

Judah is a sinful people; their sacrifices

CHAPTER 1

1 The vision of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, at which he gazed in a vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Attentively hear, Oh heavens, and broaden *your* ear, Oh earth, because Jehovah has spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows the one who set him up, and the donkey his lord's crib; Israel does not know; my people do not understand.

4 Oh sinful people, a people heavy with perversion, a seed of good for nothings, children who are rotten; they have forsaken Jehovah; they have despised *the* Holy One of Israel; they have turned away backward.

5 Why should you be stricken any more? You will depart more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart ill.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there does not exist wholeness in it; stripes, and bruises, and running sores; they have not been closed up, and have not been bound up, and have not been softened with ointment.

7 Your earth *is* devastated; your cities are burned with fire; strangers devour your soil in front of you, and it is devastated as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a hut in a vineyard, as a lodge in a field of cucumbers, as a

are not acceptable; only a remnant is left

city under guard.

9 Unless Jehovah of hosts had left to us a little remnant, we would have been as Sodom; we would have been compared to Gomorrah.

10 Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, you magistrates of Sodom; broaden *your* ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

11 For what *is the* abundance of your sacrifices to me? Jehovah says; I am satiated with the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of stall-fed cattle; and I am not pleased with the blood of bullocks, and of lambs, and of he goats.

12 When you come to be seen before my face, who has sought this at your hand, to tread upon my courts?

13 Do not bring any more ruined food offerings; incense *is* morally disgusting to me; the new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I am not able *to bear* your vanity and festivals.

14 My soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts; they are a burden to me; I am wearied of lifting *them*.

15 And when you spread out your palms, I will veil my eyes from you; also, I will not attentively hear because you increase prayers; your hands are full of blood.

16 Be washed, be clean; turn away your good for nothing doings from in front of my eyes; cease from the good for nothing;

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17 Learn to be whole; tread seeking judgment; make those oppressed by violence righteously happy; judge the fatherless; contend for the cause of the widow.

18 Walk, please, and let us be right together, says Jehovah; although your sins are as crimson, they shall be white as snow; although they *are* red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If you will breathe in agreement and attentively hear, you shall eat the good of the land,

20 And if you refuse and are bitter, the sword shall devour you, because the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

21 How has the faithful city become a harlot? Judgment is fulfilled! Righteousness lodged in her, and now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross; your wine is adulterated with water;

23 Your chief rulers are stubborn and companions of thieves; everyone loves gifts, and runs after bribes; they do not judge the fatherless, and the controversy of the widow does not come to them.

24 Therefore an oracle of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: Oh, I will comfort myself over my oppressors, and avenge myself of those who hate me;

25 And I will turn back my hand upon you, and refining, will purify *away* your dross, and take away all your alloy;

26 And I will turn back your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; af-

terward you shall be called, The City of Righteousness, *the Faithful City*.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and those of her who turn back, with righteousness.

28 And the breaking up of those who broke away and of the sinners shall be as one, and they who forsake Jehovah shall be ended,

29 Because they shall pale with shame over the mighty columns²⁹ in which you have delighted, and you shall be caught blushing for the gardens that you have chosen,

30 Because you shall be as an oak whose leaf wilts, and as a garden to which *is* no water.

31 And the powerful shall be as the refuse from flax, and the maker of it as a spark, and they both shall burn as a unit, and there shall be nothing to extinguish *it*.

CHAPTER 2

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz gazed at in a vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

2 And it shall be in the last days; the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be set up in the head of the mountains, and shall be lifted above the hills; and all peoples shall flow into it.

3 And many people shall walk and say, Walk, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will cause his ways to flow to us, and we will walk in his paths,

²⁹ 1:29 The **mighty columns**, *ayilyim*, referring to the idols they worshipped, and the **gardens**, *ganowt*, the landscaped enclosures where they worshipped these idols.

The reign of Christ on earth; Jehovah condemns them for secret arts, arrogance, etc. **ISAIAH 2**
because the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the peoples, and shall make many people right; and they shall beat their swords into mattocks, and their spears into pruning knives; people shall not lift up sword against people, and they shall not learn war any more.

5 Oh house of Jacob, walk, even let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

6 Therefore you have thrust away your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, and practice secret arts like the Palestinians, and they strike hands in agreement with the offspring of strangers.

7 And their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; and their land is full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots;

8 And their land is full of good for nothing idols; they prostrate themselves to the work of their hands, what their fingers have made;

9 And man sinks down, and man humiliates himself, and it is not lifted from them.

10 Enter into the strong rock, and hide in the dust, facing the fear of Jehovah and the magnificence of his majesty.

11 The lofty eyes of man shall be humiliated, and the exaltation of men shall sink down, and Jehovah shall be safely exalted alone in that day,

12 Because the day of Jehovah of hosts shall be upon everyone raised up and lofty, and upon everyone lifted up, and he shall be brought low;

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the lifted up hills,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all delightful things *here* pictured.

17 And the pride of man shall sink down, and the exaltedness of men shall be humiliated, and Jehovah shall be safely exalted alone in that day.

18 And he shall cause the good for nothing idols to completely pass away.

19 And they shall go into the dark caverns of the strong rocks and into the caves of the dust facing the fear of Jehovah and the magnificence of his majesty when he rises up to shake the earth with dread.

20 In that day the man shall throw out his good for nothing idols of silver and his good for nothing idols of gold (which they made for him to prostrate himself) to the rats and the bats,

21 To go into the clefts of the strong rocks and into the fissures of the ragged rocks, facing the fear of Jehovah and the magnificence of his majesty when he rises up to shake the earth with dread.

ISAIAH 3

Their rulers use magic; children drive them; women rule them

22 Cause yourselves to cease from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils, because how *shall he be* calculated? Gen 15:6

CHAPTER 3

1 Because, behold, the Lord Jehovah of hosts takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the support and sustenance, the whole support of food and the whole support of water,

2 The mighty, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and those who seek the future with magic, and the aged,

3 The chief ruler of fifty, and him whose face is lifted up, and the counselor, and the wise fabricators, and the discerning charmer.

4 And I will give children *to be* their chief rulers, and the childish shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be driven, man by man, and a man by his neighbor; the child shall rage against the old, and the lightly esteemed against him who is heavy in honor,

6 When a man shall seize his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, To you *is* clothing; you be the one who walks as our magistrate, and this ruin *shall be* under your hand;

7 He shall lift *his hand* in that day, saying, I will not be the one binding myself *to this responsibility*, and there does not exist food in my house, and there does not exist clothing; do not put me as magistrate of the people,

8 Because Jerusalem is tottering weak legged, and Judah has fallen because their tongue and their doings are against Jehovah, bitter in the eyes of his heavy glory.

9 The partiality shown in their faces answers against them, and they cause their sin to stand out boldly as Sodom; they do not hide *it*. Woe to their soul because they have treated themselves evil.

10 Say to the righteous that it shall be good *with him*, because they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

11 Woe to the wicked! Evil! Because the treatment of his hands shall be done to him.

12 My people! Impetuous little children are those who drive them, and women rule over them. Oh my people, they who are *supposed to be* righteously happy cause you to vacillate, and destroy the way of your paths.

13 Jehovah is stationed to contend, and stands to judge the people even-handedly.

14 Jehovah will enter into judgment with the old of his people and their chief rulers, and you have consumed the vineyard; the plunder of him who is looked down on with harshness *is* in your houses.

15 What *is it* with you? You crush my people, and you grind the faces of those looked down on with harshness, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

16 And Jehovah says, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and ogling eyes, walking and walking with flirtatious steps and with their feet adorned with

The women have lost their finery; the men are killed; the Sprouted Branch of Jehovah **ISAIAH 4**
ankle bracelets;

17 Therefore the Lord will scrape out the scab on the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and Jehovah will make their opening¹⁷ bare.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the ornaments of ankle bracelets, and their hair nets, and their neck pendants like the moon,

19 The ear pendants, and the bracelets, and the fluttering veils,

20 The fancy head-dresses, and the ankle chains, and the ornamental girdles, and the houses for the soul,²⁰ and the charms,^{Deut 18:10}

21 The rings, and nose rings of their nostrils,

22 The changeable costly garments, and the long gowns, and the wide cloaks, and the purses,

23 And the mirrors, and the wraps, and the head-dresses, and the veils.

24 And it shall be, instead of a perfumed fragrance, there shall be a putrid smell; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well

¹⁷ **3:17** their **opening**, *poth*. This word is used only twice in the Bible, 1 Kng 7:50, translated hinges, because hinges open, and here. The **opening** referred to is the opening in their hair upon their heads that Jehovah will make in scraping away the scab and crown of the head. From that opening in the hair the disease will spread, making them bare, or bald, which is an inglorious condition for a woman, 1 Cor 11:15. Because women forsake Jehovah God and become domineering and lustful for power and pleasure, they lose the feminine beauty and heavy glory God gave them
²⁰ **3:20** **houses for the soul**, *baateey hanephish*, literally houses for the soul. Since the next thing listed is *lachaashiyim* or magic charms, we conclude the **houses for the soul** are little houses worn on bracelets in which to keep souls of the family and friends safe, and they wore the charms to guarantee their safety. Such things were and are constantly practiced by those who believe in false religions and the occult. A number of the pieces of jewelry in this list are ornaments for worship of false gods.

set hair, baldness; and instead of a large cloak, a girdle of sackcloth; and a brand burned in the skin instead of beauty.

