemn  
assembly.  
All her gates are desolate.  
Her priests sigh.

Her virgins are afflicted,  
and she herself is in bitterness.

<sup>5</sup> Her adversaries have become the head.  
Her enemies prosper;  
for Yahweh\* has afflicted her for the  
multitude of her transgressions.  
Her young children have gone into captivity  
before the adversary.

<sup>6</sup> All majesty has departed from the  
daughter of Zion.  
Her princes have become like deer that find  
no pasture.  
They have gone without strength before the  
pursuer.

<sup>7</sup> Jerusalem remembers in the days of her  
affliction and of her miseries  
all her pleasant things that were 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 desolations.

<sup>8</sup> Jerusalem has grievously sinned.  
Therefore she has become unclean.  
All who honored her despise her,  
because they have seen her nakedness.

Yes, she sighs, and turns backward.

<sup>9</sup> Her filthiness was in her skirts.

She didn't remember her latter end.

Therefore she has come down astoundingly.

She has no comforter.

"See, Yahweh, my affliction;

for the enemy has magnified himself."

<sup>10</sup> The adversary has spread out his hand on  
all her pleasant things;

for she has seen that the nations have  
entered into her sanctuary,

concerning whom you commanded that they  
should not enter into your assembly.

<sup>11</sup> All her people sigh.

They seek bread.

They have given their pleasant things for  
food to refresh their soul.

"Look, Yahweh, and see;

for I have become despised."

<sup>12</sup> "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look, and see if there is any sorrow like my  
sorrow,

which is brought on me,

with which Yahweh has afflicted me in the  
day of his fierce anger.

<sup>13</sup> "From on high has he sent fire into my

bones,  
and it prevails against them.  
He has spread a net for my feet.  
He has turned me back.  
He has made me desolate and I faint all day  
long.

<sup>14</sup>“The yoke of my transgressions is bound  
by his hand.  
They are knit together.  
They have come up on my neck.  
He made my strength fail.  
The Lord<sup>†</sup> has delivered me into their hands,  
against whom I am not able to stand.

<sup>15</sup>“The Lord has set at nothing all my  
mighty men within me.  
He has called a solemn assembly against me  
to crush my young men.  
The Lord has trodden the virgin daughter of  
Judah as in a wine press.

<sup>16</sup>“For these things I weep.  
My eye, my eye runs down with water,  
because the comforter who should refresh  
my soul is far from me.  
My children are desolate,  
because the enemy has prevailed.”

<sup>17</sup> Zion spreads out her hands.  
There is no one to comfort her.



Yahweh has commanded concerning Jacob,  
that those who are around him should be  
his adversaries.

Jerusalem is among them as an unclean  
thing.

<sup>18</sup> "Yahweh is righteous;  
for I have rebelled against his  
commandment.

Please hear all you peoples,  
and see my sorrow.

My virgins and my young men have gone  
into captivity.

<sup>19</sup> "I called for my lovers,  
but they deceived me.  
My priests and my elders gave up the spirit  
in the city,  
while they sought food for themselves to  
refresh their souls.

<sup>20</sup> "Look, Yahweh; for I am in distress.  
My heart is troubled.  
My heart turns over within me,  
for I have grievously rebelled.  
Abroad, the sword bereaves.  
At home, it is like death.

<sup>21</sup> "They have heard that I sigh.  
There is no one to comfort me.  
All my enemies have heard of my trouble.

They are glad that you have done it.  
You will bring the day that you have  
proclaimed,  
and they will be like me.

<sup>22</sup>“Let all their wickedness come before you.  
Do to them as you have done to me for all  
my transgressions.  
For my sighs are many,  
and my heart is faint.

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**\*1:5** “Yahweh” is God’s proper  
Name, sometimes rendered “LORD”  
(all caps) in other translations.

**†1:14** The word translated “Lord”  
is “Adonai.”

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## Lamentations

### Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>How has the Lord covered the daughter of  
Zion with a cloud in his anger!  
He has cast the beauty of Israel down from  
heaven to the earth,  
and hasn’t remembered his footstool in the  
day of his anger.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord has swallowed up all the  
dwellings of Jacob  
without pity.

He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah.

He has brought them down to the ground.

He has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

<sup>3</sup> He has cut off all the horn of Israel in fierce anger.

He has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy.

He has burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours all around.

<sup>4</sup> He has bent his bow like an enemy.

He has stood with his right hand as an adversary.

Has killed all that were pleasant to the eye.

In the tent of the daughter of Zion, he has poured out his wrath like fire.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord has become as an enemy.

He has swallowed up Israel.

He has swallowed up all her palaces.

He has destroyed his strongholds.

He has multiplied mourning and lamentation in the daughter of Judah.

<sup>6</sup> He has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden.

He has destroyed his place of assembly.

Yahweh has caused solemn assembly and

Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion.

In the indignation of his anger, he has  
despised the king and the priest.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord has cast off his altar.

He has abhorred his sanctuary.

He has given the walls of her palaces into  
the hand of the enemy.

They have made a noise in Yahweh's house,  
as in the day of a solemn assembly.

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh has purposed to destroy the wall  
of the daughter of Zion.

He has stretched out the line.

He has not withdrawn his hand from  
destroying;

He has made the rampart and wall lament.

They languish together.

<sup>9</sup> Her gates have sunk into the ground.

He has destroyed and broken her bars.

Her king and her princes are among the  
nations where the law is not.

Yes, her prophets find no vision from  
Yahweh.

<sup>10</sup> The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on  
the ground.

They keep silence.

They have cast up dust on their heads.

They have clothed themselves with

sackcloth.

The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

<sup>11</sup> My eyes fail with tears.

My heart is troubled.

My liver is poured on the earth,  
because of the destruction of the daughter  
of my people,  
because the young children and the infants  
swoon in the streets of the city.

<sup>12</sup> They ask their mothers,

“Where is grain and wine?”

when they swoon as the wounded in the  
streets of the city,  
when their soul is poured out into their  
mothers’ bosom.

<sup>13</sup> What shall I testify to you?

What shall I liken to you, daughter of  
Jerusalem?

What shall I compare to you,  
that I may comfort you, virgin daughter of  
Zion?

For your breach is as big as the sea.

Who can heal you?

<sup>14</sup> Your prophets have seen false and foolish  
visions for you.

They have not uncovered your iniquity,

to reverse your captivity,  
but have seen for you false revelations and  
causes of banishment.

<sup>15</sup> All that pass by clap their hands at you.  
They hiss and wag their head at the  
daughter of Jerusalem, saying,  
"Is this the city that men called 'The  
perfection of beauty,  
the joy of the whole earth'?"

<sup>16</sup> All your enemies have opened their mouth  
wide against you.  
They hiss and gnash their teeth.  
They say, "We have swallowed her up.  
Certainly this is the day that we looked for.  
We have found it.  
We have seen it."

<sup>17</sup> Yahweh has done that which he planned.  
He has fulfilled his word that he commanded  
in the days of old.  
He has thrown down,  
and has not pitied.  
He has caused the enemy to rejoice over  
you.  
He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

<sup>18</sup> Their heart cried to the Lord.  
O wall of the daughter of Zion,  
let tears run down like a river day and night.

Give yourself no relief.

Don't let the your eyes rest.

<sup>19</sup> Arise, cry out in the night,  
at the beginning of the watches!

Pour out your heart like water before the  
face of the Lord.

Lift up your hands toward him for the life of  
your young children,  
who faint for hunger at the head of every  
street.

<sup>20</sup> "Look, Yahweh, and see to whom you  
have done thus!

Should the women eat their offspring,  
the children that they held and bounced on  
their knees?

Should the priest and the prophet be killed  
in the sanctuary of the Lord?

<sup>21</sup> "The youth and the old man lie on the  
ground in the streets.

My virgins and my young men have fallen by  
the sword.

You have killed them in the day of your  
anger.

You have slaughtered, and not pitied.

<sup>22</sup> "You have called, as in the day of a  
solemn assembly, my terrors on every side.

There was no one that escaped or remained

in the day of Yahweh's anger.

My enemy has consumed those whom I  
have cared for and brought up.

### Lamentations Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> I am the man who has seen affliction  
by the rod of his wrath.

<sup>2</sup> He has led me and caused me to walk in  
darkness,  
and not in light.

<sup>3</sup> Surely he turns his hand against me  
again and again all day long.

<sup>4</sup> He has made my flesh and my skin old.  
He has broken my bones.

<sup>5</sup> He has built against me,  
and surrounded me with bitterness and  
hardship.

<sup>6</sup> He has made me dwell in dark places,  
as those who have been long dead.

<sup>7</sup> He has walled me about, so that I can't go  
out.

He has made my chain heavy.

<sup>8</sup> Yes, when I cry, and call for help,  
he shuts out my prayer.

<sup>9</sup> He has walled up my ways with cut stone.  
He has made my paths crooked.

<sup>10</sup> He is to me as a bear lying in wait,



as a lion in secret places.

<sup>11</sup> He has turned away my ways,  
and pulled me in pieces.

He has made me desolate.

<sup>12</sup> He has bent his bow,  
and set me as a mark for the arrow.

<sup>13</sup> He has caused the shafts of his quiver to  
enter into my kidneys.

<sup>14</sup> I have become a derision to all my people,  
and their song all day long.

<sup>15</sup> He has filled me with bitterness.  
He has stuffed me with wormwood.

<sup>16</sup> He has also broken my teeth with gravel.  
He has covered me with ashes.

<sup>17</sup> You have removed my soul far away from  
peace.

I forgot prosperity.

<sup>18</sup> I said, "My strength has perished,  
along with my expectation from Yahweh."

<sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my misery,  
the wormwood and the bitterness.

<sup>20</sup> My soul still remembers them,  
and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind;  
therefore I have hope.

<sup>22</sup> It is because of Yahweh's loving  
kindnesses that we are not consumed,

because his compassion doesn't fail.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "Yahweh is my portion," says my soul.

"Therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup> Yahweh is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Yahweh.

<sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

<sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him.

<sup>29</sup> Let him put his mouth in the dust, if it is so that there may be hope.

<sup>30</sup> Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him.

Let him be filled full of reproach.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not cast off forever.

<sup>32</sup> For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

<sup>33</sup> For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

<sup>34</sup> To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,

<sup>35</sup> to turn away the right of a man before the  
face of the Most High,

<sup>36</sup> to subvert a man in his cause, the Lord  
doesn't approve.

<sup>37</sup> Who is he who says, and it comes to pass,  
when the Lord doesn't command it?

<sup>38</sup> Doesn't evil and good come out of the  
mouth of the Most High?

<sup>39</sup> Why does a living man complain,  
a man for the punishment of his sins?

<sup>40</sup> Let us search and try our ways,  
and turn again to Yahweh.

<sup>41</sup> Let's lift up our heart with our hands to  
God\* in the heavens.

<sup>42</sup> "We have transgressed and have rebelled.  
You have not pardoned.

<sup>43</sup> "You have covered us with anger and  
pursued us.

You have killed.

You have not pitied.

<sup>44</sup> You have covered yourself with a cloud,  
so that no prayer can pass through.

<sup>45</sup> You have made us an off-scouring and  
refuse

in the middle of the peoples.

<sup>46</sup> "All our enemies have opened their mouth  
wide against us.

<sup>47</sup> Terror and the pit have come on us,  
devastation and destruction.”

<sup>48</sup> My eye runs down with streams of water,  
for the destruction of the daughter of my  
people.

<sup>49</sup> My eye pours down

and doesn't cease,

without any intermission,

<sup>50</sup> until Yahweh looks down,

and sees from heaven.

<sup>51</sup> My eye affects my soul,

because of all the daughters of my city.

<sup>52</sup> They have chased me relentlessly like a  
bird,

those who are my enemies without cause.

<sup>53</sup> They have cut off my life in the dungeon,

and have cast a stone on me.

<sup>54</sup> Waters flowed over my head.

I said, “I am cut off.”

<sup>55</sup> I called on your name, Yahweh,

out of the lowest dungeon.

<sup>56</sup> You heard my voice:

“Don't hide your ear from my sighing,

and my cry.”

<sup>57</sup> You came near in the day that I called on  
you.

You said, “Don't be afraid.”

<sup>58</sup> Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my soul.

You have redeemed my life.

<sup>59</sup> Yahweh, you have seen my wrong.

Judge my cause.

<sup>60</sup> You have seen all their vengeance and all their plans against me.

<sup>61</sup> You have heard their reproach, Yahweh, and all their plans against me,

<sup>62</sup> the lips of those that rose up against me, and their plots against me all day long.

<sup>63</sup> You see their sitting down and their rising up.

I am their song.

<sup>64</sup> You will pay them back, Yahweh, according to the work of their hands.

<sup>65</sup> You will give them hardness of heart, your curse to them.

<sup>66</sup> You will pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Yahweh.

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**\*3:41** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

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**Lamentations**  
**Chapter 4**

<sup>1</sup> How the gold has become dim!  
The most pure gold has changed!  
The stones of the sanctuary are poured out  
at the head of every street.

<sup>2</sup> The precious sons of Zion,  
comparable to fine gold,  
how they are esteemed as earthen pitchers,  
the work of the hands of the potter!

<sup>3</sup> Even the jackals offer their breast.  
They nurse their young ones.  
But the daughter of my people has become  
cruel,  
like the ostriches in the wilderness.

<sup>4</sup> The tongue of the nursing child clings to  
the roof of his mouth for thirst.  
The young children ask bread,  
and no one breaks it for them.

<sup>5</sup> Those who ate delicacies are desolate in  
the streets.  
Those who were brought up in purple  
embrace dunghills.

<sup>6</sup> For the iniquity of the daughter of my  
people is greater than the sin of Sodom,  
which was overthrown as in a moment.

No hands were laid on her.

<sup>7</sup> Her nobles were purer than snow.

They were whiter than milk.

They were more ruddy in body than rubies.

Their polishing was like sapphire.

<sup>8</sup> Their appearance is blacker than a coal.

They are not known in the streets.

Their skin clings to their bones.

It is withered.

It has become like a stick.

<sup>9</sup> Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger;

For these pine away, stricken through, for lack of the fruits of the field.

<sup>10</sup> The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children.

They were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

<sup>11</sup> Yahweh has accomplished his wrath.

He has poured out his fierce anger.

He has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations.

<sup>12</sup> The kings of the earth didn't believe, neither did all the inhabitants of the world,

that the adversary and the enemy would  
enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> It is because of the sins of her prophets  
and the iniquities of her priests,  
That have shed the blood of the just in the  
middle of her.

<sup>14</sup> They wander as blind men in the streets.  
They are polluted with blood,  
So that men can't touch their garments.

<sup>15</sup> "Go away!" they cried to them.  
"Unclean! Go away! Go away! Don't touch!  
When they fled away and wandered, men  
said among the nations,  
"They can't live here any more."

<sup>16</sup> Yahweh's anger has scattered them.  
He will not pay attention to them any more.  
They didn't respect the persons of the  
priests.  
They didn't favor the elders.

<sup>17</sup> Our eyes still fail,  
looking in vain for our help.  
In our watching we have watched for a  
nation that could not save.

<sup>18</sup> They hunt our steps,  
so that we can't go in our streets.



Our end is near.

Our days are fulfilled,

for our end has come.

<sup>19</sup> Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles  
of the sky.

They chased us on the mountains.

They set an ambush for us in the  
wilderness.

<sup>20</sup> The breath of our nostrils,  
the anointed of Yahweh,  
was taken in their pits;  
of whom we said,  
under his shadow we will live among the  
nations.

<sup>21</sup> Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom,  
that dwells in the land of Uz.  
The cup will pass through to you also.  
You will be drunken,  
and will make yourself naked.

<sup>22</sup> The punishment of your iniquity is  
accomplished, daughter of Zion.  
He will no more carry you away into  
captivity.  
He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom.  
He will uncover your sins.

## Lamentations

### Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup> Remember, Yahweh, what has come on us.  
Look, and see our reproach.

<sup>2</sup> Our inheritance has been turned over to  
strangers,  
our houses to aliens.

<sup>3</sup> We are orphans and fatherless.  
Our mothers are as widows.

<sup>4</sup> We have drunken our water for money.  
Our wood is sold to us.

<sup>5</sup> Our pursuers are on our necks.  
We are weary, and have no rest.

<sup>6</sup> We have given our hands to the Egyptians,  
and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with  
bread.

<sup>7</sup> Our fathers sinned, and are no more.  
We have borne their iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> Servants rule over us.  
There is no one to deliver us out of their  
hand.

<sup>9</sup> We get our bread at the peril of our lives,  
because of the sword of the wilderness.

<sup>10</sup> Our skin is black like an oven,  
because of the burning heat of famine.

<sup>11</sup> They ravished the women in Zion,  
the virgins in the cities of Judah.

<sup>12</sup> Princes were hanged up by their hands.  
The faces of elders were not honored.

<sup>13</sup> The young men carry millstones.  
The children stumbled under loads of wood.

<sup>14</sup> The elders have ceased from the gate,  
and the young men from their music.

<sup>15</sup> The joy of our heart has ceased.  
Our dance is turned into mourning.

<sup>16</sup> The crown has fallen from our head.  
Woe to us, for we have sinned!

<sup>17</sup> For this our heart is faint.  
For these things our eyes are dim.

<sup>18</sup> For the mountain of Zion, which is  
desolate.

The foxes walk on it.

<sup>19</sup> You, Yahweh, remain forever.  
Your throne is from generation to  
generation.

<sup>20</sup> Why do you forget us forever,  
and forsake us for so long a time?

<sup>21</sup> Turn us to yourself, Yahweh, and we will  
be turned.

Renew our days as of old.

<sup>22</sup> But you have utterly rejected us.  
You are very angry against us.



## Ezekiel

### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>Now in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.\*

<sup>2</sup>In the fifth of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, <sup>3</sup>Yahweh's<sup>†</sup> word came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and Yahweh's hand was there on him.

<sup>4</sup>I looked, and behold,<sup>‡</sup> a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of the middle of it as it were glowing metal, out of the middle of the fire. <sup>5</sup>Out of its center came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man. <sup>6</sup>Everyone had four faces, and each one of them had four wings. <sup>7</sup>Their feet were straight feet. The sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. <sup>8</sup>They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides. The four of them had their faces and their wings like this: <sup>9</sup>Their wings were joined to one another. They didn't turn when they went. Each one went straight forward.

<sup>10</sup>As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man. The four of them had the face of a lion on the right side. The four of them had the face of an ox on the left side. The four of them also had the face of an eagle. <sup>11</sup>Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies. <sup>12</sup>Each one went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went. They didn't turn when they went. <sup>13</sup>As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches. The fire

went up and down among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and lightning went out of the fire. <sup>14</sup> The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

<sup>15</sup> Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it. <sup>16</sup> The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl. The four of them had one likeness. Their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. <sup>17</sup> When they went, they went in their four directions. They didn't turn when they went. <sup>18</sup> As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around.