25 Your adult men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall groan and mourn, and she shall sit upon the ground stripped bare.

CHAPTER 4

1 And seven women shall seize upon one man in that day saying, We will eat our own food, and we will wear our own garments; only let your name be called upon us to take away our reproach.

2 In that day the Sprouted Branch² of Jehovah shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be majesty and embellishing ornaments for them who are escaped of Israel.

² **4:2** **Sprouted Branch**, *tsemach*. Gesenius does not think that the Messiah is spoken of in this passage, saying, "the produce of God shall be glorious and excellent, and the fruits of the earth shall be beautiful and excellent for the survivors of Israel;" i.e. the whole shall flourish more beautifully, and shall be adorned with plenty of produce and fruits for the benefit of those who shall escape that slaughter." However, E.W.G. Masterman in The Int'l Standard Bible Ency says, *tsemach* is the "Branch" of Messianic prophecy, and lists Isa 4:2 as meaning the Messiah. G. Rawlinson in The Pulpit Commentary says, "The 'Branch' of Isaiah can hardly be isolated altogether in a sound exegesis from the 'Branch' of Jeremiah (Jer 18:5; 33:15) and of Zechariah (3:8; 6:12) Now, the 'Branch' of Zechariah is stated to be 'a man' (6:12: note that the word used for 'Branch' is the same as Isaiah's, viz., *tsemach*.), and the 'Branch' of Jeremiah is a King (33:15). J.A. Alexander takes a very strong position that *tsemach* is the Messiah, and so do JFB, and others. We believe *tsemach* is the Messiah, and have translated it Sprouted Branch, using capitol letters to indicate the Messiah. In normal usage when it does not refer to the Messiah *tsemach* is a branch that sprouts from a stump or plant. Jesus is the Branch who sprouted out of both God and man.

ISAIAH 5

The Lord will wash away her filthiness; the vineyard of Jehovah is desolated

3 And it shall be *that* it shall be said to him left in Zion and to him remaining in Jerusalem, to everyone written among the living in Jerusalem, Holy,

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and the blood of Jerusalem shall be purged from her midst by the Spirit of judgment and by the Spirit of consuming fire.

5 And Jehovah will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, because the heavy glory as a nuptial canopy *shall be* upon all.

6 And there shall be a cottage for a shade in the daytime from the drought, and for a refuge, and for a hiding place from gushing water and from rain.

CHAPTER 5

1 I will sing now to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. To my wellbeloved was a vineyard in a prominent hill, a son of fatness;¹

2 And he dug in it, and gathered out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in its midst, and also carved out a winepress in it; and he bound himself with expectation that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth sour grapes.

¹ 5:1 It is the prominent hill that is called a son of fatness, because the hill was so rich and productive; and you understand that the description is of Israel as a prominent hill, the offspring of abundant grace.

3 And now, Oh inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard than I have not done to it? *Why is it*, when I bound myself expecting that it should bring forth grapes, it brought forth sour grapes?

5 And now know by seeing, please, what I will do to my vineyard; I will take away its hedge, and it shall be consumed; I will break down its enclosing wall, and it shall be trodden under foot;

6 And I will place it a desolation; it shall not be pruned, and it shall not be arranged; and there shall come up briers and thorns; and I will command the dark clouds not to rain upon it rain,

7 Because the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he bound himself expecting judgment, and behold shedding of blood, for righteousness, but behold, screaming.

8 Woe to them who lay their hand upon house after house; they bring to themselves field after field until *there is* an end to space, and they settle down alone in the midst of the land!

9 Jehovah of hosts *spoke* in my ears, Shall there not be many houses astonishingly desolate, great and good *houses* with no existing inhabitant!

10 Because ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11 Woe to them who load up early in the dawn to run after hard liquor, who loiter until dusk, wine inflaming them!

12 And the harp, and the lyre, the tambourine, and flute, and wine, are in their drinking banquets; and they do not look at the work of Jehovah, and they do not see the work of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are taken as stripped captives, their knowledge having failed, and their adult men heavy in heavy glory *are in* hunger, and their tumultuous multitude *are* parched with thirst.

14 Therefore the world of the dead has enlarged her soul, and opened wide her mouth without enacted limits; and their magnificence, and their tumultuous multitude, and their tumultuous destruction, and he who jumps for joy, shall descend into it.

15 And man shall be brought down, and man shall be humiliated, and the lofty eyes shall be humiliated;

16 And Jehovah of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and The Holy God shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 And the lambs shall be shepherded in pastures, and strangers shall eat the desolate places of the fat ones.

18 Woe to them who draw crookedness with ropes of ruin, and as a rope of a cart of sin;

19 Those who say, Let him flow as liquid, hurrying his work, that we may see, and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come that we may know

by seeing!

20 Woe to them who say, Evil *is* good, and good *is* evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to them who are wise in their own eyes and understanding before their own face!²¹

22 Woe to them who are mighty to drink wine, and mortal men of resources to mingle hard liquor,

23 Who justify the wicked for a gift, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and dry grass slacks off in the flame, their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as particles, because they have despised the law of Jehovah of hosts, and scorned the saying of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore the nostrils of Jehovah burn against his people, and he has outstretched his hand upon them, and has struck them; and the mountains were agitated, and their carcasses were swept away as filth in the midst of the outdoors. For all this his *burning* nostrils are not turned away, and his hand continues outstretched.

26 And he will lift up a flag of the peoples from afar, and will hiss to them from the end of the earth; and behold, hurrying, they shall come swiftly;

²¹ 5:21 The phraseology means, in their own opinion.

ISAIAH 6 *Those coming to render God's judgment on Israel; Isaiah's vision and call*

27 None shall be weary nor totter weak legged among them; they shall not slumber, and they shall not sleep; and they shall not open the belt from their loins, and the thong of their sandals shall not be torn off,

28 Whose arrows are pointed, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be calculated as oppressing stone, and their wheels like a snatching hurricane,

29 Their roaring *is* like a lion; they will roar like young lions; and they will growl and seize the fresh food, and will be delivered with it, and none will snatch it back.

30 And they shall growl against them in that day like the snarling of the sea, and like one looking intently to the land behold dark oppression, and the light is darkened in its sky.

CHAPTER 6

1 In the year that king Uzziah died, I also saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Seraphs² stood above it; to each one *was* six wings; six; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And this one called to that one, and said, Holy, holy, holy *is* Jehovah of hosts! The whole earth *is* full of his heavy glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who called out, and the house was filled with smoke.

² **6:2 Seraph**, *seraph*, a Hebrew word meaning to be on fire. A *seraph* is ablaze with the holiness of Jehovah God.

5 And I said, Woe *is* me, because I *am* unable to speak, because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, because my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts!

6 And one of the seraphs flew to me, and in his hand *was* a red hot stone⁶ he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

7 And he touched it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this has touched your lips, and your crookedness is taken away, and your sin is covered.

8 And I attentively heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will walk for us? And I said, Behold, *here I am*; send me!

9 And he said, Walk, and say to this people, Hearing, you shall attentively hear, and not understand; and seeing, you shall see, and not know by seeing.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and cause their eyes to look about in dismay, lest they see with their eyes, and attentively hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back, and healing *be* to them.

11 And I said, How long, Lord? And he said, Until the cities are rushed over, not an inhabitant existing, and in the houses not a man existing, and the land is rushed over with devastation,

⁶ **6:6 red hot stone**, *ritspah*, the same as *retseph*, which is a stone heated in the fire until red hot then used for cooking.

12 And Jehovah has widely distanced men *from this land*, and there is a great forsaking *of inhabitants* from the midst of the land.

13 And yet a tenth *shall be* in it, and it shall return, and shall be eaten, as an oak, and as a strong tree, which when felled, the stump *is left* to it; the holy seed *is* in their stump.

CHAPTER 7

1 And it was in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin, the king of Syria, went up, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, to Jerusalem to war against it, and were not able to devour upon it.

2 And one caused it to stand out boldly to the house of David, saying, Syria has settled down with Ephraim. And his heart was shaken, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the woods are shaken before the face of the wind.

3 And Jehovah said to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear Jashub³, your son, at the end of the water channel of the upper reservoir in the highway to the field of the launderer,

4 And say to him, Hedge yourself about and rest; do not fear, and do not let your heart lose strength over the two tails of these smoking firebrands, over the burning nostrils of Rezin and Syria and

³ 7:3 Shearjashub, *Shear Yashuwab*, A Remnant Will Return, the name Isaiah gave to one of his sons as a prophecy that although the children of Israel and Judah would go into captivity, a remnant would return from whom would come the Messiah; the same truth as expressed in 6:13 in the picture of the stump of a tree.

of the son of Remaliah,

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have taken evil counsel against you, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and abhor it, and let us break it open for ourselves, and cause a king to reign in its midst, the son of Tabeal;

7 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, It shall not rise, and it shall not be,

8 Because the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be crushed so that it is not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, then you shall not believe.