<sup>19</sup> When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them. When the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. <sup>20</sup> Wherever the spirit was to go, they went. The spirit was to go there. The wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. <sup>21</sup> When those went, these went. When those stood, these stood. When those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

<sup>22</sup> Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like an awesome crystal to look at, stretched out over their heads above. <sup>23</sup> Under the expanse, their wings were straight, one toward the other. Each one had two which covered on this side, and each one had two which covered their bodies on that side. <sup>24</sup> When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army. When they stood, they let down their wings.

<sup>25</sup> There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads. When they stood, they let down their wings. <sup>26</sup> Above the

expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire<sup>5</sup> stone. On the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above.<sup>27</sup> I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.<sup>28</sup> As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of Yahweh's glory. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

\***1:1** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

†**1:3** "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

‡**1:4** "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

§**1:26** or, lapis lazuli

## Ezekiel Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup> The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me

even to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The children are impudent and stiff-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord\* Yahweh.' <sup>5</sup>They, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse, for they are a rebellious house, yet they will know that there has been a prophet among them. <sup>6</sup>You, son of man, don't be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you dwell among scorpions. Don't be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup>You shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse; for they are most rebellious. <sup>8</sup>But you, son of man, hear what I tell you. Don't be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth, and eat that which I give you."

<sup>9</sup>When I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me; and, behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>He spread it before me. It was written within and without; and lamentations, mourning, and woe were written in it.

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\***2:4** The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

<sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you."

Then I ate it; and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.



<sup>4</sup>He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel; <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you can't understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they will not listen to me; for all the house of Israel are obstinate\* and hard-hearted. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>I have made your forehead as a diamond, harder than flint. Don't be afraid of them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house."

<sup>10</sup>Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, receive in your heart and hear with your ears all my words that I speak to you. <sup>11</sup>Go to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh;' whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse.

<sup>12</sup>Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, "Blessed be Yahweh's glory from his place." <sup>13</sup>I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing. <sup>14</sup>So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and Yahweh's hand was strong on me. <sup>15</sup>Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel Aviv, that lived by the river Chebar, and to where they lived; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.

<sup>16</sup>At the end of seven days, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>17</sup>"Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me. <sup>18</sup>When I tell the wicked, 'You will surely die;' and you

give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; that wicked man will die in his iniquity; but I will require his blood at your hand.<sup>19</sup> Yet if you warn the wicked, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul."

<sup>20</sup> "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he will die. Because you have not given him warning, he will die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered; but I will require his blood at your hand.<sup>21</sup> Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul."

<sup>22</sup> Yahweh's hand was there on me; and he said to me, "Arise, go out into the plain, and I will talk with you there."

<sup>23</sup> Then I arose, and went out into the plain, and behold, Yahweh's glory stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar. Then I fell on my face.

<sup>24</sup> Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet. He spoke with me, and said to me, "Go, shut yourself inside your house."<sup>25</sup> But you, son of man, behold, they will put ropes on you, and will bind you with them, and you will not go out among them.<sup>26</sup> I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you will be mute, and will not be able to correct them; for they are a rebellious house.<sup>27</sup> But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house."

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**\*3:7** Literally, have a hard forehead

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup>"You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Lay siege against it, build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it. Also set camps against it and plant battering rams against it all around. <sup>3</sup>Take for yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city. Then set your face toward it. It will be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>"Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. According to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. <sup>5</sup>For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred ninety days. So you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>"Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah. I have appointed forty days, each day for a year, to you. <sup>7</sup>You shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I put ropes on you, and you shall not turn yourself from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege.

<sup>9</sup>"Take for yourself also wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel. Make bread of it. According to the number of the days that you will lie on your side, even three hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it. <sup>10</sup>Your food

which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels\* a day. From time to time you shall eat it. <sup>11</sup>You shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink. <sup>12</sup>You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man.” <sup>13</sup>Yahweh said, “Even thus will the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them.” <sup>14</sup>Then I said, “Ah Lord Yahweh! Behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even until now I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn of animals. No abominable meat has come into my mouth!” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to me, “Behold, I have given you cow’s dung for man’s dung, and you shall prepare your bread on it.” <sup>16</sup>Moreover he said to me, “Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem. They will eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness. They will drink water by measure, and in dismay; <sup>17</sup>that they may lack bread and water, be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

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**\*4:10** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces.

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**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 5**

<sup>1</sup>“You, son of man, take a sharp sword. You shall take it as a barber’s razor to yourself, and shall cause it to pass over your head and over your beard. Then take balances to weigh and divide the hair. <sup>2</sup>A third part you shall burn in the fire in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. You shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it. A third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a

sword after them. <sup>3</sup> You shall take of it a few in number, and bind them in the folds of your robe. <sup>4</sup> Of these again you shall take, and cast them into the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From it a fire will come out into all the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the middle of the nations, and countries are around her. <sup>6</sup> She has rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her; for they have rejected my ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them.'

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, neither have followed the ordinances of the nations that are around you; <sup>8</sup> therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I, even I, am against you; and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations. <sup>9</sup> I will do in you that which I have not done, and which I will not do anything like it any more, because of all your abominations. <sup>10</sup> Therefore the fathers will eat the sons within you, and the sons will eat their fathers. I will execute judgments on you; and I will scatter the whole remnant of you to all the winds. <sup>11</sup> Therefore as I live,' says the Lord Yahweh, 'surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you. My eye won't spare, and I will have no pity. <sup>12</sup> A third part of you will die with the pestilence, and they will be consumed with famine within you. A third part will fall by the sword around you. A third part I will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

<sup>13</sup> "Thus my anger will be accomplished,

and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I will be comforted. They will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath on them.

<sup>14</sup>“Moreover I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the sight of all that pass by. <sup>15</sup>So it will be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations that are around you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes—I, Yahweh, have spoken it—<sup>16</sup>when I send on them the evil arrows of famine that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you. I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread. <sup>17</sup>I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood will pass through you. I will bring the sword on you. I, Yahweh, have spoken it.”

### Ezekiel Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them, <sup>3</sup>and say, ‘You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yahweh! Thus says the Lord Yahweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: “Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.”<sup>4</sup>Your altars will become desolate, and your incense altars will be broken. I will cast down your slain men before your idols. <sup>5</sup>I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols. I will scatter your bones around your altars. <sup>6</sup>In all your dwelling places, the cities will be laid waste and the high places will be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your incense altars may be cut

down, and your works may be abolished.<sup>7</sup> The slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>8</sup>“Yet I will leave a remnant, in that you will have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries.<sup>9</sup> Those of you that escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, how I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols. Then they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.<sup>10</sup> They will know that I am Yahweh. I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.”

<sup>11</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: ‘Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, “Alas!” Because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they will fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.<sup>12</sup> He who is far off will die of the pestilence. He who is near will fall by the sword. He who remains and is besieged will die by the famine. Thus I will accomplish my wrath on them.<sup>13</sup> You will know that I am Yahweh, when their slain men are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they offered pleasant aroma to all their idols.<sup>14</sup> I will stretch out my hand on them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.’”

## Ezekiel Chapter 7

<sup>1</sup>Moreover Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“You, son of man, thus says the Lord Yahweh to the land of Israel, ‘An end! The end has come on the four corners of

the land. <sup>3</sup> Now is the end on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways. I will bring on you all your abominations. <sup>4</sup> My eye will not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations will be among you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.'

<sup>5</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'An evil! A unique evil! Behold, it comes. <sup>6</sup> An end has come. The end has come! It awakes against you. Behold, it comes. <sup>7</sup> Your doom has come to you, inhabitant of the land! The time has come! The day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains. <sup>8</sup> Now I will shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways. I will bring on you all your abominations. <sup>9</sup> My eye won't spare, neither will I have pity. I will punish you according to your ways. Your abominations will be among you. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, strike.

<sup>10</sup> "Behold, the day! Behold, it comes! Your doom has gone out. The rod has blossomed. Pride has budded. <sup>11</sup> Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them will remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There will be nothing of value among them. <sup>12</sup> The time has come! The day draws near. Don't let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude. <sup>13</sup> For the seller won't return to that which is sold, although they are still alive; for the vision concerns the whole multitude of it. None will return. None will strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. <sup>14</sup> They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but no one goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude.

<sup>15</sup> "The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within. He who is in the field will die by the sword. He who is in the city will be devoured by famine and pestilence. <sup>16</sup> But those of those who



escape, they will escape and will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, everyone in his iniquity. <sup>17</sup> All hands will be feeble, and all knees will be weak as water. <sup>18</sup> They will also clothe themselves with sackcloth, and horror will cover them. Shame will be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads. <sup>19</sup> They will cast their silver in the streets, and their gold will be as an unclean thing. Their silver and their gold won't be able to deliver them in the day of Yahweh's wrath. They won't satisfy their souls or fill their bellies; because it has been the stumbling block of their iniquity. <sup>20</sup> As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things therein. Therefore I have made it to them as an unclean thing. <sup>21</sup> I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a plunder; and they will profane it. <sup>22</sup> I will also turn my face from them, and they will profane my secret place. Robbers will enter into it, and profane it. <sup>23</sup> "Make chains; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they will possess their houses. I will also make the pride of the strong to cease. Their holy places will be profaned. <sup>25</sup> Destruction comes! They will seek peace, and there will be none. <sup>26</sup> Mischief will come on mischief, and rumor will be on rumor. They will seek a vision of the prophet; but the law will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. <sup>27</sup> The king will mourn, and the prince will be clothed with desolation. The hands of the people of the land will be troubled. I will do to them after their way, and according to their own judgments I will judge them. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.' "

**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 8**

<sup>1</sup> In the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, the Lord Yahweh's hand fell on me there. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his waist and downward, fire; and from his waist and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal. <sup>3</sup> He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the sky, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where there was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north."

So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and saw, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

<sup>6</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they do? Even the great abominations that the house of Israel commit here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But you will again see yet other great abominations."

<sup>7</sup> He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig now in the wall."

When I had dug in the wall, I saw a door.

<sup>9</sup> He said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here."

<sup>10</sup> So I went in and looked, and saw every form of creeping things, abominable animals, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed around on the wall. <sup>11</sup> Seventy men of the elders of the

house of Israel stood before them. In the middle of them Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan stood, every man with his censer in his hand; and the smell of the cloud of incense went up.

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his rooms of imagery? For they say, 'Yahweh doesn't see us. Yahweh has forsaken the land.' " <sup>13</sup> He said also to me, "You will again see more of the great abominations which they do."

<sup>14</sup> Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and I saw the women sit there weeping for Tammuz. <sup>15</sup> Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? You will again see yet greater abominations than these."

<sup>16</sup> He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house; and I saw at the door of Yahweh's temple, between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward Yahweh's temple, and their faces toward the east. They were worshiping the sun toward the east.

<sup>17</sup> Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger. Behold, they put the branch to their nose. <sup>18</sup> Therefore I will also deal in wrath. My eye won't spare, neither will I have pity. Though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them."

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 9

<sup>1</sup> Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Cause those who are in charge of the city to draw near, each man with his destroying weapon in his hand." <sup>2</sup> Behold,

six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand. One man in the middle of them was clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. They went in, and stood beside the bronze altar.

<sup>3</sup>The glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side.<sup>4</sup>Yahweh said to him, "Go through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

<sup>5</sup>To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike. Don't let your eye spare, neither have pity. <sup>6</sup>Kill utterly the old man, the young man, the virgin, little children and women; but don't come near any man on whom is the mark. Begin at my sanctuary."

Then they began at the old men who were before the house.

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!"

They went out, and struck in the city. <sup>8</sup>While they were killing, and I was left, I fell on my face, and cried, and said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! Will you destroy all the residue of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem?"

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion; for they say, 'Yahweh has forsaken the land, and Yahweh doesn't see.' <sup>10</sup>As for me also, my eye won't spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their head."

<sup>11</sup>Behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have done as you have commanded me."

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 10

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and see, in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire\* stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.<sup>2</sup>He spoke to the man clothed in linen, and said, "Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherub, and fill both your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city."

He went in as I watched.<sup>3</sup>Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.<sup>4</sup>Yahweh's glory mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory.<sup>5</sup>The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

<sup>6</sup>It came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," that he went in, and stood beside a wheel.<sup>7</sup>The cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took some of it, and put it into the hands of him who was clothed in linen, who took it and went out.<sup>8</sup>The form of a man's hand appeared here in the cherubim under their wings.

<sup>9</sup>I looked, and behold, there were four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub. The appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone.<sup>10</sup>As for their appearance, the four of them had one likeness, like a wheel within a wheel.<sup>11</sup>When they went, they went in their four directions.

They didn't turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it. They didn't turn as they went.<sup>12</sup> Their whole body, including their backs, their hands, their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes all around, even the wheels that the four of them had.<sup>13</sup> As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "the whirling wheels".<sup>14</sup> Every one of them had four faces. The first face was the face of the cherub. The second face was the face of a man. The third face was the face of a lion. The fourth was the face of an eagle.

<sup>15</sup> The cherubim mounted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar.<sup>16</sup> When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also didn't turn from beside them.<sup>17</sup> When they stood, these stood. When they mounted up, these mounted up with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

<sup>18</sup> Yahweh's glory went out from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim.<sup>19</sup> The cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went out, with the wheels beside them. Then they stood at the door of the east gate of Yahweh's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

<sup>20</sup> This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim.<sup>21</sup> Every one had four faces, and every one four wings. The likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.<sup>22</sup> As for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves. They each went straight forward.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup>Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of Yahweh's house, which looks eastward. Behold, twenty-five men were at the door of the gate; and I saw among them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. <sup>2</sup>He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who give wicked counsel in this city; <sup>3</sup>who say, 'The time is not near to build houses. This is the cauldron, and we are the meat.'<sup>4</sup>Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, son of man."

<sup>5</sup>Yahweh's Spirit fell on me, and he said to me, "Speak, 'Yahweh says: "Thus you have said, house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. <sup>6</sup>You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.

<sup>7</sup>"Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Your slain whom you have laid in the middle of it, they are the meat, and this is the cauldron; but you will be brought out of the middle of it. <sup>8</sup>You have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword on you," says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>9</sup>"I will bring you out of the middle of it, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. <sup>10</sup>You will fall by the sword. I will judge you in the border of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. <sup>11</sup>This will not be your cauldron, neither will you be the meat in the middle of it. I will judge you in the border of Israel. <sup>12</sup>You will know that I am Yahweh, for you have not walked in my statutes, You have not executed my ordinances, but have

done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you." ' "

<sup>13</sup> When I prophesied, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?"

<sup>14</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>15</sup> "Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, the men of your relatives, and all the house of Israel, all of them, are they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far away from Yahweh. This land has been given to us for a possession.' "

<sup>16</sup> "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they have come." ' "

<sup>17</sup> "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."

<sup>18</sup> " 'They will come there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. <sup>19</sup> I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>21</sup> But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads,' says the Lord Yahweh."

<sup>22</sup> Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them. The glory of the God of Israel was over them above. <sup>23</sup> Yahweh's glory went up from the middle of the city, and stood on the mountain which is on the east side of the city. <sup>24</sup> The Spirit lifted me up, and brought



me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the captives.

So the vision that I had seen went up from me. <sup>25</sup>Then I spoke to the captives all the things that Yahweh had shown me.

## Ezekiel Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word also came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, you dwell in the middle of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and don't see, who have ears to hear, and don't hear; for they are a rebellious house.

<sup>3</sup>"Therefore, you son of man, prepare your stuff for moving, and move by day in their sight. You shall move from your place to another place in their sight. It may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house. <sup>4</sup>You shall bring out your stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for moving. You shall go out yourself at evening in their sight, as when men go out into exile. <sup>5</sup>Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry your stuff out that way. <sup>6</sup>In their sight you shall bear it on your shoulder, and carry it out in the dark. You shall cover your face, so that you don't see the land, for I have set you for a sign to the house of Israel."

<sup>7</sup>I did so as I was commanded. I brought out my stuff by day, as stuff for moving, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought it out in the dark, and bore it on my shoulder in their sight.

<sup>8</sup>In the morning, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Son of man, hasn't the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?'

<sup>10</sup>"Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are." '

<sup>11</sup>"Say, 'I am your sign. As I have done, so will it be done to them. They will go into exile, into captivity.

<sup>12</sup> "The prince who is among them will bear on his shoulder in the dark, and will go out. They will dig through the wall to carry things out that way. He will cover his face, because he will not see the land with his eyes. <sup>13</sup> I will also spread my net on him, and he will be taken in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, though he will die there. <sup>14</sup> I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his bands. I will draw out the sword after them.

<sup>15</sup> "They will know that I am Yahweh when I disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. <sup>16</sup> But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they come. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.' "

<sup>17</sup> Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with fearfulness. <sup>19</sup> Tell the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: "They will eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and all that is therein, because of the violence of all those who dwell therein. <sup>20</sup> The cities that are inhabited will be laid waste, and the land will be a desolation. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.' ' "

<sup>21</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>22</sup> "Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?' <sup>23</sup> Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "I will make this proverb to cease, and they will no more use it as a proverb in Israel;" ' but tell them, ' "The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision. <sup>24</sup> For there will be no more

any false vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.<sup>25</sup> For I am Yahweh. I will speak, and the word that I speak will be performed. It will be no more deferred; for in your days, rebellious house, I will speak the word, and will perform it," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>26</sup> Again Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>27</sup> "Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, 'The vision that he sees is for many day to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off.'

<sup>28</sup> "Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "None of my words will be deferred any more, but the word which I speak will be performed," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 13

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear Yahweh's word:<sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! <sup>4</sup> Israel, your prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. <sup>5</sup> You have not gone up into the gaps or built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in Yahweh's day.<sup>6</sup> They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, 'Yahweh says;' but Yahweh has not sent them. They have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed. <sup>7</sup> Haven't you seen a false vision, and haven't you spoken a lying divination, in that you say, 'Yahweh says;' but I have not spoken?"

<sup>8</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Because you have spoken falsehood and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you," says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>9</sup> "My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who utter lying divinations. They will not be in the council of my people,

neither will they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither will they enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh."

<sup>10</sup> "Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, "Peace;" and there is no peace. When one builds up a wall, behold, they plaster it with whitewash. <sup>11</sup> Tell those who plaster it with whitewash that it will fall. There will be an overflowing shower; and you, great hailstones, will fall. A stormy wind will tear it. <sup>12</sup> Behold, when the wall has fallen, won't it be said to you, "Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?"

<sup>13</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath. There will be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. <sup>14</sup> So I will break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered. It will fall, and you will be consumed in the middle of it. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. <sup>15</sup> Thus I will accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who have plastered it with whitewash. I will tell you, 'The wall is no more, neither those who plastered it; <sup>16</sup> to wit, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace,' " says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>17</sup> You, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against them, <sup>18</sup> and say, "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Woe to the women who sew pillows on all elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive for yourselves? <sup>19</sup> You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls who should not die, and to save the souls alive who should not live, by

your lying to my people who listen to lies.'