10 And again Jehovah spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask for yourself a sign from Jehovah, your God; ask it in the depth of the world of the dead or in the height above.

12 And Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not test Jehovah.

13 And he said, You attentively hear now, Oh house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, since you will also weary my God?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.¹⁴

¹⁴ 7:14 Immanuel, God Is With Us. The *el* at the end of the word is God. The *el* on the end of words means God, and *jah* at the end of words means Jehovah, as in Hallelujah. Notice also that the Hebrew does not say "a" virgin, but "the" virgin, referring to the specific virgin that would bring forth the child.

ISAIAH 8

The coming judgment on Israel by Assyria

15 He shall eat curdled milk and honey that he may know by seeing to despise the evil and choose the good,

16 Because before the child shall know by seeing to despise the evil and choose the good the land which you abhor shall be forsaken before the face of both her kings.

17 Jehovah shall bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house days that have not come, from the day Ephraim turned away from Judah, the king of Assyria himself.

18 And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall hiss for the fly that is in the extremity of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and settle, all of them by the desolate streams, and in the clefts of the craggy rocks, and upon all pastures, and upon all thickets.

20 In that day the Lord shall shave the head and the hair of the feet with a razor that is hired from the region across the river by the king of Assyria, and it shall also shave off the beard.

21 And it shall be in that day, that a man shall cause a heifer cow to live and two flock animals,

22 And it shall be, he shall eat from the abundance of milk-making, because everyone that is left in the land shall eat curdled milk and honey.

23 And it shall be in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines there shall be a thousand pieces of silver; it shall be instead of briars and thorns.

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24 They shall come there with arrows and with bows because all the land shall be briars and thorns.

25 And on all hills that shall be hoed with the hoe there shall not come there the fear of briars and thorns, and it shall be for the sending forth of oxen and for the treading of flock animals.

CHAPTER 8

1 And Jehovah said to me, Take to yourself a great tablet, and write upon it with a mortal man's pen concerning Maher Shalal Chash Baz.¹

2 And I took to myself faithful witnesses, Uriah,^{2a} the priest, and Zechariah,^{2b} the son of Jeberechiah,^{2c} to duplicate my testimony

3 And I drew near to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son, and Jehovah said to me, Call his name Maher Shalal Chash Baz, Note on 8:1

4 Because before the child shall know to call, My father and My mother, the resources of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be lifted away before the face of the king of Assyria.

5 And again Jehovah spoke to me, saying,

6 Since this people despises the waters of Shiloah that walk softly and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son,

¹ **8:1 Maher Shalal Chash Baz**, He Is Hastening To The Plunder; Swift To The Prey; the symbolical name of a son of Isaiah.

^{2a} **8:2 Uriah**, *Uriyah*, Flame of Jehovah.

^{2b} **8:2 Zechariah**, Jehovah Has Remembered.

^{2c} **8:2 Jeberechiah**, Blessed of Jehovah.

7 And therefore, behold, the Lord brings up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, the king of Assyria and all his heavy glory; and he shall come up over all his channels, and walk over all his banks;

8 And he shall change Judah; he shall flush through and cross over; he shall touch the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the width of your land, Oh Immanuel.

9 Be broken, Oh you people, and you shall be prostrated in confusion; and broaden your ear, all you distant lands; gird yourselves, and you shall be prostrated; gird yourselves, and you shall be prostrated.

10 Consult for advice, and it shall be broken up; speak the word, and it shall not rise because God *is* with us,

11 Because Jehovah said thus to me with a strong hand, and chastised me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Do not say, An alliance, to all them to whom this people shall say, An alliance; and do not fear, and do not dread their fear.

13 You sanctify Jehovah of hosts himself, and let him *be* your fear, and let him *be* your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary, and for a stone of stumbling, and for a strong rock of stumbling to both the houses of Israel, for a springnet and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall totter weak legged, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and

be captured.

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

17 And I will wait¹⁷ upon Jehovah, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will bind myself in expectation for him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah has given me *are* for signs and for miracles in Israel from Jehovah of hosts who resides in Mount Zion.

19 And when they shall say to you, Tread seeking to the consultants who channel, and to occult false prophets who coo, and chirp, and that mutter; should not a people tread seeking to their God? *Do you tread seeking* on behalf of the living to the dead?

20 The law and the testimony - if they do not say according to this word, *it is* because there exists no light in them.

21 And they shall cross over there, dense and hungry; and it shall be, when they shall be hungry they shall burst out in rage, and make light of their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And they shall look intently to the earth, and behold pressure and darkness, shadows of distress; and they shall be pushed off into the dusk.

CHAPTER 9

1 At first he made light of the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and later *he will* be heavy in glory by the way of the sea,

¹⁷ 8:17 wait, *chakah*, to wait on someone because you are pierced together with him and cannot move without him. See Note Isa 64:4.

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across Jordan, in Galilee of the peoples.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light has shined. Mat 4:16

3 You have multiplied the people, and made the joy great; they rejoice before your face as the joy in harvest, as they who spin around with emotion when allotting the spoil,

4 Because you have prostrated before him the rod of the one who drives him, the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, as in the day of Midian,

5 Because every military boot of the soldier is bounding, and garments *are* rolled in blood, and this shall be a burning, a fueled fire,

6 Because a child is born to us; a son is given to us; and the empire shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Miracle, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Chief Ruler of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his empire and peace there shall exist no end upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to set it up and to maintain it with judgment and with righteousness from this time and forever. The jealousy of Jehovah of hosts will do this.

8 A word the Lord sent into Jacob, and it has fallen in Israel.

9 And all the people shall know by seeing; Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria who in the arrogance and stoutness of heart say,

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10 The bricks are fallen down, and we will build with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, and we will change to cedars.

11 And Jehovah shall lift high the oppressors of Rezin against him, and entwine him with those hating him,

12 The Syrians in front, and the Palestinians behind, and they shall devour Israel with the whole mouth. For all this his *burning* nostrils are not turned away, and still his hand is outstretched;

13 And the people do not turn back to him who strikes them, and they do not tread seeking Jehovah of hosts.

14 And Jehovah will cut off from Israel *in* one day head and tail, palm leaf and rush.

15 The old and him to whom they lift their faces - he is the head; and the prophet who causes lies to flow - he is the tail.

16 And those who should be righteously happy of this people cause them to vacillate, and they who should be made righteously happy by them are swallowed up.

17 Therefore the Lord shall not rejoice in their young ones, and *there shall be* no compassion upon their fatherless and widows, because everyone is dirty and broken to pieces, and every mouth speaks foolishness. For all this his *burning* nostrils are not turned away, and still his hand *is* outstretched;

18 Because wickedness burns as the fire, it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall burn in the thickets of the forest, and they shall

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coil upward like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the outburst of Jehovah of hosts the land is burned over, and the people shall be as the fuel for the fire; man shall not spare his brother in pity.

20 And he shall cut up *for food* that on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall devour that on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; man shall eat the flesh of his own arm;

21 Manasseh *devours* Ephraim, and Ephraim *devours* Manasseh; they *shall devour* against Judah as a unit. For all this his *burning* nostrils *are* not turned away, and still his hand *is* outstretched.

CHAPTER 10

1 Woe to them who enact vain enactments, and who inscribe wearisome toil *in what* they inscribe;¹

2 To deflect away him who is dangling in need from his rights, and to pluck away judgment from those looked down on with harshness among my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may plunder the fatherless!

3 And what will you do in the day of visitation, and in the tempest coming from afar? To whom will you flee for help and where will you leave your heavy glories?

4 Without me they shall bend their knee at the bottom as a prisoner, and they shall fall at the bot-

¹ 10:1 Here God pronounces a woe, a judgment, upon government officials who write burdensome legislation which they impose on those governed.

tom of those fatally struck. For all this his *burning* nostrils *are* not turned away, and still his hand *is* outstretched.

5 Oh Assyrian, the rod of my *burning* nostrils, and the staff, the one in their hand, is my fury.

6 I will send him against a dirty people, and I will command him against the people of my outpouring rage, to spoil the spoil, and to plunder the plunder, and to put them *to be* treaded down like the mud of *the* outdoors.

7 And he does not consider himself thus, and his heart does not calculate thus, because to desolate *is* in his heart, and to cut off peoples not a few;

8 Because he says, *Are* not my chief rulers kings as a unit?

9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *Is* not Hamath as Arpad? *Is* not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the good for nothing idols and the carved idols of Jerusalem and of Samaria,

11 As I have done to Samaria and her good for nothing idols, thus shall I not do to Jerusalem and her carved images?

12 And it shall be, when the Lord has finished cutting his whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will visit upon the fruit of the enlarged heart of the king of Assyria and upon the embellishment of his exalted eyes;

13 Because he says, By the power of my hand I have done *it* and by my wisdom because I am

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God's people who dwell in Zion are not to fear Assyria; a remnant will return

discerning, and I have removed the boundaries of the people, and have plundered their built up treasures, and as a vast one I have put down the inhabitants;

14 And there is a nest in my hand - the resources of the people, and as one gathers eggs *that are* left, I have gathered all the earth, and there was none who was driven on the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.

15 Shall the ax be proud against him who cuts with it? Or shall the saw make itself great against him who moves it back and forth? Shall the rod move itself back and forth against them who raise it up? The rod raises itself, *as if it were* not wood?

16 Therefore, the Lord Jehovah of hosts shall send leanness among his fat ones, and under his heavy glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the Light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame, and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day;

18 And shall end the heavy glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body, and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

20 And it shall be in that day, they shall no more again - the remnant²⁰ of Israel and those escaped of the house of Jacob - trust upon him who struck them, and shall in truth trust upon Jehovah, the Holy
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One of Israel.

21 The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to *the* Mighty God; See Note 10:19

22 Because, although your people, Israel, are as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them shall return; the ending destruction cut out shall flush forth righteousness;

23 Because *there is* a completing destruction, and the Lord Jehovah of hosts shall cut it out, making *it* in the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah of hosts, Oh my people who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian; he shall strike you with a rod, and his staff shall lift up against you in the way of Egypt,²⁴

25 Because yet a very little while and the fury shall be ended, and my *burning* nostrils in their fall.

26 And Jehovah of hosts shall wake up a lashing for him according to the strike upon Midian at the strong rock of Oreb, and as his rod was upon the sea, so he shall lift it up in the way of Egypt. Jud 7:25. Exo

14:16. See Note 10:24

¹⁹ **10:20 remnant**, *shear*, the simple word for rest or remainder, what is left. *Shear* is used a number of times before this in the sense of "what is left," the rest of the city, 1 Chr 11:8, but is used here in Isa 10:19 for the first time referring to the remnant of Israel who will be left after the Captivity (Assyrian and Babylonian) to continue the existence of the people of Israel to give birth to the Messiah. See Isa 10:20-22; 11:11,16;28:5.

²⁴ **10:24 in the way of Egypt**, is literally what the text says, and these words have a double meaning, as so often the words of God do: that Assyria will attack Israel on the way to Egypt, which Assyria did, and also after the manner of Egypt, that is, Assyria would strike Israel as Egypt had.

27 And it shall be in that day, his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be bound before the face of the anointing.²⁷

28 He has come upon Aiath; he has crossed over to Migron; he has visited Michmash with his implements;

29 They have crossed over the crossing place; their encampment is at Geba; Ramah trembles in fear; Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Make your voice clear, Oh daughter of Gallim;³⁰ broaden your ears, Oh Laish, Oh you looked down on with harshness of Anathoth.

31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim fled to take refuge.

32 He shall continue to stand at Nob that day; he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 1 Sam 21:1; 22:9,11,19

33 Behold, the Lord Jehovah of hosts shall lop the bough with terror, and the high ones of stature *shall be* cut down, and the arrogant shall be humiliated.

34 And he shall strike the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

²⁸ 10:27 the yoke shall be bound before the face of the anointing; this is the literal rendering. The meaning is: the yoke [of the Assyrians] shall be bound [restrained, made ineffective] before the face of the anointing [God's anointing upon Israel]. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was upon Israel because through them God the Father would bring into the world the Anointed One, the Messiah, to bind the yoke of bondage from off all who trust Him.

³⁰ 10:30 Gallim, the name of springs in Palestine.

CHAPTER 11

1 And there shall come forth a Sprout out of the stump of Jesse, and a Branch out of his roots shall bear fruit;

2 And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah;

3 And his sense of smell *shall be* in the fear of Jehovah, and he shall not judge by the sight of his eyes, and he shall not make *things* right by the hearing of his ears; Gen 8:21; Exo 30:37-38; Lev 26:31; Deut 4:28. 1 Sam 26:19; Psa 115:6; Amo 5:21

4 And he shall judge those dangling in need with righteousness, and set *things* right with evenness for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and he shall kill the wicked with the Spirit of his lips.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his girding.

6 And the wolf shall lodge with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf, and the young lion, and the stall fed cow together, and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall be shepherded; their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the nursing child shall amuse himself upon the den of the asp, and the weaned child shall stretch forth his hand upon the opening of the viper.

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9 They shall not make good for nothing, and shall not destroy in all my holy mountain, because the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea.

10 And there shall be in that day a root of Jesse which shall stand for an ensign of the people; the peoples shall tread to it seeking, and his rest shall be heavy in heavy glory.

11 And it shall be in that day, the Lord again, the second time, shall erect with his hand the remnant of his people which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the habitable land of the sea.

12 And he shall lift up a flag for the peoples, and shall gather those pushed down of Israel, and he shall grasp with his hand those dashed to pieces of Judah to collect from the four extremities of the earth.

13 And the jealousy of Ephraim shall turn away, and the oppressors of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not oppress Ephraim.

14 And they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Palistinians toward the sea; they shall plunder the children of the east as a unit; they shall send out their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall attentively hear them.

15 And Jehovah shall parch the tongue of the Egyptian sea, and shall wave his hand back and forth

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over the stream with the strength of his Spirit, and shall strike it into seven streams, and they shall tread it in sandals.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people who shall be left from Assyria, which existed to Israel in the day he ascended up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

1 And you shall say in that day, I will hold out my hand to you, Oh Jehovah; although you breathed hard toward me, your nostrils are turned back, and you shall comfort me.

2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust and not fear, because my strength and my music *is* Jah Jehovah,² and he has become my salvation.

3 And you shall draw water with joy out of the springs of salvation.

4 And you shall say in that day, Hold out your hand to Jehovah; call upon his name; make known his exploits among the people; remember that his name is exalted.

5 Sing and play to Jehovah, because he has done majestic things; this is known in all the earth.

6 Make a clear sound and shout, inhabitant of Zion, because great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of you.

² 12:2 **Jah Jehovah**, *Jah Jehovah*, the short and the long form of the name Jehovah - Jehovah Jehovah. It only occurs in the Bible twice; here and Isa 26:4, both in a statement of comfort to those who trust Him.

CHAPTER 13

1 The burden¹ of Babylon, at which Isaiah the son of Amoz gazed at in a vision.

2 Upon the scraped off naked mountain lift up a banner; exalt the voice to them; wave the hand, and let them go into the gates of the generous.²

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones; also I have called out to my mighty ones for the enforcement of my *burning* nostrils, them who jump for joy in my majesty.³

4 The voice of a tumultuous multitude in the mountains, the likeness of abundant people; an uproarious voice of kingdoms of peoples gathered together; Jehovah of hosts visits the host of the battle.

5 They come from a distant land, from the extremity of the heavens - Jehovah and the weapons of his rage⁵ - to bind the whole land.

¹ 13:1 **burden**, *massa*. *Massa* is used 43 times in the Hebrew Bible. Twenty-two times it refers to loads carried by men and animals; individual responsibility, Num 4:49; the spiritual burden of leading people, Num 11:11,17; Deut 1:12; and the tax burden of forced labor, 2 Chn 17:11. In Psa 38:4 *massa* refers to the heavy burden of sin. Twenty-one times *massa* means a divine oracle or utterance by a prophet under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is its first use in the prophets in the order we have the books of the Bible. Solomon used it in Prov 30:1 referring to a divine utterance he received and 31:1, referring to a divine utterance his mother received to use in disciplining him. It is used in the words of Jehu in 2 Kng 9:25. Isaiah uses *massa* 14 times, and it is used in other prophets.

² 13:2 **the generous**, *nadiyb*, referring to Babylon as she views herself as generous and grand.

³ 13:3 The entire verse refers to the army of Cyrus the great, and the Medes and the Persians who conquered Babylon in 536 BC.

⁵ 13:5 **rage**, *za'am*, literally frothing at the mouth.

6 Howl, because the day of Jehovah *is* near; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands shall slack off, and every heart of mortal man shall melt;

8 And they shall tremble; pressing *pains* and ropes of sorrow shall seize them; they shall twist *in pain* as in bearing young; a man shall be in consternation to *his* neighbor; their faces *shall be* faces of flashing flames.

9 Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, terrible and raging, and nostrils burning in anger, to put the land in stunned devastation, and he shall desolate its sinners out of it,

10 Because the stars of the heavens and its constellations shall not shine their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will visit evil upon the inhabited earth, and upon the wicked for their crookedness; and I will cause the *assumed* majesty of the arrogant to cease, and I will humiliate the arrogance of the ruthless.

12 I will make a man more weighty in value than pure gold, even a man *more weighty in value* than the precious ore of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will agitate the heavens, and the earth shall undulate out of her place, in the outburst of the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and in the day of his burning nostrils.

ISAIAH 14 *Jehovah's judgment on Babylon by the Medes; Jehovah's compassion on His people*

14 And it shall be as a gazelle is thrust out, and as a flock animal when there exists no one to gather *them*; and they shall face about, each man to his people, and they shall flee, each man to his land.

15 Everyone who is found shall be stabbed, and everyone joined *to them* shall fall by the sword.

16 And their nursing children shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be plundered, and their women raped.

17 Behold, I will wake up the Medes against them, who shall not calculate *value to silver*, and as for gold, they shall not be inclined to it.