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I am against your pillows, with which you hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms. I will let the souls go, even the souls whom you hunt to make them fly. <sup>21</sup>I will also tear your kerchiefs, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they will be no more in your hand to be hunted. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. <sup>22</sup>Because with lies you have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, and be saved alive. <sup>23</sup>Therefore you shall no more see false visions, nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.' "

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup>Then some of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>3</sup>"Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face. Should I be inquired of at all by them?<sup>4</sup> Therefore speak to them, and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I Yahweh will answer him therein according to the multitude of his idols; <sup>5</sup>that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols." "

<sup>6</sup>"Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Return, and turn yourselves from your idols! Turn away your faces from all your abominations.

<sup>7</sup>" "For everyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live in Israel, who

separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I Yahweh will answer him by myself.<sup>8</sup> I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from among my people. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>9</sup>“If the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, Yahweh, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him from among my people Israel.<sup>10</sup> They will bear their iniquity. The iniquity of the prophet will be even as the iniquity of him who seeks him;<sup>11</sup> that the house of Israel may no more go astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God,” says the Lord Yahweh.’ ”

<sup>12</sup>Yahweh’s word came to me, saying,<sup>13</sup>“Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, and break the staff of its bread, and send famine on it, and cut off from it man and animal;<sup>14</sup> though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness,” says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup>“If I cause evil animals to pass through the land, and they ravage it, and it is made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the animals;<sup>16</sup> though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord Yahweh, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. They only would be delivered, but the land would be desolate.

<sup>17</sup>“Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and animal;’<sup>18</sup> though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord Yahweh, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only

would be delivered themselves.

<sup>19</sup>“Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and animal; <sup>20</sup>though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live,” says the Lord Yahweh, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness.”

<sup>21</sup>For thus says the Lord Yahweh: “How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, the famine, the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal! <sup>22</sup>Yet, behold, there will be left a remnant in it that will be carried out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they will come out to you, and you will see their way and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it. <sup>23</sup>They will comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; then you will know that I have not done all that I have done in it without cause,” says the Lord Yahweh.

## Ezekiel Chapter 15

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which is among the trees of the forest? <sup>3</sup>Will wood be taken of it to make anything? Will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel on it? <sup>4</sup>Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both its ends, and the middle of it is burned. Is it profitable for any work? <sup>5</sup>Behold, when it was whole, it was suitable for no work. How much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it has been burned, will it yet be suitable for any work?”

<sup>6</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: “As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>I will

set my face against them. They will go out from the fire, but the fire will devour them. Then you will know that I am Yahweh, when I set my face against them. <sup>8</sup> I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass," says the Lord Yahweh.

### Ezekiel Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup> Again Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; <sup>3</sup> and say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Jerusalem: "Your origin and your birth is of the land of the Canaanite. An Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hittite. <sup>4</sup> As for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut. You weren't washed in water to cleanse you. You weren't salted at all, nor swaddled at all. <sup>5</sup> No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, because you were abhorred in the day that you were born.

<sup>6</sup> " "When I passed by you, and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you, 'Though you are in your blood, live!' Yes, I said to you, 'Though you are in your blood, live!' <sup>7</sup> I caused you to multiply as that which grows in the field, and you increased and grew great, and you attained to excellent ornament. Your breasts were formed, and your hair grew; yet you were naked and bare.

<sup>8</sup> " "Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you," says the Lord Yahweh, "and you became mine.

<sup>9</sup> " "Then washed I you with water. Yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. <sup>10</sup> I clothed you also with embroidered work, and put



sealskin shoes on you. I dressed you with fine linen and covered you with silk.<sup>11</sup> I decked you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands, and put a chain on your neck.<sup>12</sup> I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.<sup>13</sup> Thus you were decked with gold and silver. Your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered work. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered to royal estate.<sup>14</sup> Your renown went out among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put on you," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> " "But you trusted in your beauty, and played the prostitute because of your renown, and poured out your prostitution on everyone who passed by. It was his.<sup>16</sup> You took some of your garments, and made for yourselves high places decked with various colors, and played the prostitute on them. This shall not happen, neither shall it be.<sup>17</sup> You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and played the prostitute with them.<sup>18</sup> You took your embroidered garments, covered them, and set my oil and my incense before them.<sup>19</sup> My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you even set it before them for a pleasant aroma; and so it was," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>20</sup> " "Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and you have sacrificed these to them to be devoured. Was your prostitution a small matter,<sup>21</sup> that you have slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire to them?<sup>22</sup> In all your abominations and your prostitution you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were wallowing in your blood.

<sup>23</sup> " "It has happened after all your

wickedness. Woe, woe to you!" says the Lord Yahweh,<sup>24</sup> "that you have built for yourselves a vaulted place, and have made yourselves a lofty place in every street.<sup>25</sup> You have built your lofty place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty an abomination, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your prostitution.<sup>26</sup> You have also committed sexual immorality with the Egyptians, your neighbors, great of flesh; and have multiplied your prostitution, to provoke me to anger.<sup>27</sup> See therefore, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your portion, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way.<sup>28</sup> You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet you weren't satisfied.<sup>29</sup> You have moreover multiplied your prostitution to the land of merchants, to Chaldea; and yet you weren't satisfied with this.

<sup>30</sup> "How weak is your heart," says the Lord Yahweh, "since you do all these things, the work of an impudent prostitute;<sup>31</sup> in that you build your vaulted place at the head of every way, and make your lofty place in every street, and have not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn pay.

<sup>32</sup> "A wife who commits adultery! Who takes strangers instead of her husband!<sup>33</sup> People give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution.<sup>34</sup> You are different from other women in your prostitution, in that no one follows you to play the prostitute; and whereas you give hire, and no hire is given to you, therefore you are different."

<sup>35</sup> "Therefore, prostitute, hear Yahweh's word:<sup>36</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Because your filthiness was poured out,

and your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your abominations, and for the blood of your children, that you gave to them; <sup>37</sup> therefore see, I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those who you have loved, with all those who you have hated. I will even gather them against you on every side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. <sup>38</sup> I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. <sup>39</sup> I will also give you into their hand, and they will throw down your vaulted place, and break down your lofty places. They will strip you of your clothes, and take your beautiful jewels. They will leave you naked and bare. <sup>40</sup> They will also bring up a company against you, and they will stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords. <sup>41</sup> They will burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, and you will also give no hire any more. <sup>42</sup> So I will cause my wrath toward you to rest, and my jealousy will depart from you. I will be quiet, and will not be angry any more.

<sup>43</sup> "Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have raged against me in all these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring your way on your head," says the Lord Yahweh: "and you shall not commit this lewdness with all your abominations.

<sup>44</sup> "Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this proverb against you, saying, 'As is the mother, so is her daughter.' <sup>45</sup> You are the daughter of your mother, who loathes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. <sup>46</sup> Your elder sister is Samaria, who

dwells at your left hand, she and her daughters; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom with her daughters.<sup>47</sup> Yet you have not walked in their ways, nor done their abominations; but soon you were more corrupt than they in all your ways.<sup>48</sup> As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

<sup>49</sup> "Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters. She also didn't strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.<sup>50</sup> They were arrogant, and committed abomination before me. Therefore I took them away when I saw it.<sup>51</sup> Samaria hasn't committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done.<sup>52</sup> You also bear your own shame yourself, in that you have given judgment for your sisters; through your sins that you have committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than you. Yes, be also confounded, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

<sup>53</sup> "I will reverse their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives among them;<sup>54</sup> that you may bear your own shame, and may be ashamed because of all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.<sup>55</sup> Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, will return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters will return to their former estate; and you and your daughters will return to your former estate.<sup>56</sup> For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride,<sup>57</sup> before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all who are

around her, the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you all around.<sup>58</sup> You have borne your lewdness and your abominations," says Yahweh.

<sup>59</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "I will also deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.<sup>60</sup> Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant.<sup>61</sup> Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your sisters, your elder sisters and your younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant.<sup>62</sup> I will establish my covenant with you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh; <sup>63</sup> that you may remember, and be confounded, and never open your mouth any more, because of your shame, when I have forgiven you all that you have done," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

## Ezekiel Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, tell a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel; <sup>3</sup> and say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "A great eagle with great wings and long feathers, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar. <sup>4</sup> He cropped off the topmost of its young twigs, and carried it to a land of traffic. He planted it in a city of merchants.

<sup>5</sup> " "He also took some of the seed of the land, and planted it in fruitful soil. He placed it beside many waters. He set it as a willow tree. <sup>6</sup> It grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him. So it became a vine, produced branches, and shot out sprigs.

<sup>7</sup> " "There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers.

Behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and shot out its branches toward him, from the beds of its plantation, that he might water it. <sup>8</sup>It was planted in a good soil by many waters, that it might produce branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a good vine." "

<sup>9</sup>"Say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Will it prosper? Won't he pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? It can't be raised from its roots by a strong arm or many people. <sup>10</sup>Yes, behold, being planted, will it prosper? Won't it utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the beds where it grew." ' "

<sup>11</sup>Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup>"Say now to the rebellious house, 'Don't you know what these things mean?' Tell them, 'Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to him to Babylon. <sup>13</sup>He took some of the royal offspring,\* and made a covenant with him. He also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land; <sup>14</sup>that the kingdom might be brought low, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. <sup>15</sup>But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? Will he who does such things escape? Will he break the covenant, and still escape?

<sup>16</sup>" 'As I live,' says the Lord Yahweh, 'surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the middle of Babylon he will die. <sup>17</sup>Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company won't help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons. <sup>18</sup>For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things. He won't escape.

<sup>19</sup>“Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: ‘As I live, I will surely bring on his own head my oath that he has despised and my covenant that he has broken. <sup>20</sup>I will spread my net on him, and he will be taken in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me. <sup>21</sup>All his fugitives in all his bands will fall by the sword, and those who remain will be scattered toward every wind. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken it.’

<sup>22</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: ‘I will also take some of the lofty top of the cedar, and will plant it. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>I will plant it in the mountain of the height of Israel; and it will produce boughs, and bear fruit, and be a good cedar. Birds of every kind will dwell in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field will know that I, Yahweh, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish.

“‘I, Yahweh, have spoken and have done it.’”

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh’s word came to me again, saying, <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying,

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

<sup>3</sup>“As I live,” says the Lord Yahweh, “you shall not use this proverb any more in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; as the

soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine. The soul who sins, he shall die.

<sup>5</sup>“But if a man is just,  
and does that which is lawful and right,  
<sup>6</sup>and has not eaten on the mountains,  
hasn’t lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,  
hasn’t defiled his neighbor’s wife,  
hasn’t come near a woman in her impurity,  
<sup>7</sup>and has not wronged any,  
but has restored to the debtor his pledge,  
has taken nothing by robbery,  
has given his bread to the hungry,  
and has covered the naked with a garment;  
<sup>8</sup>he who hasn’t lent to them with interest,  
hasn’t taken any increase from them,  
who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity,  
has executed true justice between man and man,  
<sup>9</sup>has walked in my statutes,  
and has kept my ordinances,  
to deal truly;  
he is just,  
he shall surely live,” says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>10</sup>“If he fathers a son who is a robber who sheds blood, and who does any one of these things, <sup>11</sup>or who does not do any of those things,  
but even has eaten at the mountain shrines,  
and defiled his neighbor’s wife,  
<sup>12</sup>has wronged the poor and needy,  
has taken by robbery,  
has not restored the pledge,  
and has lifted up his eyes to the idols,  
has committed abomination,  
<sup>13</sup>has lent with interest,  
and has taken increase from the poor;  
shall he then live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations. He shall surely die. His blood will be on him.

<sup>14</sup>“Now, behold, if he fathers a son, who sees all his father’s sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not such like;  
<sup>15</sup>who hasn’t eaten on the mountains,



hasn't lifted up his eyes to the idols of the  
house of Israel,  
hasn't defiled his neighbor's wife,  
<sup>16</sup> hasn't wronged any,  
hasn't taken anything to pledge,  
hasn't taken by robbery,  
but has given his bread to the hungry,  
and has covered the naked with a garment;  
<sup>17</sup> who has withdrawn his hand from the  
poor,  
who hasn't received interest or increase,  
has executed my ordinances,  
has walked in my statutes;  
he shall not die for the iniquity of his father.  
He shall surely live. <sup>18</sup> As for his father,  
because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his  
brother, and did that which is not good  
among his people, behold, he will die in his  
iniquity.

<sup>19</sup> "Yet you say, 'Why doesn't the son bear  
the iniquity of the father?' When the son has  
done that which is lawful and right, and has  
kept all my statutes, and has done them, he  
will surely live. <sup>20</sup> The soul who sins, he shall  
die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of  
the father, neither shall the father bear the  
iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the  
righteous shall be on him, and the  
wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

<sup>21</sup> "But if the wicked turns from all his sins  
that he has committed, and keeps all my  
statutes, and does that which is lawful and  
right, he shall surely live. He shall not  
die. <sup>22</sup> None of his transgressions that he  
has committed will be remembered against  
him. In his righteousness that he has done,  
he shall live. <sup>23</sup> Have I any pleasure in the  
death of the wicked?" says the Lord  
Yahweh; "and not rather that he should  
return from his way, and live?

<sup>24</sup> "But when the righteous turns away from  
his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and  
does according to all the abominations that  
the wicked man does, should he live? None  
of his righteous deeds that he has done will  
be remembered. In his trespass that he has

trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not equal.’ Hear now, house of Israel: Is my way not equal? Aren’t your ways unequal? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies therein; in his iniquity that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he will save his soul alive. <sup>28</sup>Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live. He shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ House of Israel, aren’t my ways fair? Aren’t your ways unfair?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, everyone according to his ways,” says the Lord Yahweh. “Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity will not be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make yourself a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies,” says the Lord Yahweh. “Therefore turn yourselves, and live!

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 19

<sup>1</sup>“Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, <sup>2</sup>and say, ‘What was your mother?

A lioness.

She couched among lions,  
in the middle of the young lions she  
nourished her cubs.

<sup>3</sup>She brought up one of her cubs.

He became a young lion.

He learned to catch the prey.

He devoured men.

<sup>4</sup> The nations also heard of him.  
He was taken in their pit;  
and they brought him with hooks to the land  
of Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> "Now when she saw that she had waited,  
and her hope was lost,  
then she took another of her cubs,  
and made him a young lion.

<sup>6</sup> He went up and down among the lions.  
He became a young lion.  
He learned to catch the prey.  
He devoured men.

<sup>7</sup> He knew their palaces,  
and laid waste their cities.  
The land was desolate,  
with its fullness,  
because of the noise of his roaring.

<sup>8</sup> Then the nations attacked him on every  
side from the provinces.  
They spread their net over him.  
He was taken in their pit.

<sup>9</sup> They put him in a cage with hooks,  
and brought him to the king of Babylon.  
They brought him into strongholds,  
so that his voice should no more be heard  
on the mountains of Israel.

<sup>10</sup> "Your mother was like a vine  
in your blood,  
planted by the waters.  
It was fruitful and full of branches by reason  
of many waters.

<sup>11</sup> It had strong branches for the scepters of  
those who ruled.  
Their stature was exalted among the thick  
boughs.

They were seen in their height  
with the multitude of their branches.

<sup>12</sup> But it was plucked up in fury.  
It was cast down to the ground,  
and the east wind dried up its fruit.  
Its strong branches were broken off and  
withered.

The fire consumed them.

<sup>13</sup> Now it is planted in the wilderness,

in a dry and thirsty land.

<sup>14</sup> Fire has gone out of its branches.

It has devoured its fruit,

so that there is in it no strong branch to be  
a scepter to rule.'

This is a lamentation, and shall be for a  
lamentation."

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup> In the seventh year, in the fifth month, the  
tenth day of the month, some of the elders  
of Israel came to inquire of Yahweh, and sat  
before me.

<sup>2</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Son  
of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and  
tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Is it  
to inquire of me that you have come? As I  
live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I will not be  
inquired of by you." ' "

<sup>4</sup> "Will you judge them, son of man? Will you  
judge them? Cause them to know the  
abominations of their fathers. <sup>5</sup> Tell them,  
'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "In the day  
when I chose Israel, and swore to the  
offspring of the house of Jacob, and made  
myself known to them in the land of Egypt,  
when I swore to them, saying, 'I am  
Yahweh your God;' <sup>6</sup> in that day I swore to  
them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt  
into a land that I had searched out for them,  
flowing with milk and honey, which is the  
glory of all lands. <sup>7</sup> I said to them, 'Each of  
you throw away the abominations of his  
eyes. Don't defile yourselves with the idols  
of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.'

<sup>8</sup> " "But they rebelled against me, and  
would not listen to me. They didn't all throw  
away the abominations of their eyes. They  
also didn't forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I  
said I would pour out my wrath on them, to  
accomplish my anger against them in the  
middle of the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> But I worked  
for my name's sake, that it should not be  
profaned in the sight of the nations, among

which they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in bringing them out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> So I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. <sup>11</sup> I gave them my statutes, and showed them my ordinances, which if a man does, he will live in them. <sup>12</sup> Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies them.

<sup>13</sup> "But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They didn't walk in my statutes, and they rejected my ordinances, which if a man keeps, he shall live in them. They greatly profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them in the wilderness, to consume them. <sup>14</sup> But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. <sup>15</sup> Moreover 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 is the glory of all lands; <sup>16</sup> because they rejected my ordinances, and didn't walk in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. <sup>17</sup> Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I didn't destroy them. I didn't make a full end of them in the wilderness. <sup>18</sup> I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Don't walk in the statutes of your fathers. Don't observe their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols. <sup>19</sup> I am Yahweh your God. Walk in my statutes, keep my ordinances, and do them. <sup>20</sup> Make my Sabbaths holy. They shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am Yahweh your God.'

<sup>21</sup> "But the children rebelled against me. They didn't walk in my statutes, and didn't keep my ordinances to do them, which if a man does, he shall live in them. They profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would

pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.<sup>22</sup> Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.<sup>23</sup> Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;<sup>24</sup> because they had not executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.<sup>25</sup> Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances in which they should not live.<sup>26</sup> I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused all that opens the womb to pass through the fire, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am Yahweh." "

<sup>27</sup> "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Moreover, in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me."<sup>28</sup> For when I had brought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There they also made their pleasant aroma, and there they poured out their drink offerings."<sup>29</sup> Then I said to them, 'What does the high place where you go mean?' So its name is called Bamah\* to this day." "

<sup>30</sup> "Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Do you pollute yourselves in the way of your fathers? Do you play the prostitute after their abominations?"<sup>31</sup> When you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your idols to this day? Should I be inquired of by you, house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord

Yahweh, I will not be inquired of by you!

<sup>32</sup> "That which comes into your mind will not be at all, in that you say, 'We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.' <sup>33</sup> As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. <sup>34</sup> I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. <sup>35</sup> I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. <sup>36</sup> Just as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>37</sup> "I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. <sup>38</sup> I will purge out from among you the rebels and those who disobey me. I will bring them out of the land where they live, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."