18 And they shall dash the youth to pieces *with* their bows, and they shall have no compassion on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not cover for children.

19 And it shall be, Babylon, the splendor of kingdoms, the ornament of majesty of the Chaldees, *shall be* as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall not be inhabited to the most distant point, and it shall not be lodged in from generation to generation; and the Arabian shall not pitch a tent there; and shepherds shall not cause *their flocks* to lie down there.

21 And desert dwellers shall lie down there, and their houses shall be full of howling creatures; and daughters of the ostrich shall reside there, and satyrs shall jump there. Note 2 Chn 11:15

22 And the howling creatures shall answer in their desolate places, and monsters in their luxu-

rious palaces; and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

1 Because Jehovah will be compassionate on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and shall deposit them upon their own soil; and bind the foreigners in obligation to them, and they shall scrape out *resources* upon the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall inherit them upon the soil of Jehovah for menservants and maidservants; and they shall be captors of them who were their captors; and they shall tread down those who drove them.

3 And it shall be in the day of Jehovah's causing you to rest from your sorrows, and from your rumbling, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve,

4 And you shall lift up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How have those who drove *them* ceased! The gold maker has ceased!

5 Jehovah has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers.

6 He who struck the people a blow in wrath without remission, he who treaded down the peoples with *burning* nostrils, is persecuted without restraint.

7 The whole earth *is* at rest, totally inactive; they break out in shouting.

8 Also the cypress trees rejoice at you - the cedars of Lebanon - *saying*, Since you are laid down, no cutter has come up against us.

9 The world of the dead from beneath is agitated on account of you to encounter your coming; it wakes up for you the ghosts of the dead, even all the he goats of the earth; it has raised up all the kings of the peoples from their thrones.

10 All they¹⁰ shall answer and say to you, You are also worn out as we! You are like us!

11 Your majesty has descended to the world of the dead, *also* the sound of your lyres; the breeding maggot is strewn under you, and the voracious maggot *is* covering you.

12 How are you fallen from the heavens, Oh Bright Star,¹² Son of the Dawn! You are cut down to the earth, you who prostrated the peoples!

13 And you said in your heart, I will ascend to the heavens! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! And I will sit down upon the mount of the appointed meeting place¹³ in the sides of the north;

¹⁰ **14:10** All they, all the dead of the previous verse.

¹² **14:12** Bright Star, *heylel*, bright star; the Latin spelling of bright star is *lucifer*, hence the name Lucifer.

¹³ **14:13** appointed meeting place, *mowed*, the place appointed by God to meet His Priest, Jesus, the Son of God, and the believer, in Jesus, to take away our sins. See Note Exo 25:9. The fallen angel, Satan [Hebrew, *Satan*, meaning opponent, adversary, 1 Chn 21:1; Job 1:6; Psa 109:6; Zech 3:1-2] tried to take over that meeting place between the Father God, His Son, and the believer. That is why he was cut down from the heavens. The fall of Satan is here pictured in close connection with the king of Babylon and the empire of

14 I will ascend above the heights of the dark clouds; I will be like the Most High.

15 Surely you shall be brought down to the world of the dead, to the sides¹⁵ of the pit.

16 They who look toward you shall gaze upon you and discern you: This *is* the man who caused the earth to be agitated, who shook kingdoms,

17 Who put the inhabited earth as a desert, and pulled down its cities; he did not open wide the *prison* house to his prisoners!

18 All the kings of the peoples, all of them, lie in heavy glory, every man in his own house.

19 And you are thrown out of your sepulcher like a detestable shoot, and as the garment of those fatally struck, stabbed through with a sword, descended to the stones of the pit, as a carcass trampled under feet.

20 You shall not be one with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land; you have fatally struck your people; let the seed of the good for nothings not be called *by name* ever.²⁰

Babylon, because Babylon is the greatest manifestation of the person and work of Satan that has ever been, and that Satan inspired empire will be manifest again in the end of history, Rev 14:8; 16:19; 18:2,10,21. See Note Ezk 28:13.

¹⁵ **14:15** the sides of the pit in verse 15 are in direct contrast with the sides of the north in verse 13.

²⁰ **14:20** The last phrase means, Let the line of the kings of Babylon not be called out [as Adam called out the names of everything at the beginning] - let the calling out of the name of their seed end with the current Babylonian king, Belshazzar, Dan 5, which is what happened.

ISAIAH 15 *The utter destruction of Babylon and Assyria; the Palestinians will be defeated*

21 Set up slaughter for his children for the crookedness of their fathers, that they do not rise, and do not possess the land and fill the face of the inhabited earth with cities.

22 And I will rise up against them - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and cut off the name, and remnant, and offspring, and descendent from Babylon - An oracle of Jehovah.

23 And I will put it a possession for the hedgehog, and marshes of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of desolation - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

24 Jehovah of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely to what I have likened *it*, thus it shall be; and as I have decreed by assembled counsel²⁴ it shall rise:

25 To break the Assyrian in my land, and trample him under foot upon my mountains, and turn his yoke off from upon them, and turn off his load from upon their shoulders.

26 This *is* the counseled decree, the one fastened upon the whole earth, and this *is* the hand, the one outstretched upon all the peoples,

27 Because Jehovah of hosts has decreed by counsel, and who shall break *it* to pieces? And he has outstretched his hand, and who shall turn it back?

²⁴ **14:24 as I have decreed by assembled counsel, *ya'ats***, to resolve a decision or judgment by consultation with others. You can rest assured that God has counseled with no one, except Himself, the Father with the Son and with the Holy Spirit. Rom 11:34. See verses 26, 27. This is further proof of the Trinity, the three Persons in one God.

28 This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died. Note Isa 13:1

29 Do not rejoice, Palestine, all of you, because the rod of him who struck you *is* broken; because out of the root of *the* snake a viper shall come forth, and his fruit shall be a burning seraph flying.

30 And the firstborn of those dangling in need shall be shepherded, and the poor shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall fatally strike your remnant.

31 Howl, Oh gate; scream, Oh city; *you are* melted, Oh Palestine, all of you, because a smoke shall come from the north, and none shall be solitary away from his appointed troops.

32 And what shall the messengers of the people answer? That Jehovah has founded Zion, and they shall trust in her, those looked down on with harshness of his people.

CHAPTER 15

1 The burden of Moab. Because Ar of Moab is ravaged in the night, unable to speak, because in the night Kir of Moab is ravaged, unable to speak,

2 He has gone up to Bajith and to Dibon, the high places, to weep; Moab shall howl upon Nebo and upon Medeba, on all their heads *there shall be baldness with every beard scraped off.*

3 In their outdoors they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; everyone shall howl on the roofs of

their houses, and in their streets, going downwards³ weeping.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be attentively heard as far as Jahaz; therefore the equipped soldiers of Moab shall shout *alarm*; his soul shall be broken up within him.

5 My heart screams for Moab, for those fleeing as far as Zoar, as a heifer of the third year;⁵ because he shall ascend by the elevation of Luhith with weeping, because they shall wake up a cry of being broken *in* the way of Horonaim;

6 Because the waters of Nimrim shall be a stunned waste because the grass is dried up; the tender sprout is ended, *even* a sickly green plant does not exist.

7 Therefore the wealth^{7a} they have made and that which was visited upon them,^{7b} they shall carry away over the stream of the willows;^{7c}

³ **15:3 going downwards** from their places of worship as well as from the roofs of their houses where they have tried to commune with their gods.

⁵ **15:5 No commentator knows for sure why a heifer of the third year** is included in this sentence, unless it is the picture of a three year old heifer, grown, bawling as she is being separated from the herd for slaughter. The text does not say that, but that seems to be the only reasonable supposition we can make.

^{7a} **15:7 wealth, yithrah**, what is left over, the accumulation a person did not have to use, and therefore saved, accumulated for the future, therefore his accumulated wealth.

^{7b} **15:7 that which was visited upon them, pequddah**. Since the Word of God declares clearly that God in His goodness provides for both the righteous and the wicked, Mat 5:45, and God's contacts with man are referred to as **visits, paqad**, Gen 21:1, we conclude that the wording of verse 7 refers to wealth that God had providentially visited upon Moab in spite of their wickedness, which was then taken away by God because they did not love Jehovah God nor His righteous people.

8 Because the outcry has violently surrounded the borders of Moab; as far as Eglaim *is* its howling, and to Beerelim *is* its howling;

9 Because the waters of Dimon are full of blood, because I will place more upon Dimon, a lion upon him who escapes of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAPTER 16

1 Send a lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela¹ to the desert, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 And as a bird driven away, the nest thrown away, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the crossing places of Arnon

3 Come for counsel; do justice; place your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; do not strip those driven away.

4 Let my outcasts lodge with you, Moab; be a covering to them from the face of those who ravage, because he who oppresses has ceased; the ravager is at an end; those trampling *others* under are finished out of the land.

5 And the throne shall be set up in mercy, and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tent of David, judg-

^{7c} **15:7 over the brook of the willows they shall carry away**, most likely means that the Moabites will carry in their hands and on their backs whatever of their accumulated possessions across the brook of the willows and escape into Edom with what little they can save.

¹ **16:1 Sela, Cela**, Rock City, Petra, capitol of Edom or Idumaea. This verse is an invitation to Edom to send tribute in the form of lambs to the king in Jerusalem, an invitation to return to the true and living God of their family which was the God of Esau, son of Isaac.

ISAIAH 17

The Moabites will be judged and ravaged; also Damascus, Syria

ing, and treading to seek judgment, and causing righteousness to flow as liquid.

6 We have attentively heard of the majesty of Moab; very haughty *is* his majesty, and his haughtiness, and his outbursts of passion; his lies *are* not upright.

7 Therefore Moab shall howl for Moab; all shall howl; you shall murmur *in anger* for the foundations of Kirhareth; surely they are struck;

8 Because the fields of Heshbon languish, the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the peoples have struck down its grapevine; they have touched as far as Jazer; they wandered in the desert; her sprouts are thrust off; they have crossed over the sea.

9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah; I will water you with my tears, Oh Heshbon, and Elealeh, because the shouting *of war* has fallen upon your fruits and upon your harvest.

10 And rejoicing is taken away and joy out of the planted garden, and in the vineyards there shall be no shouting *of joy*, no shouting *for joy*; *there shall be* none to tread wine in their presses; I have made treading out with shouting *of joy* to cease.

11 Therefore my insides shall sound like a harp for Moab and my inmost parts for Kirharesh.

12 And it shall be, that it is seen that Moab is weary upon the high place *of his gods*, and he shall come to his sanctuary to judge in prayer; and he shall not be able to

obtain an answer.

13 This is the word that Jehovah spoke to Moab at that time.

14 And now Jehovah has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of one hired for wages, and the heavy glory of Moab shall be made light of, with all that abundant tumultuous multitude, and the remnant *shall be* few, few - not vast.

CHAPTER 17

1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus has departed from being a city, and it shall be a fallen pile of rubbish.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, and they shall lie down, and none shall exist to make them tremble in fear.

3 And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the heavy glory of the children of Israel - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

4 And it shall be in that day, the heavy glory of Jacob shall hang down weak, and the fatness of his flesh shall become thin.

5 And it shall be as when one gathers the harvest, the stalks of grain, and his arm reaps the ears of grain; and it shall be as he who picks up ears of grain in the valley of Rephaim.

6 And gleanings shall be left in it, as the threshing of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the head of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in its fruitful branches - An oracle of Jehovah God of Israel.

7 At that day a man shall gaze upon his Maker, and his eyes shall see the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not gaze toward the altars, the work of his hands, and he shall not see what his fingers have made, and the pole images, and the pillars to the sun.

9 In that day his fortified cities shall be as a forsaken forest and a tree top which they left before the face of the children of Israel, and there shall be devastation,

10 Because you have forgotten the God of your liberty, and have not remembered the strong rock of your defense; therefore you shall plant pleasant plants, and they shall reproduce strange branches;

11 In the day of your planting you shall hedge it in, and in the dawn you shall cause your seed to break forth with buds; a heap in the day of harvest shall be worn and suffering.

12 Woe to the tumultuous crowd of abundant peoples, making a loud commotion like the loud commotion of the seas, and *woe* to the uproar of communities, making an uproar like vast waters crashing!

13 The communities, like the uproar of many waters, shall rush; and God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the face of the wind, and like a rolling thing before the face of a snatching hurricane.

14 And now at dusk, behold, terror; before the dawn, it shall not be. This is the allotment of them who plunder us, and the apportioned lot

of them who prey on us.

CHAPTER 18

1 Woe to the land of rustling wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,

2 The one sending by the sea those pressing on in vessels of papyrus upon the face of the waters: Walk, swift messengers, to a people drawn out and obstinate, to a people feared from its *existence* up to now, a people double strong and trampling down where the rivers divide *the* land!

3 All you inhabitants of the inhabited earth and dwellers on the earth, when he lifts up a flag on the mountains, see; and when he blows a trumpet, attentively hear.

4 Because thus says Jehovah to me, I will rest, and I will look intently from my dwelling place, like a dazzling heat upon bright plants, like a dark cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 Because before the face of the harvest when the bud is complete and the flower of the sour grape is ripening, he cuts off the sprigs with pruning knives, and he takes away the offshoots; he lops *them* off.

6 They shall be forsaken as a unit to the birds of prey of the mountains and to the mute animals of the earth, and the birds of prey shall pass the harvest time upon them, and expose them to all the mute animals of the earth.

7 In that time a gift shall be brought to Jehovah of hosts of a people drawn out and obstinate, and from a people feared from their

ISAIAH 19

Internal strife, decline and disintegration of Egypt

existence until now, a people double strong and trampling down, where the rivers divide the land, to the place of the name of Jehovah of hosts, Mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, Jehovah rides upon a swift dark cloud, and shall come into Egypt, and the good for nothing idols of Egypt shall shake before his face, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in her midst.

2 And I will entwine Egyptians against Egyptians, and they shall devour man against his brother, and man against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall be poured out in her midst, and I will swallow up her counsel; and they shall tread seeking to the good for nothing idols, and those who move softly,³ and to them who channel, and to the occult false prophets.

4 And I will shut up the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord, and a forceful king shall rule over them - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

5 And the waters shall dry up from the sea, and the river shall be parched and dried up.

³ **19:3 those who move softly**, *'at*, which means to move softly, and is used in this sense in all other places with no reference to the occult. Isa 19:3 is the only place *'at* is used to refer to occult activities. It describes the soft tones often used by those who contact spirits.

6 And the rivers shall stink, and the border canals shall hang down weak and parched; the reeds and flags shall dry up.

7 The naked places by the canals upon the mouth of the canals and everything planted by the canals shall dry up, be driven about, and not be.

8 And the fishermen shall groan, and they shall mourn - all who throw a hook out into the canals, and they who spread out their nets upon the face of the waters shall languish sick.

9 And they shall be confounded - they who work in combed flax,⁹ and they who weave white linen.

10 And their foundations shall be crushed, all who make wages shall be sad in *their* soul.¹⁰

11 The chief rulers of Zoan, the wise counselors of Pharaoh, *are* entirely foolish; *their* counsel is consuming *them*; how *can* you say to Pharaoh, I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings?

12 Where now *are* your wise *men*? And let them cause to stand out boldly to you now, and let them know by seeing what Jehovah of hosts has decreed by counsel upon Egypt. Note Isa 14:24

⁹ **19:9 combed flax**, *seriyqah pisteh*, combed threads of flax made into fine linen.

¹⁰ **19:10 foundations**, *shathah*. Used only twice: Psa 11:3, and Isa 19:10. The contrast in the statement is between the nobility in Egypt, the foundations of the community, and the poorer working class. Both the nobility and the working class of Egypt will be greatly distressed in the coming fall of the empire of Egypt.

13 The chief rulers of Zoan have been foolish; the chief rulers of Noph have been deceived; they have misled Egypt, the pinnacle of her tribes.

14 Jehovah has mingled in her midst a spirit of crookedness, and they have caused Egypt to err in all her deeds, as a staggering drunk in his vomit.

15 And there shall not exist to Egypt a work which they may do - head or tail, palm leaf or rush.¹⁵

16 In that day Egypt shall be like women, and it shall tremble and be startled before the face of the waving of the hand of Jehovah of hosts, which he is waving over it.

17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt; all who remember her in themselves shall fear before the face of the decreed counsel of Jehovah of hosts, which he has decreed by counsel against it. Note Isa 14:24

18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the lip of Canaan, and swear to Jehovah of hosts. One shall be said *to be* The City of Heat.

19 In that day there shall be an altar to Jehovah in the midst of the land of Egypt and a memorial stone at her border to Jehovah.

20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to Jehovah of hosts in the land of Egypt, because they will cry to Jehovah before the face of the oppressors, and he will send them a savior, and a great one, and

¹⁵ **19:15 head or tail, palm leaf or rush**, indicates all segments of society in Egypt from the most influential leaders to the least influential - there shall be nothing for any of them to do - a collapse of the economy.

he will snatch them out.

21 And Jehovah shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know Jehovah in that day, and shall do sacrifice and food offering; and they shall vow a vow to Jehovah, and make *it* complete.

22 And Jehovah shall strike Egypt; he shall strike and heal *it*; and they shall turn back to Jehovah, and he shall receive their prayer as perfumed incense of them, and shall heal them.

23 In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

24 In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land,

25 Whom Jehovah of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *are* my people, Egypt, and the work of my hands, Assyria, and my inheritance, Israel.

CHAPTER 20

1 In the year of Tartan's coming to Ashdod, when Sargon, the king of Assyria, sent him, and devoured against Ashdod, and captured it -

2 At the same time, Jehovah himself spoke by the hand of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saying, Walk and loose the sackcloth from upon your loins, and pull off your sandals from upon your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

ISAIAH 21 *Isaiah walked naked to depict Assyria's stripping of Egypt/Ethiopia; Babylon, Edom*

3 And Jehovah said, Like my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a miracle³ upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia,

4 Thus the king of Assyria shall lead away the Egyptians captives, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, their seat stripped naked, Egypt disgraced.