<sup>39</sup> "As for you, house of Israel, thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Go, everyone serve his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but you shall no more profane my holy name with your gifts and with your idols. <sup>40</sup> For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel," says the Lord Yahweh, "there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the first fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things. <sup>41</sup> I will accept you as a pleasant aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered. I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations. <sup>42</sup> You will know that I am Yahweh when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I swore to give to your fathers. <sup>43</sup> There you

will remember your ways, and all your deeds in which you have polluted yourselves. Then you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed. <sup>44</sup>You will know that I am Yahweh, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, you house of Israel," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>45</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>46</sup>"Son of man, set your face toward the south, and preach toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South. <sup>47</sup>Tell the forest of the South, 'Hear Yahweh's word: Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it will devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree. The burning flame will not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north will be burned by it. <sup>48</sup>All flesh will see that I, Yahweh, have kindled it. It will not be quenched.' " " "

<sup>49</sup>Then I said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! They say of me, 'Isn't he a speaker of parables?' " "

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\***20:29** "Bamah" means "High Place".

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Tell the land of Israel, 'Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, and will draw my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. <sup>4</sup>Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore my sword will go out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to



the north. <sup>5</sup>All flesh will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword out of its sheath. It will not return any more." "

<sup>6</sup>"Therefore sigh, you son of man. You shall sigh before their eyes with a broken heart\* and with bitterness. <sup>7</sup>It shall be, when they ask you, 'Why do you sigh?' that you shall say, 'Because of the news, for it comes! Every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it comes, and it shall be done, says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>8</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Yahweh says:

"A sword! A sword!

It is sharpened,  
and also polished.

<sup>10</sup>It is sharpened that it may make a slaughter.

It is polished that it may be as lightning.

Should we then make mirth?

The rod of my son condemns every tree.

<sup>11</sup>It is given to be polished,  
that it may be handled.

The sword is sharpened.

Yes, it is polished

to give it into the hand of the killer." "

<sup>12</sup>Cry and wail, son of man;  
for it is on my people.

It is on all the princes of Israel.

They are delivered over to the sword with my people.

Therefore beat your thigh.

<sup>13</sup>"For there is a trial. What if even the rod that condemns will be no more?" says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>14</sup>"You therefore, son of man, prophesy,  
and strike your hands together.

Let the sword be doubled the third time,  
the sword of the fatally wounded.

It is the sword of the great one who is fatally wounded,

which enters into their rooms.

<sup>15</sup>I have set the threatening sword against

all their gates,  
that their heart may melt,  
and their stumblings be multiplied.

Ah! It is made as lightning.

It is pointed for slaughter.

<sup>16</sup> Gather yourselves together.

Go to the right.

Set yourselves in array.

Go to the left,

wherever your face is set.

<sup>17</sup> I will also strike my hands together,

and I will cause my wrath to rest.

I, Yahweh, have spoken it."

<sup>18</sup> Yahweh's word came to me again,  
saying, <sup>19</sup> "Also, you son of man, appoint  
two ways, that the sword of the king of  
Babylon may come. They both will come out  
of one land, and mark out a place. Mark it  
out at the head of the way to the city. <sup>20</sup> You

shall appoint a way for the sword to come to  
Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to  
Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. <sup>21</sup> For the  
king of Babylon stood at the parting of the  
way, at the head of the two ways, to use  
divination. He shook the arrows back and  
forth. He consulted the teraphim.<sup>†</sup> He  
looked in the liver. <sup>22</sup> In his right hand was  
the lot for Jerusalem, to set battering rams,  
to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift  
up the voice with shouting, to set battering  
rams against the gates, to cast up mounds,  
and to build forts. <sup>23</sup> It will be to them as a  
false divination in their sight, who have  
sworn oaths to them; but he brings iniquity  
to memory, that they may be taken.

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:  
'Because you have caused your iniquity to  
be remembered, in that your transgressions  
are uncovered, so that in all your doings  
your sins appear; because you have come to  
memory, you will be taken with the hand.

<sup>25</sup> "You, deadly wounded wicked one, the  
prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the  
time of the iniquity of the end, <sup>26</sup> thus says  
the Lord Yahweh: "Remove the turban, and  
take off the crown. This will not be as it

was. Exalt that which is low, and humble that which is high.<sup>27</sup> I will overturn, overturn, overturn it. This also will be no more, until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it." "

<sup>28</sup>"You, son of man, prophesy, and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach:

"A sword! A sword is drawn!  
It is polished for the slaughter,  
to cause it to devour,  
that it may be as lightning;

<sup>29</sup>while they see for you false visions,  
while they divine lies to you,  
to lay you on the necks of the wicked who  
are deadly wounded,  
whose day has come in the time of the  
iniquity of the end.

<sup>30</sup>Cause it to return into its sheath.  
In the place where you were created,  
in the land of your birth, I will judge you.

<sup>31</sup>I will pour out my indignation on you.  
I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath.  
I will deliver you into the hand of brutish  
men,  
skillful to destroy.

<sup>32</sup>You will be for fuel to the fire.  
Your blood will be in the middle of the land.  
You will be remembered no more;  
for I, Yahweh, have spoken it." " "

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\***21:6** literally, the breaking of  
your thighs

†**21:21** teraphim were household  
idols that may have been  
associated with inheritance rights  
to the household property.

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**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 22**

<sup>1</sup>Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"You, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations. <sup>3</sup>You shall say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "A city that sheds blood within herself, that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her! <sup>4</sup>You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made! You have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years. Therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. <sup>5</sup>Those who are near, and those who are far from you, will mock you, you infamous one, full of tumult.

<sup>6</sup>"Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone according to his power, have been in you to shed blood. <sup>7</sup>In you have they treated father and mother with contempt.\* Among you they have oppressed the foreigner. In you they have wronged the fatherless and the widow. <sup>8</sup>You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my Sabbaths. <sup>9</sup>Slandorous men have been in you to shed blood. In you they have eaten on the mountains. They have committed lewdness among you. <sup>10</sup>In you have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness. In you have they humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. <sup>11</sup>One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law. Another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter. <sup>12</sup>In you have they taken bribes to shed blood. You have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>13</sup>"Behold, therefore I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been

within you. <sup>14</sup> Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I will deal with you? I, Yahweh, have spoken it, and will do it. <sup>15</sup> I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries. I will consume your filthiness out of you. <sup>16</sup> You will be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." " "

<sup>17</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me. All of them are bronze, tin, iron, and lead in the middle of the furnace. They are the dross of silver. <sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Because you have all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup> As they gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. <sup>21</sup> Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted in the middle of it. <sup>22</sup> As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so you will be melted in the middle of it; and you will know that I, Yahweh, have poured out my wrath on you.' "

<sup>23</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>24</sup> "Son of man, tell her, 'You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained on in the day of indignation.' <sup>25</sup> There is a conspiracy of her prophets within it, like a roaring lion ravening the prey. They have devoured souls. They take treasure and precious things. They have made many widows within it. <sup>26</sup> Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths. So I am profaned among them. <sup>27</sup> Her princes within

it are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain.<sup>28</sup> Her prophets have plastered for them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh,' when Yahweh has not spoken.<sup>29</sup> The people of the land have used oppression and exercised robbery. Yes, they have troubled the poor and needy, and have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully.

<sup>30</sup>"I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.<sup>31</sup> Therefore I have poured out my indignation on them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have brought their own way on their heads," says the Lord Yahweh.

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\***22:7** Literally, made light of father and mother.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 23

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came again to me, saying,<sup>2</sup>"Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother.<sup>3</sup> They played the prostitute in Egypt. They played the prostitute in their youth. Their breasts were fondled there, and their youthful nipples were caressed there.<sup>4</sup> Their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister. They became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah.

<sup>5</sup>"Oholah played the prostitute when she was mine. She doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors,<sup>6</sup> who were clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on

horses. <sup>7</sup> She gave herself as a prostitute to them, all of them the choicest men of Assyria. She defiled herself with the idols of whoever she lusted after. <sup>8</sup> She hasn't left her prostitution since leaving Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her. They caressed her youthful nipples; and they poured out their prostitution on her.

<sup>9</sup> "Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on whom she doted. <sup>10</sup> These uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters; and they killed her with the sword. She became a byword among women; for they executed judgments on her.

<sup>11</sup> "Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her lusting than she, and in her prostitution which was more depraved than the prostitution of her sister. <sup>12</sup> She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. <sup>13</sup> I saw that she was defiled. They both went the same way.

<sup>14</sup> "She increased her prostitution; for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with red, <sup>15</sup> dressed with belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like princes, after the likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth. <sup>16</sup> As soon as she saw them, she lusted after them and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. <sup>17</sup> The Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their prostitution. She was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. <sup>18</sup> So she uncovered her prostitution and uncovered her nakedness. Then my soul was alienated from her, just like my soul was alienated from her sister. <sup>19</sup> Yet she multiplied her prostitution, remembering the days of her youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> She

lusted after their lovers, whose flesh is as the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. <sup>21</sup> Thus you called to memory the lewdness of your youth, in the caressing of your nipples by the Egyptians because of your youthful breasts.

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side: <sup>23</sup> the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all of them desirable young men, governors and rulers, princes and men of renown, all of them riding on horses. <sup>24</sup> They will come against you with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set themselves against you with buckler, shield, and helmet all around. I will commit the judgment to them, and they will judge you according to their judgments. <sup>25</sup> I will set my jealousy against you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will take away your nose and your ears. Your remnant will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters; and the rest of you will be devoured by the fire. <sup>26</sup> They will also strip you of your clothes, and take away your beautiful jewels. <sup>27</sup> Thus I will make your lewdness to cease from you, and remove your prostitution from the land of Egypt; so that you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.'

<sup>28</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of them whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your soul is alienated. <sup>29</sup> They will deal with you in hatred, and will take away all your labor, and will leave you naked and bare. The nakedness of your prostitution will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution. <sup>30</sup> These things will be done to you, because you have played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols. <sup>31</sup> You have walked



in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.'

<sup>32</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

'You will drink of your sister's cup, which is deep and large.

You will be ridiculed and held in derision.

It contains much.

<sup>33</sup> You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow,

with the cup of astonishment and desolation,

with the cup of your sister Samaria.

<sup>34</sup> You will even drink it and drain it out.

You will gnaw the broken pieces of it, and will tear your breasts;

for I have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>35</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:

'Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitution.' "

<sup>36</sup> Yahweh said moreover to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their

abominations. <sup>37</sup> For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands. They

have committed adultery with their idols. They have also caused their sons, whom

they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be devoured. <sup>38</sup> Moreover this they

have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my Sabbaths. <sup>39</sup> For when they had

slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to

profane it; and behold, they have done this in the middle of my house.

<sup>40</sup> "Furthermore you sisters have sent for men who come from far away, to whom a

messenger was sent, and behold, they came; for whom you washed yourself,

painted your eyes, decorated yourself with ornaments, <sup>41</sup> and sat on a stately bed, with

a table prepared before it, whereupon you set my incense and my oil.

<sup>42</sup> "The voice of a multitude being at ease was with her. With men of the common sort

were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads. <sup>43</sup> Then I said of her who was old in adulteries, 'Now they will play the prostitute with her, and she with them.' <sup>44</sup> They went in to her, as they go in to a prostitute. So they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women. <sup>45</sup> Righteous men will judge them with the judgment of adulteresses and with the judgment of women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

<sup>46</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'I will bring up a mob against them, and will give them to be tossed back and forth and robbed. <sup>47</sup> The company will stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords. They will kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

<sup>48</sup> " 'Thus I will cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to be lewd like you. <sup>49</sup> They will recompense your lewdness on you, and you will bear the sins of your idols. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh.' "

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup> Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, write the name of the day, this same day. The king of Babylon drew close to Jerusalem this same day. <sup>3</sup> Utter a parable to the rebellious house, and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Put the cauldron on the fire.

Put it on,  
and also pour water into it.

<sup>4</sup> Gather its pieces into it,  
even every good piece:  
the thigh and the shoulder.  
Fill it with the choice bones.

<sup>5</sup> Take the choice of the flock,  
and also a pile of wood for the bones under  
the cauldron.

Make it boil well.

Yes, let its bones be boiled within it."

<sup>6</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Woe to the bloody city,  
to the cauldron whose rust is in it,  
and whose rust hasn't gone out of it!  
Take out of it piece after piece.  
No lot is fallen on it.

<sup>7</sup> " "For her blood is in the middle of her.

She set it on the bare rock.

She didn't pour it on the ground,  
to cover it with dust.

<sup>8</sup> That it may cause wrath to come up to  
take vengeance,  
I have set her blood on the bare rock,  
that it should not be covered."

<sup>9</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Woe to the bloody city!  
I also will make the pile great.

<sup>10</sup> Heap on the wood.

Make the fire hot.

Boil the meat well.

Make the broth thick,  
and let the bones be burned.

<sup>11</sup> Then set it empty on its coals,  
that it may be hot,  
and its bronze may burn,  
and that its filthiness may be molten in it,  
that its rust may be consumed.

<sup>12</sup> She is weary with toil;  
yet her great rust,  
rust by fire, doesn't leave her.

<sup>13</sup> " "In your filthiness is lewdness. Because  
I have cleansed you and you weren't  
cleansed, you won't be cleansed from your  
filthiness any more, until I have caused my  
wrath toward you to rest.

<sup>14</sup> I, Yahweh, have spoken it. It will happen,  
and I will do it. I won't go back. I won't  
spare. I won't repent. According to your  
ways, and according to your doings, they  
will judge you," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>15</sup> Also Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>16</sup> "Son of man, behold, I will take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down. <sup>17</sup> Sigh, but not aloud. Make no mourning for the dead. Bind your headdress on you, and put your shoes on your feet. Don't cover your lips, and don't eat mourner's bread."

<sup>18</sup> So I spoke to the people in the morning; and at evening my wife died. So I did in the morning as I was commanded.

<sup>19</sup> The people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things are to us, that you do so?"

<sup>20</sup> Then I said to them, "Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>21</sup> 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword. <sup>22</sup> You will do as I have done. You won't cover your lips or eat mourner's bread. <sup>23</sup> Your turbans will be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet. You won't mourn or weep; but you will pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. <sup>24</sup> Thus Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he has done, you will do. When this comes, then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh.' " " " "

<sup>25</sup> "You, son of man, shouldn't it be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, <sup>26</sup> that in that day he who escapes will come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears? <sup>27</sup> In that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped, and you will speak, and be no more mute. So you will be a sign to them. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

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### Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, set your face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them. <sup>3</sup>Tell the children of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord Yahweh! Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: <sup>4</sup>therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the children of the east for a possession. They will set their encampments in you, and make their dwellings in you. They will eat your fruit and they will drink your milk. <sup>5</sup>I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." <sup>6</sup>For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Because you have clapped your hands, stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the contempt of your soul against the land of Israel; <sup>7</sup>therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand on you, and will deliver you for a plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries. I will destroy you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."

<sup>8</sup>"Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations;' <sup>9</sup>therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim, <sup>10</sup>to the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. <sup>11</sup>I will execute judgments on Moab. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

<sup>12</sup>"Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Because

Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and taken revenge on them;"<sup>13</sup> therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh, "I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman. They will fall by the sword even to Dedan."<sup>14</sup> I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel. They will do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath. Then they will know my vengeance," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Because the Philistines have taken revenge, and have taken vengeance with contempt of soul to destroy with perpetual hostility;"<sup>16</sup> therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I will stretch out my hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast."<sup>17</sup> I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I lay my vengeance on them." " " "

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 26

<sup>1</sup> In the eleventh year, in the first of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! She is broken! She who was the gateway of the peoples has been returned to me. I will be replenished, now that she is laid waste;' "<sup>3</sup> therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh, 'Behold, I am against you, Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. "<sup>4</sup> They will destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. "<sup>5</sup> She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea; for I have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh.

'She will become plunder for the nations. <sup>6</sup> Her daughters who are in the field will be slain with the sword. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.'

<sup>7</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I will bring on Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, with chariots, with horsemen, and an army with many people. <sup>8</sup> He will kill your daughters in the field with the sword. He will make forts against you, cast up a mound against you, and raise up the buckler against you. <sup>9</sup> He will set his battering engines against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers. <sup>10</sup> By reason of the abundance of his horses, their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he enters into your gates, as men enter into a city which is broken open. <sup>11</sup> He will tread down all your streets with the hoofs of his horses. He will kill your people with the sword. The pillars of your strength will go down to the ground. <sup>12</sup> They will make a plunder of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise. They will break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses. They will lay your stones, your timber, and your dust in the middle of the waters. <sup>13</sup> I will cause the noise of your songs to cease. The sound of your harps won't be heard any more. <sup>14</sup> I will make you a bare rock. You will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be built no more; for I Yahweh have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Tyre: 'Won't the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made within you? <sup>16</sup> Then all the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling. They will sit on the ground, and will tremble every moment, and be astonished at you. <sup>17</sup> They

will take up a lamentation over you, and tell you,

"How you are destroyed,  
who were inhabited by seafaring men,  
the renowned city,  
who was strong in the sea,  
she and her inhabitants,  
who caused their terror to be on all who  
lived there!"

<sup>18</sup> Now the islands will tremble in the day of  
your fall.

Yes, the islands that are in the sea will be  
dismayed at your departure.'

<sup>19</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'When I  
make you a desolate city, like the cities that  
are not inhabited; when I bring up the deep  
on you, and the great waters cover  
you; <sup>20</sup> then I will bring you down with those  
who descend into the pit, to the people of  
old time, and will make you dwell in the  
lower parts of the earth, in the places that  
are desolate of old, with those who go down  
to the pit, that you be not inhabited; and I  
will set glory in the land of the living. <sup>21</sup> I will  
make you a terror, and you will no more  
have any being. Though you are sought for,  
yet you will never be found again,' says the  
Lord Yahweh."

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 27

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came again to me,  
saying, <sup>2</sup> "You, son of man, take up a  
lamentation over Tyre; <sup>3</sup> and tell Tyre, 'You  
who dwell at the entry of the sea, who are  
the merchant of the peoples to many  
islands, thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"You, Tyre, have said,  
'I am perfect in beauty.'

<sup>4</sup> Your borders are in the heart of the seas.  
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

<sup>5</sup> They have made all your planks of cypress  
trees from Senir.

They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to  
make a mast for you.



<sup>6</sup> They have made your oars of the oaks of Bashan.

They have made your benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood from the islands of Kittim.

<sup>7</sup> Your sail was of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt, that it might be to you for a banner.

Blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was your awning.

<sup>8</sup> The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers.

Your wise men, Tyre, were in you.

They were your pilots.

<sup>9</sup> The old men of Gebal

and its wise men were your repairers of ship seams in you.

All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you

to deal in your merchandise.

<sup>10</sup> "Persia, Lud, and Put were in your army,

your men of war.

They hung the shield and helmet in you.

They showed your beauty.

<sup>11</sup> The men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all around,

and valient men were in your towers.

They hung their shields on your walls all around.

They have perfected your beauty.

<sup>12</sup> "Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches. They traded for your wares with silver, iron, tin, and lead.

<sup>13</sup> "Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your traders. They traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.

<sup>14</sup> "They of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses, war horses, and mules.

<sup>15</sup> "The men of Dedan traded with you.

Many islands were the market of your hand.

They brought you horns of ivory and ebony in exchange.

<sup>16</sup> "Syria was your merchant by reason of

the multitude of your handiworks. They traded for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies.

<sup>17</sup> "Judah and the land of Israel were your traders. They traded wheat of Minnith, confections, honey, oil, and balm for your merchandise.

<sup>18</sup> "Damascus was your merchant for the multitude of your handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

<sup>19</sup> "Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for your wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus were among your merchandise.

<sup>20</sup> "Dedan was your trafficker in precious cloths for riding.

<sup>21</sup> "Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar were the merchants of your hand; in lambs, rams, and goats. In these, they were your merchants.

<sup>22</sup> "The traders of Sheba and Raamah were your traders. They traded for your wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

<sup>23</sup> "Haran, Canneh, and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your traders.<sup>24</sup> These were your traders in choice wares, in wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise.

<sup>25</sup> "The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise.

You were replenished  
and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

<sup>26</sup> Your rowers have brought you into great waters.

The east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas.

<sup>27</sup> Your riches,  
your wares,  
your merchandise,  
your mariners,  
your pilots,

your repairers of ship seams,  
the dealers in your merchandise,  
and all your men of war, who are in you,  
with all your company which is among you,  
will fall into the heart of the seas in the day  
of your ruin.

<sup>28</sup> At the sound of the cry of your pilots,  
the pasture lands will shake.

<sup>29</sup> All who handle the oars,  
the mariners and all the pilots of the sea,  
will come down from their ships.

They will stand on the land,

<sup>30</sup> and will cause their voice to be heard over  
you,  
and will cry bitterly.

They will cast up dust on their heads.

They will wallow in the ashes.

<sup>31</sup> They will make themselves bald for you,  
and clothe themselves with sackcloth.

They will weep for you in bitterness of soul,  
with bitter mourning.

<sup>32</sup> In their wailing they will take up a  
lamentation for you,  
and lament over you, saying,  
'Who is there like Tyre,  
like her who is brought to silence in the  
middle of the sea?'

<sup>33</sup> When your wares went out of the seas,  
you filled many peoples.

You enriched the kings of the earth  
with the multitude of your riches and of your  
merchandise.

<sup>34</sup> In the time that you were broken by the  
seas,

in the depths of the waters,

your merchandise

and all your company fell within you.

<sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the islands are  
astonished at you,

and their kings are horribly afraid.

They are troubled in their face.

<sup>36</sup> The merchants among the peoples hiss at  
you.

You have become a terror,  
and you will be no more." " " "

**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 28**

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came again to me,  
saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, tell the prince of  
Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Because your heart is lifted up,  
and you have said, 'I am a god,  
I sit in the seat of God,  
in the middle of the seas;'  
yet you are man,  
and not God,  
though you set your heart as the heart of  
God—

<sup>3</sup> behold, you are wiser than Daniel;  
there is no secret that is hidden from you;

<sup>4</sup> by your wisdom and by your understanding  
you have gotten yourself riches,  
and have gotten gold and silver into your  
treasures;

<sup>5</sup> by your great wisdom  
and by your trading you have increased your  
riches,  
and your heart is lifted up because of your  
riches—"

<sup>6</sup> " therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Because you have set your heart as the  
heart of God,

<sup>7</sup> therefore, behold, I will bring strangers on  
you,  
the terrible of the nations.

They will draw their swords against the  
beauty of your wisdom.

They will defile your brightness.

<sup>8</sup> They will bring you down to the pit.

You will die the death of those who are slain  
in the heart of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> Will you yet say before him who kills you,  
'I am God'?

But you are man, and not God,  
in the hand of him who wounds you.

<sup>10</sup> You will die the death of the  
uncircumcised

by the hand of strangers;  
for I have spoken it," says the Lord  
Yahweh.' "

<sup>11</sup> Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"You were the seal of full measure, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire,\* turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you.

They were prepared in the day that you were created.

<sup>14</sup> You were the anointed cherub who covers.

Then I set you up on the holy mountain of God.

You have walked up and down in the middle of the stones of fire.

<sup>15</sup> You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

<sup>16</sup> By the abundance of your commerce, your insides were filled with violence, and you have sinned.

Therefore I have cast you as profane out of God's mountain.

I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire.

<sup>17</sup> Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty.

You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.

I have cast you to the ground.

I have laid you before kings, that they may see you.

<sup>18</sup> By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your commerce, you have profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought out a fire from the middle of you.

It has devoured you.

I have turned you to ashes on the earth  
in the sight of all those who see you.

<sup>19</sup> All those who know you among the  
peoples will be astonished at you.

You have become a terror,  
and you will exist no more." ' "

<sup>20</sup> Yahweh's word came to me,  
saying, <sup>21</sup> "Son of man, set your face toward  
Sidon, and prophesy against it, <sup>22</sup> and say,  
'Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Behold, I am against you, Sidon.

I will be glorified among you.

Then they will know that I am Yahweh,  
when I have executed judgments in her,  
and am sanctified in her.

<sup>23</sup> For I will send pestilence into her,  
and blood into her streets.

The wounded will fall within her,  
with the sword on her on every side.

Then they will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>24</sup> " "There will be no more a pricking brier  
to the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of  
any that are around them that scorned  
them. Then they will know that I am the  
Lord Yahweh."

<sup>25</sup> " 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "When I  
have gathered the house of Israel from the  
peoples among whom they are scattered,  
and am sanctified in them in the sight of the  
nations, then they will dwell in their own  
land which I gave to my servant  
Jacob. <sup>26</sup> They will dwell in it securely. Yes,  
they will build houses, plant vineyards, and  
will dwell securely, when I have executed  
judgments on all those who scorn them all  
around. Then they will know that I am  
Yahweh their God." ' "

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\***28:13** or, lapis lazuli

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 29

<sup>1</sup>In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. <sup>3</sup>Speak and say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the middle of his rivers, that has said, 'My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.'

<sup>4</sup>I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales.

I will bring you up out of the middle of your rivers, with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales.

<sup>5</sup>I'll cast you out into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You'll fall on the open field.

You won't be brought together or gathered. I have given you for food to the animals of the earth and to the birds of the sky.

<sup>6</sup>" "All the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am Yahweh, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulders. When they leaned on you, you broke, and paralyzed all of their thighs."

<sup>8</sup>" 'Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and will cut off man and animal from you. <sup>9</sup>The land of Egypt will be a desolation and a waste. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.

" "Because he has said, 'The river is mine, and I have made it,' <sup>10</sup>therefore, behold, I am against you, and against your rivers. I

will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from the tower of Seveneh even to the border of Ethiopia. <sup>11</sup> No foot of man will pass through it, nor will any animal foot pass through it. It won't be inhabited for forty years. <sup>12</sup> I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the middle of the countries that are desolate. Her cities among the cities that are laid waste will be a desolation forty years. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries."

<sup>13</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered. <sup>14</sup> I will reverse the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth. They will be a lowly kingdom, there. <sup>15</sup> It will be the lowest of the kingdoms. It won't lift itself up above the nations any more. I will diminish them, so that they will no longer rule over the nations. <sup>16</sup> It will no longer be the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to memory, when they turn to look after them. Then they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh." " " "

<sup>17</sup> It came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet he had no wages, nor did his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. <sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will carry off her multitude, take her plunder, and take her prey. That will be the wages for his army. <sup>20</sup> I have given him the land of Egypt as his payment for which he served, because they worked for me,' says the Lord Yahweh.



<sup>21</sup> "In that day I will cause a horn to sprout for the house of Israel, and I will open your mouth among them. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

## Ezekiel Chapter 30

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"Wail, 'Alas for the day!'

<sup>3</sup> For the day is near, even Yahweh's day is near. It will be a day of clouds, a time of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> A sword will come on Egypt, and anguish will be in Ethiopia, when the slain fall in Egypt. They take away her multitude, and her foundations are broken down.

<sup>5</sup> " "Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all the mixed people, Cub, and the children of the land that is allied with them, will fall with them by the sword."

<sup>6</sup> " Yahweh says:

"They also who uphold Egypt will fall. The pride of her power will come down. They will fall by the sword in it from the tower of Seveneh," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>7</sup> "They will be desolate in the middle of the countries that are desolate. Her cities will be among the cities that are wasted.

<sup>8</sup> They will know that I am Yahweh when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed.

<sup>9</sup> " "In that day messengers will go out from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid. There will be anguish on them, as in the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes."

<sup>10</sup> " Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease,

by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

<sup>11</sup> He and his people with him,  
the terrible of the nations,  
will be brought in to destroy the land.  
They will draw their swords against Egypt,  
and fill the land with the slain.

<sup>12</sup> I will make the rivers dry,  
and will sell the land into the hand of evil men.

I will make the land desolate,  
and all that is therein,  
by the hand of strangers:  
I, Yahweh, have spoken it."

<sup>13</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"I will also destroy the idols,  
and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis.

There will be no more a prince from the land of Egypt.

I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> I will make Pathros desolate,  
and will set a fire in Zoan,  
and will execute judgments on No.

<sup>15</sup> I will pour my wrath on Sin,  
the stronghold of Egypt.  
I will cut off the multitude of No.

<sup>16</sup> I will set a fire in Egypt  
Sin will be in great anguish.

No will be broken up.

Memphis will have adversaries in the daytime.

<sup>17</sup> The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth  
will fall by the sword.

They will go into captivity.

<sup>18</sup> At Tehaphnehes also the day will  
withdraw itself,

when I break the yokes of Egypt, there.

The pride of her power will cease in her.

As for her, a cloud will cover her,  
and her daughters will go into captivity.

<sup>19</sup> Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt.  
Then they will know that I am Yahweh." " "

<sup>20</sup> In the eleventh year, in the first month, in  
the seventh day of the month, Yahweh's

word came to me, saying, <sup>21</sup>"Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Behold, it has not been bound up, to apply medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it become strong to hold the sword. <sup>22</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong arm, and that which was broken. I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. <sup>23</sup>I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. <sup>24</sup>I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand; but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan before the king of Babylon with the groaning of a mortally wounded man. <sup>25</sup>I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon; and the arms of Pharaoh will fall down. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he stretches it out on the land of Egypt. <sup>26</sup>I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.' "

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 31

<sup>1</sup>In the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his multitude: 'Whom are you like in your greatness? <sup>3</sup>Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs. <sup>4</sup>The waters nourished it. The deep made it to grow. Its rivers ran all around its plantation; and it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied. Its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it spread them out.

<sup>6</sup> All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs.

Under its branches, all the animals of the field gave birth to their young.

All great nations lived under its shadow.

<sup>7</sup> Thus was it beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by many waters.

<sup>8</sup> The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it.

The cypress trees were not like its boughs.

The pine trees were not as its branches;

nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty.

<sup>9</sup> I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches,

so that all the trees of Eden,

that were in the garden of God, envied it.'

<sup>10</sup> "Therefore thus said the Lord Yahweh:

'Because you are exalted in stature, and he

has set his top among the thick boughs, and

his heart is lifted up in his height; <sup>11</sup> I will

even deliver him into the hand of the mighty

one of the nations. He will surely deal with

him. I have driven him out for his

wickedness. <sup>12</sup> Strangers, the tyrants of the

nations, have cut him off, and have left him.

His branches have fallen on the mountains

and in all the valleys and his boughs are

broken by all the watercourses of the land.

All the peoples of the earth have gone down

from his shadow, and have left him. <sup>13</sup> All

the birds of the sky will dwell on his ruin,

and all the animals of the field will be on his

branches; <sup>14</sup> to the end that none of all the

trees by the waters exalt themselves in their

stature, and don't set their top among the

thick boughs. Their mighty ones don't stand

up on their height, even all who drink water;

for they are all delivered to death, to the

lower parts of the earth, among the children of men, with those who go down to the pit.'

<sup>15</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'In the day when he went down to Sheol<sup>\*</sup> I caused a mourning. I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers. The great waters were stopped. I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. <sup>16</sup> I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol<sup>†</sup> with those who descend into the pit. All the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. <sup>17</sup> They also went down into Sheol with him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were his arm, who lived under his shadow in the middle of the nations.

<sup>18</sup> "To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth. You will lie in the middle of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. " 'This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord Yahweh."

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\***31:15** Sheol is the place of the dead.

†**31:16** Sheol is the place of the dead.

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## Ezekiel Chapter 32

<sup>1</sup> In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, "Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> 'Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, "You were likened to a young lion of the

nations;

yet you are as a monster in the seas.

You broke out with your rivers,  
and troubled the waters with your feet,  
and fouled their rivers."

<sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"I will spread out my net on you with a  
company of many peoples;  
and they will bring you up in my net.

<sup>4</sup> I will leave you on the land.

I will cast you out on the open field,  
and will cause all the birds of the sky to  
settle on you.

I will satisfy the animals of the whole earth  
with you.

<sup>5</sup> I will lay your flesh on the mountains,  
and fill the valleys with your height.

<sup>6</sup> I will also water the land in which you  
swim with your blood,  
even to the mountains.

The watercourses will be full of you.

<sup>7</sup> When I extinguish you, I will cover the  
heavens  
and make its stars dark.

I will cover the sun with a cloud,  
and the moon won't give its light.

<sup>8</sup> I will make all the bright lights of the sky  
dark over you,  
and set darkness on your land," says the  
Lord Yahweh.

<sup>9</sup> "I will also trouble the hearts of many  
peoples,  
when I bring your destruction among the  
nations,  
into the countries which you have not  
known.

<sup>10</sup> Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at  
you,  
and their kings will be horribly afraid for  
you,  
when I brandish my sword before them.  
They will tremble at every moment,  
every man for his own life,  
in the day of your fall."

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord Yahweh:

"The sword of the king of Babylon will come

on you.

<sup>12</sup> I will cause your multitude to fall by the swords of the mighty.

They are all the ruthless of the nations.

They will bring the pride of Egypt to nothing,

and all its multitude will be destroyed.

<sup>13</sup> I will destroy also all its animals from beside many waters.

The foot of man won't trouble them any more,

nor will the hoofs of animals trouble them.

<sup>14</sup> Then I will make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup> "When I make the land of Egypt desolate and waste,

a land destitute of that of which it was full, when I strike all those who dwell therein, then they will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>16</sup> " "This is the lamentation with which they will lament. The daughters of the nations will lament with this. They will lament with it over Egypt, and over all her multitude," says the Lord Yahweh.' "

<sup>17</sup> Also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. <sup>19</sup> Whom do you pass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised. <sup>20</sup> They will fall among those who are slain by the sword. She is delivered to the sword. Draw her away with all her multitudes. <sup>21</sup> The strong among the mighty will speak to him out of the middle of Sheol \* with those who help him. They have gone down. The uncircumcised lie still, slain by the sword.

<sup>22</sup> "Asshur is there with all her company. Her graves are all around her. All of them slain, fallen by the sword; <sup>23</sup> whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her

company is around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.

<sup>24</sup>“There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. <sup>25</sup>They have set her a bed among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. He is put among those who are slain.

<sup>26</sup>“There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude. Their graves are around them, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. <sup>27</sup>They will not lie with the mighty who are fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

<sup>28</sup>“But you will be broken among the uncircumcised, and will lie with those who are slain by the sword.

<sup>29</sup>“There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword. They will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

<sup>30</sup>“There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain. They are put to shame in the terror which they caused by their might. They lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.

<sup>31</sup>“Pharaoh will see them, and will be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the



sword," says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>32</sup>"For I have put his terror in the land of the living. He will be laid among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude," says the Lord Yahweh.

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**\*32:21** Sheol is the place of the dead.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 33

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and tell them, 'When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; <sup>3</sup>if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blows the trumpet, and warns the people; <sup>4</sup>then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn't heed the warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. <sup>5</sup>He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn't take warning. His blood will be on him; whereas if he had heeded the warning, he would have delivered his soul. <sup>6</sup>But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn't blow the trumpet, and the people aren't warned, and the sword comes, and takes any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man: I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them warnings from me. <sup>8</sup>When I tell the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you don't speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man will die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at your

hand. <sup>9</sup> Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup> "You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: 'You say this, "Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we pine away in them. How then can we live?" ' <sup>11</sup> Tell them, ' "As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why will you die, house of Israel?" ' "

<sup>12</sup> "You, son of man, tell the children of your people, 'The righteousness of the righteous will not deliver him in the day of his disobedience. And as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not fall by it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither will he who is righteous be able to live by it in the day that he sins. <sup>13</sup> When I tell the righteous that he will surely live; if he trusts in his righteousness, and commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but he will die in his iniquity that he has committed. <sup>14</sup> Again, when I say to the wicked, "You will surely die;" if he turns from his sin, and does that which is lawful and right; <sup>15</sup> if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he will surely live. He will not die. <sup>16</sup> None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done that which is lawful and right. He will surely live.

<sup>17</sup> "Yet the children of your people say, "The way of the Lord is not fair;" but as for them, their way is not fair. <sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he will even die therein. <sup>19</sup> When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he will live by it. <sup>20</sup> Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is not fair." House of Israel, I will judge every one of you after his

ways.' "

<sup>21</sup> In the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been defeated!" <sup>22</sup> Now Yahweh's hand had been on me in the evening, before he who had escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

<sup>23</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>24</sup> "Son of man, those who inhabit the waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he inherited the land; but we are many. The land is given us for inheritance.' <sup>25</sup> Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood. So should you possess the land? <sup>26</sup> You stand on your sword, you work abomination, and every one of you defiles his neighbor's wife. So should you possess the land?"' "

<sup>27</sup> "You shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword. I will give he who is in the open field to the animals to be devoured; and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of the pestilence. <sup>28</sup> I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment. The pride of her power will cease. The mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that no one will pass through. <sup>29</sup> Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed." ' "

<sup>30</sup> "As for you, son of man, the children of your people talk about you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak to one another, everyone to his brother, saying, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes out from

Yahweh.' <sup>31</sup> They come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but don't do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain. <sup>32</sup> Behold, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they don't do them.

<sup>33</sup> "When this comes to pass—behold, it comes—then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

### Ezekiel Chapter 34

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, and tell them, even the shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup> You eat the fat. You clothe yourself with the wool. You kill the fatlings, but you don't feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup> You haven't strengthened the diseased. You haven't healed that which was sick. You haven't bound up that which was broken. You haven't brought back that which was driven away. You haven't sought that which was lost, but you have ruled over them with force and with rigor. <sup>5</sup> They were scattered, because there was no shepherd. They became food to all the animals of the field, and were scattered. <sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill. Yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth. There was no one who searched or sought."

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word: <sup>8</sup> "As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd. My shepherds didn't search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed

themselves, and didn't feed my sheep."<sup>9</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word:<sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I am against the shepherds. I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep. The shepherds won't feed themselves any more. I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them."