5 And they shall break down and be ashamed of Ethiopia, their expectation, and of Egypt, their beauty.

6 And the inhabitant of this habitable land will say in that day, Behold, our expectation, where we flee there for help to be snatched away from the face of the king of Assyria, *has become* like this, and how shall we escape?

CHAPTER 21

1 The burden of the desert of the sea. As snatching hurricanes in the Negev change, it comes from the desert, from a fearful land.

2 A severe appearance is caused to stand out boldly to me: The deceitful act deceitfully, and the ravager ravages. Go up, Oh Elam; press *upon it*, Oh Media; I have caused all her sighing to cease.

³ **20:3 miracle, *mowpheth*.** This word occurs 36 times in the Bible. KJV translates one occurrence miracle, Exo 7:9, and all the rest are translated wonder. According to Vine's Dictionary *mowpheth* signifies a divine act or special display of divine power. Strong defines *mowpheth* as something conspicuous, a miracle or omen. *The Heritage Bible* always translates *mowpheth* as miracle in order to be consistent. We consider it a miracle, or manifestation of God's power, any time He moves to reveal Himself.

3 Therefore my loins are filled with writhing; pressures have seized me as the pressure of giving birth; I doubled over at the hearing *of it*; I trembled at seeing *it*.

4 My heart reeled; quivering made me afraid; he has put me in fear in the evening breeze of my delight.

5 Arrange the table; look out from the lookout; eat, drink; rise up, you chief rulers; anoint the shield.⁵

6 Because thus says the Lord to me, Walk, stand a lookout; let him cause what he sees to stand out boldly.

7 And he saw a chariot with two horses and a driver, a chariot of donkeys, a chariot of camels; and pricking up his ears, he pricked up his ears with much pricking up of his ears;

8 And he called out, The vision: I stand continually upon the watchtower, my Lord, daily, and upon my watch I am stationed whole nights;

9 And behold, this is coming; a chariot of men, two horses and men. And he answered, and said, Babylon *is* fallen! Fallen; and he has broken all the carved idols of her gods to the earth.

10 Oh my threshing and the children of my threshingfloor; I have caused what I have attentively heard from Jehovah of hosts, the God of

⁵ **21:5** Warriors anointed their shields for battle: (1) to make them shine to frighten their opponents; (2) to make the weapons of their opponents more readily glance off, and (3) to symbolize the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon their weapons to guarantee victory.

Assyria will also strip Arabia; Jerusalem, valley of vision, will also be attacked for her sin **ISAIAH 22**
Israel, to stand out boldly to you.

11 The burden of Dumah. He calls out to me of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The dawn arrives, and also the night; if you will inquire, inquire; return, arrive!

13 The burden upon Arabia. You shall lodge in the woods in Arabia, Oh you caravan of Dedanim.

14 To meet the thirsty they arrived with water - the inhabitants of the land of Tema - they went before him who was driven away with their food;

15 Because they were driven away from the face of sword, from the face of thrusting swords, and from the face of bent bow, and from the face of heavy war;

16 Because thus says the Lord to me, Still a year, according to the years of one hired for wages, and all the heavy glory of Kedar shall end;

17 And the remnant of the number of archers, the mighty ones of the children of Kedar, shall be made few, because Jehovah God of Israel has spoken.

CHAPTER 22

1 The burden of the valley of vision. What *is it* to you now that all of you have gone up to the rooftops?

2 Full of loud clamor, a tumultuous city, a city jumping for joy; your polluted *are* not polluted by the sword and not dead in battle.

3 All your magistrates have been driven away together; they are bound by the archers; all that are found in you are bound together; they have fled far away.

4 Therefore I said, Gaze away from me; I will weep bitterly; do not press on me comfort over the ravaging of the daughter of my people,

5 Because it is a day of uproar, and of trampling down, and of perplexity by the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the valley of vision, digging under the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

6 And Elam lifted up the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

7 And it is *that* your choicest valleys are full of chariots, and the horsemen have placed themselves, placing themselves *at* the gate.

8 And he made the covering of Judah naked, and you looked intently in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.

9 And you have seen the breaks of the city of David that they are many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower reservoir.

10 And you have tallied up the houses of Jerusalem, and you have torn down the houses to fortify the wall.

11 And you made a reservoir between the double walls for the water of the old reservoir, and you have not looked intently to its Maker, and you did not see him

ISAIAH 22 *Assyria will also strip Arabia; Jerusalem, valley of vision, will also be attacked for her sin who molded it long ago.*¹¹

12 And the Lord Jehovah of hosts called out in that day for weeping, and for mourning, and for baldness,¹² and for girding with sackcloth;

13 And behold joy and rejoicing, killing oxen, and slaughtering flock animals, eating meat, and drinking wine! Let us eat and drink, because tomorrow we shall die.

¹Cor 15:32

14 And it was revealed in my ears by Jehovah of hosts, Surely this crookedness shall not be covered from you until you die, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

15 Thus says the Lord Jehovah of hosts, Walk, go to this familiar helper, to Shebna,¹⁵ who is over the house, and say,

16 What *is* to you in this place? And who *are* to you in this place that you have carved out for yourself in this place a sepulcher, carving out on high his sepulcher, engraving in a rock a residence for himself?

17 Behold, Jehovah will throw you down with an overthrow as a mighty man, and wrapping up, will

¹¹ **22:11 its Maker, and him who molded it** refers to Jehovah God by whose command the defenses of Jerusalem were made and molded together. They looked intently to their armor, verse 8, and did not look intently to Jehovah God. They did not see Him.

¹² **22:12** Shaving off the hair and the beard was a sign of mourning and repentance.

¹⁵ **22:15 Shebna** was a scribe or secretary and adjutant-general in the house or administration of King Hezekiah, and one of the three ambassadors who represented Hezekiah before Sennacherib, King of Assyria, when his army came against Jerusalem. Isaiah predicted that Shebna would fall from power and die as an outcast, and Eliakim would take his place, Isa 22:20.

¹⁷ **22:17** As the leper must wrap up [cover] his leprosy and cry, "Unclean."

wrap you up *in shame*.¹⁷

18 Wrapping you up, he will wrap you up; he will roll you like a ball into a broad land; there you shall die, and there the chariots of your heavy glory shall be the disgrace of your lord's house.

19 And I will push you from your office, and he shall pull you down from your position.

20 And it shall be in that day that I will call upon my servant, Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah,

21 And I will clothe him with your garment and *with* your girdle make him strong, and I will give your rule into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 And I will give the key of the house of David upon his shoulder, and he shall open, and there will exist none to shut, and he shall shut, and there shall exist none to open. ^{Rev 3:7}

23 And I will drive him a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of heavy glory to his father's house.

24 And they shall suspend upon him all the heavy glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue - all vessels of small quantity, vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of large containers.²⁴

25 In that day - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - the nail that is fastened in the sure place shall be

²⁴ **22:24** All the members of the house of Eliakim, verse 20, shall be dependent upon him, and surround him as useful and honorable vessels from the highest offspring to the lowest issue, also compared to small vessels and large vessels.

drawn out, and cut down, and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off, because Jehovah has spoken.

CHAPTER 23

1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ships of Tarshish because it is ravaged! No house *left*! No entering in! From the land of Cyprus¹ it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, inhabitants of the habitable land; merchants of Zidon who cross over the sea have filled you.

3 And the seed of Sihor *was* in great waters; her income *was* the harvest of the canal, and she *was* an emporium of peoples.

4 Pale in shame, Oh Zidon, because the sea has said, the strength of the sea, saying, I have not twisted *in pain*, and have not born children, and I have not brought up young men, *nor* raised virgins.

5 When an announcement is heard in Egypt, they shall twist *in pain* at what they attentively hear of Tyre.

6 Cross over to Tarshish; howl, inhabitants of the habitable land.

7 Is this your exultation in joy? Her antiquity is from the days of old! Her feet shall cause her to flow far off to lodge.

8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose traveling merchants *are* chief rulers, whose Canaanite caravans

are the heavy in honor of the earth?

9 Jehovah of hosts has decreed it by counsel to pierce through the *assumed* majesty of all splendor, and to make light of all the heavy in honor of the earth.

10 Cross over through your land as a river, Oh daughter of Tarshish; there exists no girding *in strength* any longer.

11 He outstretched his hand over the sea; he agitated the kingdoms; Jehovah has commanded concerning Canaan to desolate her fortified defenses.

12 And he said, You shall not any more jump for joy, Oh you oppressed virgin daughter of Zidon; Rise, Cyprus! Cross over! Also you shall not be at rest there.

13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people did not exist *before*; the Assyrian founded it for the desert dwellers; they raised their towers; they stripped her citadels; he put it a ruin.

14 Howl, ships of Tarshish, because your fortified places are ravaged.

15 And it shall be in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king; at the end of seventy years Tyre shall exist as the song of the harlot.

16 Take a harp; go around the city, you harlot who has been forgotten; make a good tune, singing many songs in order that you may be remembered.

17 And it shall be after the end of seventy years, that Jehovah will visit Tyre, and she shall turn back to her income from harlotry, and

¹ 23:1 Cyprus, Chittim or Kittim if you look it up in a Bible dictionary. Gen 10:4; Num 24:24; Jer 2:10; Ezk 27:6; Dan 11:30.