<sup>11</sup> "For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.<sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so I will seek out my sheep. I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.<sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country.<sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture; and their fold will be on the mountains of the height of Israel. There they will lie down in a good fold. They will feed on fat pasture on the mountains of Israel.<sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down," says the Lord Yahweh.<sup>16</sup> "I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong. I will feed them in justice." "

<sup>17</sup> "As for you, O my flock, thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats.<sup>18</sup> Does it seem a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? And to have drunk of the clear waters, but must you foul the residue with your feet?<sup>19</sup> As for my sheep, they eat

that which you have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.'

<sup>20</sup> "Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh to them: 'Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad; <sup>22</sup> therefore I will save my flock, and they will no more be a prey. I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will set up one shepherd over them, and he will feed them, even my servant David. He will feed them, and he will be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I, Yahweh, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them. I, Yahweh, have spoken it.

<sup>25</sup> "I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil animals to cease out of the land. They will dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing. I will cause the shower to come down in its season. There will be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> The tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure in their land. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them. <sup>28</sup> They will no more be a prey to the nations, neither will the animals of the earth devour them; but they will dwell securely, and no one will make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> I will raise up to them a plantation for renown, and they will no more be consumed with famine in the land, and not bear the shame of the nations any more. <sup>30</sup> They will know that I, Yahweh, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>31</sup> You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God,' says the Lord Yahweh."

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 35

<sup>1</sup>Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it, <sup>3</sup>and tell it, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you. I will make you a desolation and an astonishment. <sup>4</sup>I will lay your cities waste, and you will be desolate. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>5</sup>" "Because you have had a perpetual hostility, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; <sup>6</sup>therefore, as I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood will pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, therefore blood will pursue you. <sup>7</sup>Thus I will make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation. I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns. <sup>8</sup>I will fill its mountains with its slain. The slain with the sword will fall in your hills and in your valleys and in all your watercourses. <sup>9</sup>I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>10</sup>" "Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries will be mine, and we will possess it;' whereas Yahweh was there: <sup>11</sup>therefore, as I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them when I judge you. <sup>12</sup>You will know that I, Yahweh, have heard all your insults which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They have been laid desolate. They have been given us to devour.' <sup>13</sup>You have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have

multiplied your words against me. I have heard it.”<sup>14</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.”<sup>15</sup> As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so I will do to you. You will be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.’”

### Ezekiel Chapter 36

<sup>1</sup> You, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, “You mountains of Israel, hear Yahweh’s word.”<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh: ‘Because the enemy has said against you, “Aha!” and, “The ancient high places are ours in possession!”’<sup>3</sup> therefore prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the residue of the nations, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people;”’<sup>4</sup> therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yahweh: Thus says the Lord Yahweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which have become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are all around;’<sup>5</sup> therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Surely in the fire of my jealousy I have spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey.”’<sup>6</sup> Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and tell the mountains, the hills, the watercourses and the valleys, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath,



because you have borne the shame of the nations.”<sup>7</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: “I have sworn, ‘Surely the nations that are around you will bear their shame.’

<sup>8</sup>““But you, mountains of Israel, you shall shoot out your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come. <sup>9</sup>For, behold, I am for you, and I will come to you, and you will be tilled and sown. <sup>10</sup>I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it. The cities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be built. <sup>11</sup>I will multiply man and animal on you. They will increase and be fruitful. I will cause you to be inhabited as you were before, and you will do better than at your beginnings. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. <sup>12</sup>Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel. They will possess you, and you will be their inheritance, and you will never again bereave them of their children.”

<sup>13</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Because they say to you, ‘You are a devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your nation;’ <sup>14</sup>therefore you shall devour men no more, and not bereave your nation any more,” says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>15</sup>“I won’t let you hear the shame of the nations any more. You won’t bear the reproach of the peoples any more, and you won’t cause your nation to stumble any more,” says the Lord Yahweh.’ ”

<sup>16</sup>Moreover Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, <sup>17</sup>“Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and by their deeds. Their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. <sup>18</sup>Therefore I poured out my wrath on them for the blood which they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols. <sup>19</sup>I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. I judged them according to their way and according to their deeds. <sup>20</sup>When

they came to the nations where they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, 'These are Yahweh's people, and have left his land.'<sup>21</sup> But I had respect for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "I don't do this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went."<sup>23</sup> I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh," says the Lord Yahweh, "when I am proven holy in you before their eyes.

<sup>24</sup> " "For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land."<sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness, and from all your idols."<sup>26</sup> I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh."<sup>27</sup> I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes. You will keep my ordinances and do them."<sup>28</sup> You will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. You will be my people, and I will be your God."<sup>29</sup> I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you."<sup>30</sup> I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field, that you may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations.

<sup>31</sup> " "Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations."<sup>32</sup> I don't do this for your sake," says the Lord Yahweh. "Let it be known to you: be ashamed and confounded

for your ways, house of Israel."

<sup>33</sup>" Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited and the waste places will be built. <sup>34</sup>The land that was desolate will be tilled instead of being a desolation in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup>They will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden. The waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.' <sup>36</sup>Then the nations that are left around you will know that I, Yahweh, have built the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate. I, Yahweh, have spoken it, and I will do it."

<sup>37</sup>" Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "For this, moreover, I will be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. <sup>38</sup>As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the waste cities will be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.' "

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### Chapter 37

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh's hand was on me, and he brought me out in Yahweh's Spirit, and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He caused me to pass by them all around: and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I answered, "Lord Yahweh, you know."

<sup>4</sup>Again he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and tell them, 'You dry bones, hear Yahweh's word. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord Yahweh to these bones: "Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.' "

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. As I

prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, there was an earthquake. Then the bones came together, bone to its bone.<sup>8</sup> I saw, and, behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, son of man, and tell the wind, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' "

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. We are completely cut off.'<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "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."<sup>13</sup> You will know that I am Yahweh, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, my people.<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. Then I will place you in your own land; and you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken it and performed it," says Yahweh.' "

<sup>15</sup> Yahweh's word came again to me, saying,<sup>16</sup> "You, son of man, take one stick, and write on it, 'For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions.' Then take another stick, and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions.'<sup>17</sup> Then join them for yourself to one another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

<sup>18</sup> "When the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Won't you show us what you mean by these?'<sup>19</sup> tell them, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is 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 be one in my hand.<sup>20</sup> The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.”<sup>21</sup> Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.<sup>22</sup> I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. One king will be king to them all. They will no longer be two nations. They won’t be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.<sup>23</sup> They won’t defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. So they will be my people, and I will be their God.

<sup>24</sup>““My servant David will be king over them. They all will have one shepherd. They will also walk in my ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them.<sup>25</sup> They will dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers lived. They will dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children’s children, forever. David my servant will be their prince forever.<sup>26</sup> Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will place them, multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forever more.<sup>27</sup> My tent also will be with them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.<sup>28</sup> The nations will know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is among them forever more.””

## Ezekiel Chapter 38

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son

of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, <sup>3</sup> and say, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal."<sup>4</sup> I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords; <sup>5</sup> Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; <sup>6</sup> Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with you.

<sup>7</sup> "Be prepared, yes, prepare yourself, you, and all your companies who are assembled to you, and be a guard to them. <sup>8</sup> After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought out of the peoples, and they will dwell securely, all of them. <sup>9</sup> You will ascend. You will come like a storm. You will be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your hordes, and many peoples with you."

<sup>10</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "It will happen in that day that things will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. <sup>11</sup> You will say, 'I will go up to the land of unwalled villages. I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, <sup>12</sup> to take the plunder and to take prey; to turn your hand against the waste places that are inhabited, and against the people who are gathered out of the nations, who have gotten livestock and goods, who dwell in the middle of the earth.' <sup>13</sup> Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions of it, will ask you, 'Have you come to

take the plunder? Have you assembled your company to take the prey, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?" " "

<sup>14</sup>"Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and tell Gog, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "In that day when my people Israel dwells securely, will you not know it? <sup>15</sup>You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you, and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. <sup>16</sup>You will come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land. It will happen in the latter days, that I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I am sanctified in you, Gog, before their eyes."

<sup>17</sup>" 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Are you he of whom I spoke in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that I would bring you against them?<sup>18</sup> It will happen in that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord Yahweh, "that my wrath will come up into my nostrils. <sup>19</sup>For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath I have spoken. Surely in that day there will be a great shaking in the land of Israel; <sup>20</sup>so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, all creeping things who creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the surface of the earth will shake at my presence. Then the mountains will be thrown down, the steep places will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground. <sup>21</sup>I will call for a sword against him to all my mountains," says the Lord Yahweh. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. <sup>22</sup>I will enter into judgment with him with pestilence and with blood. I will rain on him, and on his hordes, and on the many peoples who are with him, an overflowing shower, with great hailstones, fire, and sulfur. <sup>23</sup>I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations.

Then they will know that I am Yahweh.” ’

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 39

<sup>1</sup>“You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. <sup>2</sup>I will turn you around, and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring you onto the mountains of Israel. <sup>3</sup>I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. <sup>4</sup>You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your hordes, and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the animals of the field to be devoured. <sup>5</sup>You will fall on the open field; for I have spoken it,” says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>6</sup>“I will send a fire on Magog, and on those who dwell securely in the islands. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.

<sup>7</sup>““I will make my holy name known among my people Israel. I won’t allow my holy name to be profaned any more. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel.<sup>8</sup> Behold, it comes, and it will be done,” says the Lord Yahweh. “This is the day about which I have spoken.

<sup>9</sup>““Those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out, and will make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the war clubs and the spears, and they will make fires with them for seven years; <sup>10</sup>so that they will take no wood out of the field, and not cut down any out of the forests; for they will make fires with the weapons. They will plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them,” says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>11</sup>““It will happen in that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the



valley of those who pass through on the east of the sea; and it will stop those who pass through. They will bury Gog and all his multitude there; and they will call it 'The valley of Hamon Gog'.

<sup>12</sup>“The house of Israel will be burying them for seven months, that they may cleanse the land. <sup>13</sup>Yes, all the people of the land will bury them; and they will become famous in the day that I will be glorified,” says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>14</sup>“They will set apart men of continual employment, who will pass through the land. Those who pass through will go with those who bury those who remain on the surface of the land, to cleanse it. After the end of seven months they will search. <sup>15</sup>Those who pass through the land will pass through; and when anyone sees a man's bone, then he will set up a sign by it, until the undertakers have buried it in the valley of Hamon Gog. <sup>16</sup>Hamonah will also be the name of a city. Thus they will cleanse the land.”

<sup>17</sup>“You, son of man, thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every animal of the field, "Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat meat and drink blood. <sup>18</sup>You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. <sup>19</sup>You shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. <sup>20</sup>You shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war," says the Lord Yahweh.'

<sup>21</sup>“I will set my glory among the nations. Then all the nations will see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. <sup>22</sup>So the house of Israel will know that I am Yahweh their God, from

that day and forward.<sup>23</sup> The nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword.<sup>24</sup> I did to them according to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions. I hid my face from them.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: ‘Now I will reverse the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel. I will be jealous for my holy name.’<sup>26</sup> They will bear their shame, and all their trespasses by which they have trespassed against me, when they dwell securely in their land, and no one will make them afraid,<sup>27</sup> when I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations.<sup>28</sup> They will know that I am Yahweh their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land. Then I will leave none of them captive any more.<sup>29</sup> I won’t hide my face from them any more; for I have poured out my Spirit on the house of Israel,’ says the Lord Yahweh.”

### Ezekiel Chapter 40

<sup>1</sup> In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was struck, in the same day, Yahweh’s hand was on me, and he brought me there.<sup>2</sup> In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on which was something like the frame of a city to the south.<sup>3</sup> He brought me there; and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and

he stood in the gate. <sup>4</sup>The man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I will show you; for you have been brought here so that I may show them to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel."

<sup>5</sup>Behold, there was a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits\* long, of a cubit and a hand width each. So he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

<sup>6</sup>Then he came to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its steps. He measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide; and the other threshold, one reed wide. <sup>7</sup>Every lodge was one reed long and one reed wide. Between the lodges was five cubits. The threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the house was one reed.

<sup>8</sup>He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. <sup>9</sup>Then he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house.

<sup>10</sup>The lodges of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side. The three of them were of one measure. The posts had one measure on this side and on that side. <sup>11</sup>He measured the width of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; <sup>12</sup>and a border before the lodges, one cubit on this side, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. <sup>13</sup>He measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits, door against door. <sup>14</sup>He also made posts, sixty cubits; and the court reached to the posts, around the gate. <sup>15</sup>From the forefront of the gate at the entrance to the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits. <sup>16</sup>There were closed windows to

the lodges, and to their posts within the gate all around, and likewise to the arches. Windows were around inward. Palm trees were on each post.

<sup>17</sup> Then he brought me into the outer court. Behold, there were rooms and a pavement made for the court all around. Thirty rooms were on the pavement. <sup>18</sup> The pavement was by the side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates, even the lower pavement. <sup>19</sup> Then he measured the width from the forefront of the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, one hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north.

<sup>20</sup> He measured the length and width of the gate of the outer court which faces toward the north. <sup>21</sup> The lodges of it were three on this side and three on that side. Its posts and its arches were the same as the measure of the first gate: its length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty-five cubits. <sup>22</sup> Its windows, its arches, and its palm trees were the same as the measure of the gate which faces toward the east. They went up to it by seven steps. Its arches were before them. <sup>23</sup> There was a gate to the inner court facing the other gate, on the north and on the east. He measured one hundred cubits from gate to gate.

<sup>24</sup> He led me toward the south; and behold, there was a gate toward the south. He measured its posts and its arches according to these measurements. <sup>25</sup> There were windows in it and in its arches all around, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty-five cubits. <sup>26</sup> There were seven steps to go up to it, and its arches were before them. It had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, on its posts. <sup>27</sup> There was a gate to the inner court toward the south. He measured one hundred cubits from gate to gate toward the south.

<sup>28</sup> Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. He measured the south gate

according to these measurements;<sup>29</sup> with its lodges, its posts, and its arches, according to these measurements. There were windows in it and in its arches all around. It was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.<sup>30</sup> There were arches all around, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits wide.<sup>31</sup> Its arches were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts. The ascent to it had eight steps.

<sup>32</sup> He brought me into the inner court toward the east. He measured the gate according to these measurements;<sup>33</sup> with its lodges, its posts, and its arches, according to these measurements. There were windows in it and in its arches all around. It was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.<sup>34</sup> Its arches were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side. The ascent to it had eight steps.

<sup>35</sup> He brought me to the north gate, and he measured it according to these measurements;<sup>36</sup> its lodges, its posts, and its arches. There were windows in it all around. The length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.<sup>37</sup> Its posts were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side. The ascent to it had eight steps.

<sup>38</sup> A room with its door was by the posts at the gates. They washed the burnt offering there.<sup>39</sup> In the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, on which to kill the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering.<sup>40</sup> On the one side outside, as one goes up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate, were two tables.<sup>41</sup> Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate: eight tables, on which they killed the sacrifices.<sup>42</sup> There were four tables for the burnt offering, of cut stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and

one cubit high. They laid the instruments with which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifice on them. <sup>43</sup> The hooks, a hand width long, were fastened within all around. The meat of the offering was on the tables.

<sup>44</sup> Outside of the inner gate were rooms for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate. They faced toward the south. One at the side of the east gate faced toward the north. <sup>45</sup> He said to me, "This room, which faces toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the house. <sup>46</sup> The room which faces toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the altar. These are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to Yahweh to minister to him." <sup>47</sup> He measured the court, one hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, square. The altar was before the house.

<sup>48</sup> Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side. The width of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side. <sup>49</sup> The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; even by the steps by which they went up to it. There were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

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**\*40:5** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters. Thus, a 6-cubit measuring reed would have been about 3 yards or about 2.74 meters long.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 41

<sup>1</sup>He brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits wide on the one side, and six cubits wide on the other side, which was the width of the tent. <sup>2</sup>The width of the entrance was ten cubits;\* and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side. He measured its length, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

<sup>3</sup>Then he went inward and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the width of the entrance, seven cubits. <sup>4</sup>He measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the temple. He said to me, "This is the most holy place."

<sup>5</sup>Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of every side room, four cubits, all around the house on every side. <sup>6</sup>The side rooms were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order. They entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side rooms all around, that they might be supported, and not penetrate the wall of the house. <sup>7</sup>The side rooms were wider on the higher levels, because the walls were narrower at the higher levels. Therefore the width of the house increased upward; and so one went up from the lowest level to the highest through the middle level.

<sup>8</sup>I saw also that the house had a raised base all around. The foundations of the side rooms were a full reed of six great cubits. <sup>9</sup>The thickness of the wall, which was for the side rooms, on the outside, was five cubits. That which was left was the place of the side rooms that belonged to the house. <sup>10</sup>Between the rooms was a width of twenty cubits around the house on every side. <sup>11</sup>The doors of the side rooms were toward an open area that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward

the south. The width of the open area was five cubits all around.

<sup>12</sup> The building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits.

<sup>13</sup> So he measured the house, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long; <sup>14</sup> also the width of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred cubits.

<sup>15</sup> He measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits from the inner temple, and the porches of the court <sup>16</sup> the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, opposite the threshold, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered), <sup>17</sup> to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure. <sup>18</sup> It was made with cherubim and palm trees. A palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; <sup>19</sup> so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. It was made like this through all the house all around. <sup>20</sup> Cherubim and palm trees were made from the ground to above the door. The wall of the temple was like this.

<sup>21</sup> As for the temple, the door posts were squared. As for the face of the sanctuary, its appearance was as the appearance of the temple. <sup>22</sup> The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits. Its corners, its length, and its walls were of wood. He said to me, "This is the table that is before Yahweh." <sup>23</sup> The temple and the sanctuary had two doors. <sup>24</sup> The doors had



two leaves each, two turning leaves: two for the one door, and two leaves for the other. <sup>25</sup> There were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like those made on the walls. There was a threshold of wood on the face of the porch outside. <sup>26</sup> There were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch. This is how the side rooms of the house and the thresholds were arranged.

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**\*41:2** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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## Ezekiel Chapter 42

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north. Then he brought me into the room that was opposite the separate place, and which was opposite the building toward the north. <sup>2</sup> Before the length of one hundred cubits\* was the north door, and the width was fifty cubits. <sup>3</sup> Opposite the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the third floor. <sup>4</sup> Before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits' width inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north. <sup>5</sup> Now the upper rooms were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle, in the building. <sup>6</sup> For they were in three stories, and they didn't have pillars as the pillars of the courts. Therefore the uppermost was set back more than the lowest and the middle from the ground. <sup>7</sup> The wall that was outside by the side of the rooms, toward the outer

court before the rooms, its length was fifty cubits.<sup>8</sup> For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits. Behold, before the temple were one hundred cubits.<sup>9</sup> From under these rooms was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

<sup>10</sup> In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were rooms.<sup>11</sup> The way before them was like the appearance of the rooms which were toward the north; according to their length so was their width: and all their exits were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.<sup>12</sup> According to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.

<sup>13</sup> Then he said to me, "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are before the separate place, are the holy rooms, where the priests who are near to Yahweh shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, with the meal offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy."<sup>14</sup> When the priests enter in, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but they shall lay their garments in which they minister there; for they are holy. Then they shall put on other garments, and shall approach that which is for the people."

<sup>15</sup> Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate which faces toward the east, and measured it all around.<sup>16</sup> He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around.<sup>17</sup> He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around.<sup>18</sup> He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.<sup>19</sup> He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the

measuring reed.<sup>20</sup> He measured it on the four sides. It had a wall around it, the length five hundred, and the width five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

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**\*42:2** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 43

<sup>1</sup> Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east. <sup>2</sup> Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>3</sup> It was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup> Yahweh's glory came into the house by the way of the gate which faces toward the east. <sup>5</sup> The Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, Yahweh's glory filled the house.

<sup>6</sup> I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me. <sup>7</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell among the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places; <sup>8</sup> in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their door post beside my door post. There was a wall between me

and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed. Therefore I have consumed them in my anger. <sup>9</sup> Now let them put away their prostitution, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me. Then I will dwell among them forever.

<sup>10</sup> "You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. <sup>11</sup> If they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its forms, and all its laws; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form of it, and all its ordinances, and do them.

<sup>12</sup> "This is the law of the house. On the top of the mountain the whole limit around it shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

<sup>13</sup> "These are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit\* is a cubit and a hand width): the bottom shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border around its edge a span;<sup>†</sup> and this shall be the base of the altar. <sup>14</sup> From the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the width a cubit. <sup>15</sup> The upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. <sup>16</sup> The altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide, square in its four sides. <sup>17</sup> The ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit around; and its steps shall look toward the east."

<sup>18</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it. <sup>19</sup> You shall give to the priests

the Levites who are of the offspring of Zadok, who are near to me, to minister to me,' says the Lord Yahweh, 'a young bull for a sin offering. <sup>20</sup> You shall take of its blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around. You shall cleanse it and make atonement for it that way. <sup>21</sup> You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place of the house, outside of the sanctuary.

<sup>22</sup> "On the second day you shall offer a male goat without defect for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull. <sup>23</sup> When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without defect, and a ram out of the flock without defect. <sup>24</sup> You shall bring them near to Yahweh, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to Yahweh.

<sup>25</sup> "Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering. They shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without defect. <sup>26</sup> Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it. So shall they consecrate it. <sup>27</sup> When they have accomplished the days, it shall be that on the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings. Then I will accept you,' says the Lord Yahweh."

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\***43:13** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

†**43:13** A span is the length from the tip of a man's thumb to the tip of his little finger when his hand is stretched out (about half a cubit, or 9 inches, or 22.8 cm.)

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**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 44**

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looks toward the east; and it was shut. <sup>2</sup> Yahweh said to me, "This gate shall be shut. It shall not be opened, no man shall enter in by it; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has entered in by it. Therefore it shall be shut. <sup>3</sup> As for the prince, he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before Yahweh. He shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out the same way."

<sup>4</sup> Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house; so I fell on my face.

<sup>5</sup> Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I tell you concerning all the ordinances of Yahweh's house, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary. <sup>6</sup> You shall tell the rebellious, even the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "You house of Israel, let that be enough of all your abominations, <sup>7</sup> in that you have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, to add to all your abominations. <sup>8</sup> You have not performed the duty of my holy things; but you have set performers of my duty in my sanctuary for yourselves." <sup>9</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel.

<sup>10</sup> "But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they will bear their iniquity. <sup>11</sup> Yet they shall be ministers in my

sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house. They shall kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.<sup>12</sup> Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel. Therefore I have lifted up my hand against them," says the Lord Yahweh, "and they will bear their iniquity.<sup>13</sup> They shall not come near to me, to execute the office of priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they will bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.<sup>14</sup> Yet I will make them performers of the duty of the house, for all its service, and for all that will be done therein.

<sup>15</sup> "But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me. They shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood," says the Lord Yahweh.<sup>16</sup> "They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my instruction.

<sup>17</sup> "It will be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments. No wool shall come on them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.<sup>18</sup> They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and shall have linen trousers on their waists. They shall not clothe themselves with anything that makes them sweat.<sup>19</sup> When they go out into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister, and lay them in the holy rooms. They shall put on other garments, that they not sanctify the people with their garments.

<sup>20</sup> "They shall not shave their heads, or allow their locks to grow long. They shall

only cut off the hair of their heads. <sup>21</sup> None of the priests shall drink wine when they enter into the inner court. <sup>22</sup> They shall not take for their wives a widow, or her who is put away; but they shall take virgins of the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest. <sup>23</sup> They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

<sup>24</sup> "In a controversy they shall stand to judge. They shall judge it according to my ordinances. They shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts. They shall make my Sabbaths holy.

<sup>25</sup> "They shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves. <sup>26</sup> After he is cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days. <sup>27</sup> In the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering," says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>28</sup> "They shall have an inheritance. I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel. I am their possession. <sup>29</sup> They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. <sup>30</sup> The first of all the first fruits of every thing, and every offering of everything, of all your offerings, shall be for the priest. You shall also give to the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. <sup>31</sup> The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or animal.

## Ezekiel

### Chapter 45

<sup>1</sup> "Moreover, when you divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an



offering to Yahweh, a holy portion of the land. The length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the width shall be ten thousand. It shall be holy in all its border all around. <sup>2</sup> Of this there shall be a five hundred by five hundred square for the holy place; and fifty cubits\* for its pasture lands all around. <sup>3</sup> Of this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a width of ten thousand. In it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. <sup>4</sup> It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to Yahweh. It shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. <sup>5</sup> Twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width, shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, as a possession for themselves, for twenty rooms.

<sup>6</sup> " "You shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand wide, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> " "What is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border. <sup>8</sup> In the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel. My princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes."

<sup>9</sup> "Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Let it suffice you, princes of Israel: remove violence and plunder, and execute justice and righteousness; dispossessing my people," says the Lord Yahweh. <sup>10</sup> "You shall have just balances, a just ephah,<sup>†</sup> and a just bath. <sup>11</sup> The ephah and the bath shall be of

one measure, that the bath may contain one tenth of a homer,<sup>†</sup> and the ephah one tenth of a homer. Its measure shall be the same as the homer.<sup>12</sup> The shekel<sup>§</sup> shall be twenty gerahs.\* Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be your mina.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>13</sup>“This is the offering that you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley;<sup>14</sup> and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, one tenth of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer; (for ten baths are a homer;)<sup>† 15</sup> and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel—for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them,” says the Lord Yahweh.<sup>16</sup> “All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel.<sup>17</sup> It shall be the prince’s part to give the burnt offerings, the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the Sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the meal offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.”

<sup>18</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “In the first month, in the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without defect; and you shall cleanse the sanctuary.<sup>19</sup> The priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.<sup>20</sup> So you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple. So you shall make atonement for the house.

<sup>21</sup>“In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.<sup>22</sup> On that day the

prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. <sup>23</sup> The seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Yahweh, seven bulls and seven rams without defect daily the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering. <sup>24</sup> He shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah<sup>s</sup> for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

<sup>25</sup> "In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, he shall do like that for seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil."

**\*45:2** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

**†45:10** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

**‡45:11** 1 homer is about 220 liters or 6 bushels

**§45:12** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces.

**\*45:12** a gerah is about 0.5 grams or about 7.7 grains

**†45:12** A mina is about 600 grams or 1.3 U. S. pounds.

**‡45:14** 1 cor is the same as 1 homer in volume, and is about 211 liters, 55.9 gallons, or 6 bushels. 1 bath is about 21.1 liters, 5.59 gallons, or 2.4 pecks.

**§45:24** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 46**

<sup>1</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. <sup>2</sup>The prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. <sup>3</sup>The people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yahweh on the Sabbaths and on the new moons. <sup>4</sup>The burnt offering that the prince shall offer to Yahweh shall be on the Sabbath day six lambs without defect and a ram without defect; <sup>5</sup>and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.\* <sup>6</sup>On the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without defect, and six lambs, and a ram. They shall be without defect. <sup>7</sup>He shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. <sup>8</sup>When the prince enters, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go out by its way.

<sup>9</sup>““But when the people of the land come before Yahweh in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate. He shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight before him. <sup>10</sup>The prince shall go in with them when they go in. When they go out, he shall go out.

<sup>11</sup>““In the feasts and in the solemnities

the meal offering shall be an ephah<sup>†</sup> for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.<sup>12</sup> When the prince prepares a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to Yahweh, one shall open for him the gate that looks toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out; and after his going out one shall shut the gate.

<sup>13</sup>““You shall prepare a lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering to Yahweh daily. Morning by morning you shall prepare it.<sup>14</sup> You shall prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah,<sup>†</sup> and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering to Yahweh continually by a perpetual ordinance.<sup>15</sup> Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.”

<sup>16</sup>“Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance. It shall belong to his sons. It is their possession by inheritance.<sup>17</sup> But if he gives of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons.<sup>18</sup> Moreover the prince shall not take of the people’s inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession. He shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people not each be scattered from his possession.””

<sup>19</sup>Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms for the priests, which looked toward the north. Behold, there was a place on the back part westward.<sup>20</sup> He said to me, “This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the meal

offering; that they not bring them out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.”

<sup>21</sup> Then he brought me out into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. <sup>22</sup> In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, forty cubits<sup>§</sup> long and thirty wide. These four in the corners were the same size. <sup>23</sup> There was a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around. <sup>24</sup> Then he said to me, “These are the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.”

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\***46:5** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

†**46:11** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

‡**46:14** 1 ephah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

§**46:22** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man’s arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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**Ezekiel**  
**Chapter 47**

<sup>1</sup> He brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, waters flowed out from under the threshold of the house eastward, for the front of the house faced toward the east. The waters came down from underneath, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. <sup>2</sup> Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me around by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the

gate that looks toward the east. Behold, waters ran out on the right side.

<sup>3</sup> When the man went out eastward with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits,\* and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. <sup>4</sup> Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through waters that were to the waist. <sup>5</sup> Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be walked through.

<sup>6</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen?"

Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup> Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to me, "These waters flow out toward the eastern region, and will go down into the Arabah. Then they will go toward the sea; and flow into the sea which will be made to flow out; and the waters will be healed. <sup>9</sup> It will happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the rivers come, will live. Then there will be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the waters of the sea will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river comes. <sup>10</sup> It will happen, that fishermen will stand by it. From En Gedi even to En Eglaim will be a place for the spreading of nets. Their fish will be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceedingly many. <sup>11</sup> But the miry places of it, and its marshes, will not be healed. They will be given up to salt. <sup>12</sup> By the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, will grow every tree for food, whose leaf won't wither, neither will its fruit fail. It will produce new fruit every month, because its

waters issue out of the sanctuary. Its fruit will be for food, and its leaf for healing.”

<sup>13</sup> Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “This shall be the border, by which you shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. <sup>14</sup> You shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your fathers. This land will fall to you for inheritance.

<sup>15</sup> “This shall be the border of the land:

“On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad; <sup>16</sup> Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer Hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. <sup>17</sup> The border from the sea, shall be Hazar Enon at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

<sup>18</sup> “The east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border to the east sea you shall measure. This is the east side.

<sup>19</sup> “The south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the brook, to the great sea. This is the south side southward.

<sup>20</sup> “The west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as opposite the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

<sup>21</sup> “So you shall divide this land to yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. <sup>22</sup> It will happen, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you and to the aliens who live among you, who will father children among you. Then they shall be to you as the native-born among the children of Israel. They shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup> It shall happen, that in whatever tribe the stranger lives, there you shall give him his inheritance,” says the Lord Yahweh.



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**\*47:3** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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## Ezekiel

### Chapter 48

<sup>1</sup>"Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath (and they shall have their sides east and west), Dan, one portion.

<sup>2</sup>"By the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion.

<sup>3</sup>"By the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion.

<sup>4</sup>"By the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion.

<sup>5</sup>"By the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.

<sup>6</sup>"By the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one portion.

<sup>7</sup>"By the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion.

<sup>8</sup>"By the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in width, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

<sup>9</sup>"The offering that you shall offer to Yahweh shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in width. <sup>10</sup>For these, even for the priests, shall be the holy offering: toward the north twenty-five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in width, and toward the east ten

thousand in width, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of Yahweh shall be in the middle of it. <sup>11</sup>It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my instruction, who didn't go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. <sup>12</sup>It shall be to them an offering from the offering of the land, a most holy thing, by the border of the Levites.

<sup>13</sup>"Answerable to the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width. All the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the width ten thousand. <sup>14</sup>They shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall the first fruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy to Yahweh.

<sup>15</sup>"The five thousand that are left in the width, in front of the twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for pasture lands; and the city shall be in the middle of it. <sup>16</sup>These shall be its measurements: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. <sup>17</sup>The city shall have pasture lands: toward the north two hundred fifty, and toward the south two hundred fifty, and toward the east two hundred fifty, and toward the west two hundred fifty. <sup>18</sup>The remainder in the length, alongside the holy offering, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be alongside the holy offering. Its increase shall be for food to those who labor in the city. <sup>19</sup>Those who labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it. <sup>20</sup>All the offering shall be a square of twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand. You shall offer it as a holy offering, with the possession of the city.

<sup>21</sup> "The remainder shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering and of the possession of the city; in front of the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, alongside the portions, it shall be for the prince. The holy offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it. <sup>22</sup> Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the middle of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

<sup>23</sup> "As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion.

<sup>24</sup> "By the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion.

<sup>25</sup> "By the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion.

<sup>26</sup> "By the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion.

<sup>27</sup> "By the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion.

<sup>28</sup> "By the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, to the brook, to the great sea.

<sup>29</sup> "This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, says the Lord Yahweh.

<sup>30</sup> "These are the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; <sup>31</sup> and the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

<sup>32</sup> "At the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

<sup>33</sup> "At the south side four thousand and five

hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

<sup>34</sup>“At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

<sup>35</sup> "It shall be eighteen thousand reeds around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'Yahweh is there.'"



Daniel  
Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> The Lord\* gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; <sup>†</sup> and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. He brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

<sup>3</sup> The king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in some of the children of Israel, even of the royal offspring<sup>‡</sup> and of the nobles; <sup>4</sup> youths in whom was no defect, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and who had the ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the language of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup> The king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at its end they should stand before the king.

<sup>6</sup> Now among these were of the children of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah.<sup>7</sup> The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishaël, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. <sup>9</sup> Now God made Daniel find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. <sup>10</sup> The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of

your own age? Then you would endanger my head with the king."

<sup>11</sup> Then Daniel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: <sup>12</sup> "Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our faces be examined before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's dainties; and as you see, deal with your servants." <sup>14</sup> So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days, their faces appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths who ate of the king's dainties. <sup>16</sup> So the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they would drink, and gave them vegetables.

<sup>17</sup> Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

<sup>18</sup> At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> The king talked with them; and among them all was found no one like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore stood they before the king. <sup>20</sup> In every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm.

<sup>21</sup> Daniel continued even to the first year of king Cyrus.

\*1:2 The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

†1:2 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

‡1:3 or, seed

Daniel  
Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. <sup>2</sup>Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be called to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. <sup>3</sup>The king said to them, "I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Syrian language, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

<sup>5</sup>The king answered the Chaldeans, "The thing has gone from me. If you don't make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be cut in pieces, and your houses will be made a dunghill. <sup>6</sup>But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."

<sup>7</sup>They answered the second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

<sup>8</sup>The king answered, "I know of a certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see the thing has gone from me. <sup>9</sup>But if you don't make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have



prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the situation changes. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can show me its interpretation."

<sup>10</sup> The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, "There is not a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. <sup>11</sup> It is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

<sup>12</sup> Because of this, the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. <sup>13</sup> So the decree went out, and the wise men were to be slain. They sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.

<sup>14</sup> Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. <sup>15</sup> He answered Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree so urgent from the king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. <sup>16</sup> Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation.

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: <sup>18</sup> that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions would not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup> Daniel answered, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever;

for wisdom and might are his.

<sup>21</sup> He changes the times and the seasons.

He removes kings, and sets up kings.

He gives wisdom to the wise,

and knowledge to those who have

understanding.

<sup>22</sup> He reveals the deep and secret things.

He knows what is in the darkness,  
and the light dwells with him.

<sup>23</sup> I thank you, and praise you,

you God of my fathers,

who have given me wisdom and might,

and have now made known to me what we  
desired of you;

for you have made known to us the king's  
matter."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom  
the king had appointed to destroy the wise  
men of Babylon. He went and said this to  
him: "Don't destroy the wise men of  
Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I  
will show to the king the interpretation."

<sup>25</sup> Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the  
king in haste, and said this to him: "I have  
found a man of the children of the captivity  
of Judah who will make known to the king  
the interpretation."

<sup>26</sup> The king answered Daniel, whose name  
was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make  
known to me the dream which I have seen,  
and its interpretation?"

<sup>27</sup> Daniel answered before the king, and  
said, "The secret which the king has  
demanded can't be shown to the king by  
wise men, enchanter, magicians, or  
soothsayers; <sup>28</sup> but there is a God in heaven  
who reveals secrets, and he has made  
known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what will  
be in the latter days. Your dream, and the  
visions of your head on your bed, are these:

<sup>29</sup> "As for you, O king, your thoughts came  
on your bed, what should happen hereafter;  
and he who reveals secrets has made  
known to you what will happen. <sup>30</sup> But as for  
me, this secret is not revealed to me for any  
wisdom that I have more than any living,  
but to the intent that the interpretation may  
be made known to the king, and that you  
may know the thoughts of your heart.

<sup>31</sup> "You, O king, saw, and behold,\* a great  
image. This image, which was mighty, and

whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its appearance was terrifying.<sup>32</sup> As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,<sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay.<sup>34</sup> You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.<sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them. The stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup> "This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king.<sup>37</sup> You, O king, are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.<sup>38</sup> Wherever the children of men dwell, he has given the animals of the field and the birds of the sky into your hand, and has made you rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

<sup>39</sup> "After you, another kingdom will arise that is inferior to you; and another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.<sup>40</sup> The fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, it will break in pieces and crush.<sup>41</sup> Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but there will be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.<sup>42</sup> As the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong, and partly broken.<sup>43</sup> Whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they will mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they won't cling to one another, even as iron does not mix with clay.

<sup>44</sup> "In the days of those kings the God of

heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, nor will its sovereignty be left to another people; but it will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever. <sup>45</sup> Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will happen hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

<sup>46</sup> Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and sweet odors to him. <sup>47</sup> The king answered to Daniel, and said, "Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you have been able to reveal this secret."

<sup>48</sup> Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>49</sup> Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel was in the king's gate.

**\*2:31** "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

Daniel  
Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits,\* and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the local governors, the deputies,

and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.<sup>3</sup> Then the local governors, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

<sup>4</sup>Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, peoples, nations, and languages,<sup>5</sup> that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.<sup>6</sup> Whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace the same hour."

<sup>7</sup>Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews.<sup>9</sup> They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live for ever!<sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree, that every man that hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;<sup>11</sup> and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace.<sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, have not respected you. They don't serve your gods, and don't worship the

golden image which you have set up.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. Then these men were brought before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered them, “Is it on purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don’t serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, good; but if you don’t worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. Who is that god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If it happens, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other clothes, and were cast into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Therefore because the king’s commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,

fell down bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

<sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste. He spoke and said to his counselors, "Didn't we cast three men bound into the middle of the fire?"

They answered the king, "True, O king."

<sup>25</sup> He answered, "Look, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are unharmed. The appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace. He spoke and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!"

Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the middle of the fire. <sup>27</sup> The local governors, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on their bodies. The hair of their head wasn't singed. Their pants weren't changed, the smell of fire wasn't even on them.

<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything evil against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god who is able to deliver like this."

<sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

**\*3:1** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man’s arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

**Daniel**  
**Chapter 4**

<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar the king,  
to all the peoples, nations, and languages,  
who dwell in all the earth:  
Peace be multiplied to you.  
<sup>2</sup> It has seemed good to me to show the  
signs and wonders that the Most High God  
has worked toward me.  
<sup>3</sup> How great are his signs!  
How mighty are his wonders!  
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.  
His dominion is from generation to  
generation.  
<sup>4</sup> I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my  
house, and flourishing in my palace. <sup>5</sup> I saw  
a dream which made me afraid; and the  
thoughts on my bed and the visions of my  
head troubled me. <sup>6</sup> Therefore made I a  
decree to bring in all the wise men of  
Babylon before me, that they might make  
known to me the interpretation of the  
dream. <sup>7</sup> Then the magicians, the  
enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the  
soothsayers came in; and I told the dream  
before them; but they didn’t make known to  
me its interpretation. <sup>8</sup> But at the last Daniel  
came in before me, whose name was  
Belteshazzar, according to the name of my  
god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy  
gods. I told the dream before him, saying,  
<sup>9</sup> “Belteshazzar, master of the magicians,  
because I know that the spirit of the holy  
gods is in you, and no secret troubles you,  
tell me the visions of my dream that I have  
seen, and its interpretation. <sup>10</sup> Thus were



the visions of my head on my bed: I saw, and behold, a tree in the middle of the earth; and its height was great. <sup>11</sup> The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to the sky, and its sight to the end of all the earth. <sup>12</sup> The leaves of it were beautiful, and it had much fruit, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field had shade under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.

<sup>13</sup> "I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from the sky. <sup>14</sup> He cried aloud, and said this, 'Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches! Shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit! Let the animals get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. <sup>15</sup> Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Let his heart be changed from man's, and let an animal's heart be given to him. Then let seven times pass over him.

<sup>17</sup> "The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will, and sets up over it the lowest of men.'

<sup>18</sup> "This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

<sup>19</sup> Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, "Belteshazzar, don't let the dream, or the interpretation, trouble you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its

interpretation to your adversaries. <sup>20</sup> The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the sky, and its sight to all the earth; <sup>21</sup> whose leaves were beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and in it was food for all; under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation: <sup>22</sup> it is you, O king, that have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown, and reaches to the sky, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

<sup>23</sup> "Whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from the sky, and saying, 'Cut down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him.

<sup>24</sup> "This is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king: <sup>25</sup> that you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat grass as oxen, and shall be wet with the dew of the sky, and seven times shall pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. <sup>26</sup> Whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; your kingdom shall be sure to you, after that you will have known that the heavens do rule. <sup>27</sup> Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may be a lengthening of your tranquility."

<sup>28</sup> All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup> At the end of twelve months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon. <sup>30</sup> The king spoke and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my

power and for the glory of my majesty?"

<sup>31</sup> While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from the sky, saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: 'The kingdom has departed from you. <sup>32</sup> You shall be driven from men; and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat grass as oxen. Seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will.' "

<sup>33</sup> This was fulfilled the same hour on Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

<sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives forever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation.

<sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and no one can stop his hand, or ask him, "What are you doing?"

<sup>36</sup> At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those who walk in pride he is able to abase.

<sup>10</sup> The queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house. The queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever; don't let your thoughts trouble

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you, nor let your face be changed. <sup>11</sup> There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him. The king Nebuchadnezzar your father, yes, the king, your father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; <sup>12</sup> because an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting of dreams, showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup> Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. <sup>16</sup> But I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations, and dissolve doubts. Now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered before the king, "Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation."

<sup>18</sup> "You, king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty. <sup>19</sup> Because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him."

He killed whom he wanted to, and he kept alive whom he wanted to. He raised up whom he wanted to, and he put down whom he wanted to.<sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.<sup>21</sup> He was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will.

<sup>22</sup>"You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this,<sup>23</sup> but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which don't see, or hear, or know; and you have not glorified the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways.<sup>24</sup> Then the part of the hand was sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.

<sup>25</sup>"This is the writing that was inscribed: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'

<sup>26</sup>"This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE: God has counted your kingdom, and brought it to an end.

<sup>27</sup>TEKEL: you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

<sup>28</sup>PERES: your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

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

<sup>30</sup>In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean King was slain.<sup>31</sup> Darius the Mede received the

kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

## Daniel Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup> It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty local governors, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; <sup>2</sup> and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these local governors might give account to them, and that the king should suffer no loss. <sup>3</sup> Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the local governors, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

<sup>4</sup> Then the presidents and the local governors sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion or fault, because he was faithful. There wasn't any error or fault found in him. <sup>5</sup> Then these men said, "We won't find any occasion against this Daniel, unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

<sup>6</sup> Then these presidents and local governors assembled together to the king, and said this to him, "King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup> All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the local governors, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that whoever asks a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter." <sup>9</sup> Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his room toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave

thanks before his God, as he did before.<sup>11</sup> Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.<sup>12</sup> Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree: "Haven't you signed a decree that every man who makes a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "This thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter."

<sup>13</sup> Then they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, doesn't respect you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."<sup>14</sup> Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored until the going down of the sun to rescue him.

<sup>15</sup> Then these men assembled together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed."

<sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you."

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.<sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting. No musical instruments were brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.<sup>20</sup> When he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel,



servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; because as before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

<sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup> The king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions mauled them, and broke all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den.

<sup>25</sup> Then king Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth:

"Peace be multiplied to you.

<sup>26</sup> "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel;

"for he is the living God,  
and steadfast forever.

His kingdom is that which will not be destroyed.

His dominion will be even to the end.

<sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues.

He works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth,  
who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

<sup>28</sup> So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

## Daniel Chapter 7

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Belshazzar king of

Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke out on the great sea. <sup>3</sup> Four great animals came up from the sea, different from one another.

<sup>4</sup> "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand on two feet as a man. A man's heart was given to it.

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, there was another animal, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. They said this to it: 'Arise! Devour much flesh!'

<sup>6</sup> "After this I saw, and behold, another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The animal also had four heads; and dominion was given to it.

<sup>7</sup> "After this I saw in the night visions, and, behold, there was a fourth animal, awesome and powerful, and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet. It was different from all the animals that were before it. It had ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> "I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

<sup>9</sup> "I watched until thrones were placed, and one who was ancient of days sat. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A fiery stream issued and came out from before him.

Thousands of thousands ministered to him. Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The judgment was set.

The books were opened.

<sup>11</sup>“I watched at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I watched even until the animal was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the animals, their dominion was taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

<sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, there came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. <sup>14</sup>Dominion was given him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his kingdom that which will not be destroyed.

<sup>15</sup>“As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. <sup>16</sup>I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this.

“So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. <sup>17</sup>‘These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who will arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’

<sup>19</sup>“Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth animal, which was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; <sup>20</sup>and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows. <sup>21</sup>I saw, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, <sup>22</sup>until the ancient

of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

<sup>23</sup>“Thus he said, ‘The fourth animal will be a fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces.’ <sup>24</sup>As for the ten horns, ten kings will arise out of this kingdom. Another will arise after them; and he will be different from the former, and he will put down three kings. <sup>25</sup>He will speak words against the Most High, and will wear out the saints of the Most High. He will plan to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

<sup>26</sup>“‘But the judgment will be set, and they will take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end.’ <sup>27</sup>The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole sky, will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.’

<sup>28</sup>“Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my face was changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

## Daniel

### Chapter 8

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. <sup>2</sup>I saw the vision. Now it was so, that when I saw, I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam. I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. <sup>3</sup>Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns. The two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. <sup>4</sup>I saw

the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward. No animals could stand before him. There wasn't any who could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself.

<sup>5</sup> As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a notable horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his power. <sup>7</sup> I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled on him. There was no one who could deliver the ram out of his hand. <sup>8</sup> The male goat magnified himself exceedingly. When he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns toward the four winds of the sky.

<sup>9</sup> Out of one of them came out a little horn, which grew exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. <sup>10</sup> It grew great, even to the army of the sky; and it cast down some of the army and of the stars to the ground, and trampled on them. <sup>11</sup> Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. <sup>12</sup> The army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through disobedience. It cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered.

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long will the vision about the continual burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army to be trodden under foot be?"

<sup>14</sup> He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed."

<sup>15</sup> When I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. Then behold, there stood before me something like the appearance of a man. <sup>16</sup> I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

<sup>17</sup> So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man; for the vision belongs to the time of the end."

<sup>18</sup> Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

<sup>19</sup> He said, "Behold, I will make you know what will be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongs to the appointed time of the end. <sup>20</sup> The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> The rough male goat is the king of Greece. The great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. <sup>22</sup> As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms will stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

<sup>23</sup> "In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding dark sentences, will stand up. <sup>24</sup> His power will be mighty, but not by his own power. He will destroy awesomely, and will prosper in what he does. He will destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. <sup>25</sup> Through his policy he will cause deceit to prosper in his hand. He will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many in their security. He will also stand up against the prince of princes; but he will be broken without hand.

<sup>26</sup> "The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but seal up the vision, for it belongs to many days to come."

<sup>27</sup> I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick for some days. Then I rose up, and did the king's business. I wondered at the vision, but no one understood it.

## Daniel

### Chapter 9

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans, <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years about which Yahweh's word\* came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years. <sup>3</sup> I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to Yahweh my God, and made confession, and said,

"Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances. <sup>6</sup> We haven't listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> "Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as it is today; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you. <sup>8</sup> Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him. <sup>10</sup> We haven't

obeyed Yahweh our God's voice, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law, turning aside, that they should not obey your voice.

"Therefore the curse and the oath written in the law of Moses the servant of God has been poured out on us; for we have sinned against him. <sup>12</sup> He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for under the whole sky, such has not been done as has been done to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we have not entreated the favor of Yahweh our God, that we should turn from our iniquities and have discernment in your truth. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Yahweh has watched over the evil, and brought it on us; for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his works which he does, and we have not obeyed his voice.

<sup>15</sup> "Now, Lord our God, who has brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown, as it is today; we have sinned. We have done wickedly. <sup>16</sup> Lord, according to all your righteousness, let your anger and please let your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us.

<sup>17</sup> "Now therefore, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. <sup>18</sup> My God, turn your ear, and hear. Open your eyes, and see our desolations, and the city which is called by your name; for we do not present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies' sake. <sup>19</sup> Lord, hear. Lord, forgive. Lord, listen and do. Don't defer, for your own sake, my God, because your city and



your people are called by your name."

<sup>20</sup> While I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God for the holy mountain of my God; <sup>21</sup> yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup> He instructed me and talked with me, and said, Daniel, "I have now come to give you wisdom and understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went out, and I have come to tell you; for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.

<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.

<sup>25</sup> "Know therefore and discern that from the going out of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Anointed One,<sup>†</sup> the prince, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be built again, with street and moat, even in troubled times. <sup>26</sup> After the sixty-two weeks the Anointed One<sup>†</sup> will be cut off, and will have nothing. The people of the prince who come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will be with a flood, and war will be even to the end. Desolations are determined. <sup>27</sup> He will make a firm covenant with many for one week. In the middle of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate; and even to the full end, and that determined, wrath will be poured out on the desolate."

**\*9:2** "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

**†9:25** "Anointed One" can also be translated "Messiah" (same as "Christ").

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Daniel  
Chapter 10

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare. He understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

<sup>2</sup>In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. <sup>3</sup>I ate no pleasant bread. No meat or wine came into my mouth. I didn't anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

<sup>4</sup>In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, <sup>5</sup>I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there was a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Uphaz. <sup>6</sup>His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished bronze. The voice of his words was like the voice of a multitude.

<sup>7</sup>I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me didn't see the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. <sup>8</sup>So I was left alone, and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; for my face grew deathly

pale, and I retained no strength.<sup>9</sup> Yet I heard the voice of his words. When I heard the voice of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground.

<sup>10</sup> Behold, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands. <sup>11</sup> He said to me, Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for I have been sent to you, now. When he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Don't be afraid, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. I have come for your words' sake. <sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me because I remained there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for many days."

<sup>15</sup> When he had spoken these words to me, I set my face toward the ground, and was mute. <sup>16</sup> Behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows have overtaken me, and I retain no strength. <sup>17</sup> For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me. There was no breath left in me."

<sup>18</sup> Then one like the appearance of a man touched me again, and he strengthened me. <sup>19</sup> He said, "Greatly beloved man, don't be afraid. Peace be to you. Be strong. Yes, be strong."

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me."

<sup>20</sup> Then he said, "Do you know why I have

come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. <sup>21</sup> But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing of truth. There is no one who holds with me against these, but Michael your prince.

### Daniel Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup>“As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

<sup>2</sup>“Now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings will stand up in Persia; and the fourth will be far richer than all of them. When he has grown strong through his riches, he will stir up all against the realm of Greece. <sup>3</sup> A mighty king will stand up, who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. <sup>4</sup> When he stands up, his kingdom will be broken, and will be divided toward the four winds of the sky, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others besides these.

<sup>5</sup>“The king of the south will be strong. One of his princes will become stronger than him, and have dominion. His dominion will be a great dominion. <sup>6</sup> At the end of years they will join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement; but she will not retain the strength of her arm. He will also not stand, nor will his arm; but she will be given up, with those who brought her, and he who became the father of her, and he who strengthened her in those times.

<sup>7</sup>“But out of a shoot from her roots one will stand up in his place, who will come to the army, and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will deal against them, and will prevail. <sup>8</sup> He will also carry their gods, with their molten images, and

with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, captive into Egypt. He will refrain some years from the king of the north. <sup>9</sup>He will come into the realm of the king of the south, but he will return into his own land. <sup>10</sup>His sons will wage war, and will assemble a multitude of great forces, which will come on, and overflow, and pass through. They will return and wage war, even to his fortress.

<sup>11</sup>"The king of the south will be moved with anger, and will come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north. He will send out a great multitude, and the multitude will be given into his hand. <sup>12</sup>The multitude will be lifted up, and his heart will be exalted. He will cast down tens of thousands, but he won't prevail. <sup>13</sup>The king of the north will return, and will send out a multitude greater than the former. He will come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with much substance.

<sup>14</sup>"In those times many will stand up against the king of the south. Also the children of the violent among your people will lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they will fall. <sup>15</sup>So the king of the north will come and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city. The forces of the south won't stand, neither will his chosen people, neither will there be any strength to stand. <sup>16</sup>But he who comes against him will do according to his own will, and no one will stand before him. He will stand in the glorious land, and destruction will be in his hand. <sup>17</sup>He will set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions. He will perform them. He will give him the daughter of women, to corrupt her; but she will not stand, and won't be for him. <sup>18</sup>After this he will turn his face to the islands, and will take many; but a prince will cause the reproach offered by him to cease. Yes, moreover, he will cause his reproach to turn on him. <sup>19</sup>Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but

he will stumble and fall, and won't be found.

<sup>20</sup>“Then one who will cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory will stand up in his place; but within few days he shall be destroyed, not in anger, and not in battle.

<sup>21</sup>“In his place a contemptible person will stand up, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom; but he will come in time of security, and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. <sup>22</sup>The overwhelming forces will be overwhelmed from before him, and will be broken. Yes, also the prince of the covenant. <sup>23</sup>After the treaty made with him he will work deceitfully; for he will come up, and will become strong, with a small people. <sup>24</sup>In time of security he will come even on the fattest places of the province. He will do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. He will scatter among them prey, plunder, and substance. Yes, he will devise his plans against the strongholds, even for a time.

<sup>25</sup>“He will stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will wage war in battle with an exceedingly great and mighty army; but he won't stand; for they will devise plans against him. <sup>26</sup>Yes, those who eat of his dainties will destroy him, and his army will be swept away. Many will fall down slain. <sup>27</sup>As for both these kings, their hearts will be to do mischief, and they will speak lies at one table; but it won't prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. <sup>28</sup>Then he will return into his land with great wealth. His heart will be against the holy covenant. He will take action, and return to his own land.

<sup>29</sup>“He will return at the appointed time, and come into the south; but it won't be in the latter time as it was in the former. <sup>30</sup>For ships of Kittim will come against him. Therefore he will be grieved, and will return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and will take action. He will even

return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant.

<sup>31</sup>“Forces will stand on his part, and they will profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and will take away the continual burnt offering. Then they will set up the abomination that makes desolate.<sup>32</sup> He will corrupt those who do wickedly against the covenant by flatteries; but the people who know their God will be strong, and take action.

<sup>33</sup>“Those who are wise among the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many days.<sup>34</sup> Now when they fall, they will be helped with a little help; but many will join themselves to them with flatteries.<sup>35</sup> Some of those who are wise will fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet for the time appointed.

<sup>36</sup>“The king will do according to his will. He will exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvelous things against the God of gods. He will prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for that which is determined will be done.<sup>37</sup> He won’t regard the gods of his fathers, or the desire of women, or regard any god; for he will magnify himself above all.<sup>38</sup> But in his place he will honor the god of fortresses. He will honor a god whom his fathers didn’t know with gold, silver, and with precious stones and pleasant things.<sup>39</sup> He will deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. He will increase with glory whoever acknowledges him. He will cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land for a price.

<sup>40</sup>“At the time of the end the king of the south will contend with him; and the king of the north will come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships. He will enter into the

countries, and will overflow and pass through.<sup>41</sup> He will enter also into the glorious land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.<sup>42</sup> He will also stretch out his hand on the countries. The land of Egypt won't escape.<sup>43</sup> But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. The Libyans and the Ethiopians will be at his steps.<sup>44</sup> But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; and he will go out with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.<sup>45</sup> He will plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

**Daniel**  
**Chapter 12**

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.<sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.<sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine as the brightness of the expanse. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars forever and ever.<sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many will run back and forth, and knowledge will be increased."<sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the other on the river bank on that side.<sup>6</sup> One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be to the end of these wonders?"



<sup>7</sup> I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever that it will be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have finished breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things will be finished.

<sup>8</sup> I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?"

<sup>9</sup> He said, "Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. <sup>10</sup> Many will purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked will do wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand; but those who are wise will understand.

<sup>11</sup> "From the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there will be one thousand two hundred ninety days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days.

<sup>13</sup> "But go your way until the end; for you will rest, and will stand in your inheritance at the end of the days."