ISAIAH 24 *Tyre overthrown as a harlot; the curse devouring the earth before the return of Christ*

shall commit whoredom with all the kingdoms of the earth upon the face of the soil.

18 And her profit and her hire shall be holiness to Jehovah; it shall not be stored up and not hoarded up, because her profit shall be for them who dwell before the face of Jehovah to eat sufficiently and for durable clothing.

CHAPTER 24

1 Behold, Jehovah pours out the earth, and empties it, and overturns its face, and dashes its inhabitants to pieces.

2 And it shall be, as the people, so the priest; as the servant, so his lord; as the maid, so her mistress; as the buyer, so the seller; as he who obligates in debt, so he who is obligated in debt; as he who takes interest, so he who pays interest to him.

3 The land being poured out, shall be poured out, and being plundered, shall be plundered, because Jehovah has spoken this word.

4 The earth mourns, falling away, and the inhabited earth hangs down sick, falling away; and the people who were *the* exalted of the earth *are* hanging down sick.

5 And the earth is defiled under her inhabitants, because they have crossed over the laws, changed the enactment, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are guilty; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few mortal men are left.

7 The fresh grape juice mourns; the vine hangs down sick; all the joyful in heart sigh.

8 The delight of tambourines has ceased; the noise of them who jump for joy *is* idle; the delight of the harp has ceased.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; hard liquor shall be bitter to them who drink it.

10 The city *is* lying waste, broken to pieces; every house *is* shut up, so that no man may come in.

11 *There is* an outcry for wine outdoors; all joy *is* darkened; the delight of the earth is stripped away.

12 Consternation *is* left in the city, and the gate is beaten down into ruins,

13 Because thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the threshing of an olive tree, as gleaning grapes when the grape crop is ended.

14 They shall lift up their voices; they shall shout; they shall shout for the majesty of Jehovah with clear voice from the sea.

15 Therefore give heavy honor to Jehovah in the lights, in the habitable lands of the sea, to the name of Jehovah God of Israel.

16 We have attentively heard songs from the uttermost part of the earth, splendor to the righteous. And I said, My leanness! My leanness! Woe to me! The deceitful have acted deceitfully; yes, the deceitful have acted deceitfully with acts of deceit.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the springnet, *are* upon you, Oh inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall be, he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be captured in the springnet, because the windows from on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth crash with concussions.

19 Broken to pieces! The earth *is* broken to pieces! Shattered! The earth *is* shattered! Wavering! The earth *is* wavering!

20 The earth *is* reeling, reeling like a drunkard, and it shall nod like a hut! And her transgression *shall be* heavy upon her; and she shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall visit upon the host of the high ones who are exalted, and the kings over the soil back to the soil.^{2 1}

22 And being gathered, they shall be gathered prisoners down in the pit, and shall be shut up down in the prison, and they shall be visited after abundance of days.

23 Then the moon shall blush, and the sun will pale, because Jehovah of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients in heavy glory.

CHAPTER 25

1 Oh Jehovah, you *are* my God! I will exalt you! I will hold out my hand to your name! Because you have done a marvel! Counsels from afar! Faithful faithfulness!

²¹ **24:21 soil, adamah.** It is the same word used in Gen 2:7 from which man's body was made. The exalted ones [in their own eyes] over the soil, are about to go back to the soil - to be under it, not over it!

2 Because you have put it from *being* a city to *being* a pile of dung, from a fortified city to a fallen ruin, a citadel of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore the strong people shall give you heavy glory; the city of *the* ruthless peoples shall fear you,

4 Because you have been a defense to him who dangles in need, a defense to the poor in his oppression, a shelter from the gushing water, a shade from the drought, when the spirit of the ruthless *was* as gushing water against the wall.

5 As a drought in a desert, you shall cause the uproarious strangers to bend down the knees; as a drought *is answered* by the shadow of a dark cloud, *so* shall the singing and playing of the ruthless ones be answered.

6 And Jehovah of hosts shall make for all peoples in this mountain a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the dregs, of fat things full of fatness, of wines on the dregs refined.

7 And in this mountain he will swallow the face of the veil wrapped upon all peoples, even the cast hardened covering that is woven upon all peoples.^{2 Cor 3:13-18}

8 He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and he shall take away the disgrace of his people from off all the earth, because Jehovah has spoken. ^{1 Cor 15:54. Rev 7:17; 21:4}

9 And it shall be said in that day, Behold! This *is* Our God! We have bound ourselves in expecta-

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Jehovah will save us; The Song of Trust and Salvation

tion on him, and he will save us; this *is* Jehovah; we have bound ourselves in expectation on him; we will spin around in emotion and rejoice in his salvation,

10 Because the hand of Jehovah shall rest in this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down under him as threshed straw for a dunghill.

11 And he shall spread out his hands in its midst as the swimmer breaks *them* apart to swim, and he shall bring down their arrogance with the ambush of his hands.

12 And he shall bring down the fortress of the high fort of your walls, laid low, touching the earth, to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

1 In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: *There is* a forceful city to us; he places salvation for walls and armed forces.

2 Open, you gates, and the righteous people who hedge about faithfulness shall enter.

3 You will guard him in peace, peace, who has been formed³ to take hold of *you* because he trusts you. Isa 29:16

³ 26:3 **formed**, *yetser*, to form, or that which is formed; **to take hold of**, *camak*; **to take hold of** is the only translation that fits in all 49 places where *camak* is used. The word *mind* is not in this sentence, as translated by KJV. *Yetser* is the past participle used as a noun. The key to the meaning of *yetser* in Isa 26:3. It is found in Gen 2:7, and Psa 103:14. The verb is *yatsar*. Gen 2:7, **And Jehovah God formed the man from the dust of the soil, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul.** Psa 103:14, **Because he knows by seeing our form; he remembers that we are dust.** Gen 2:7 says clearly that God **formed** man

4 Trust in Jehovah forever, because in Jah Jehovah is a strong rock forever,

5 Because them who dwell on high he brings down; the city built high, he, making it low, makes it low to the earth; he lays his hand upon it to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, the feet of them who are looked down on with harshness, and the steps of those dangling in need.

7 The well-trod road of the just is uprightness; Upright One, level out the path of the righteous.

8 Yes, in the well-trod way of your judgments, Oh Jehovah, we have bound ourselves in expectation of you; to your name and to your remembrance *is* the craving of our soul.

9 *In* my soul I have desired you in the night; yes, *in* my spirit within me I will seek you in the dawn, because when your judgments are in the earth, the dwellers of the inhabited earth will learn righteousness.

10 Stoop down in grace to the wicked; he fails to learn righteousness; in the land of integrity he acts wickedly, and fails to see the majesty of Jehovah.

out of the dust of the soil - He formed him from the dust. The Psalmist says, **he knows by seeing our form; he remembers that we are dust.** Man is a formed man, formed out of the dust of the soil. Man was formed from the dust and received a human spirit that makes him above the animals, but still a dependent creature who can have no peace unless he takes hold upon Jehovah God. God will guard him in peace, peace - for one simple reason - because the man formed out of the dust takes hold of, that is, trusts Jehovah God.

11 Jehovah, your hand is raised; they fail to gaze at the vision; they will gaze at the vision and pale in shame *before your* jealousy for *your* people; yes, the fire *designed* for your oppressors shall devour them.

12 Jehovah, you will place peace for us, because also you have done all our works in us.

13 Oh Jehovah, our God, lords have lorded over us separate from you; only by you will we make mention of your name.¹³

14 Dead! They shall not live! Ghosts of the dead! They shall not rise up! So, you have visited and desolated them, and have caused the memory of them to be lost.

15 You have increased the people, Oh Jehovah, you have increased the people; you have made yourself heavy in glory; you have put all the ends of the earth far off.

16 Jehovah, they have visited you in oppression; they poured out a whispered prayer; your corrective discipline *was* upon them.

17 Like one with child who draws near to giving birth twists *in pain* and cries out in her pangs, so we have been before your face, Oh Jehovah.

18 We have been with child; we have twisted *in pain*; so, we have given birth to wind; we have not made salvation *in* the earth; and have failed to cause the dwellers of the inhabited earth to fall.

¹³ **26:13** The name Jehovah is to be used only to refer to the true and living God, the God who created the heavens and the earth, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. All other gods are no gods.

19 Your dead shall live; my dead body shall rise. Awake and shout, you who dwell *in the* dust, because the dew upon the bright plants is your dew, and it shall fall upon the dead ghosts of the earth.¹⁹

20 Walk, my people, enter into your apartment, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself for a small wink of the eye, until the wrath has crossed over;

21 Because, behold, Jehovah comes out of his place to visit the crookedness of the inhabitants upon them, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and not cover over any more her murdered.

CHAPTER 27

1 In that day Jehovah shall visit his sword - hardened and great and strong - upon Leviathan, the fleeing snake and upon Leviathan the twisting snake, and he shall fatally strike the monster that *is* in the sea. Note Job 41:1

2 In that day answer her, A Vineyard of Delight!²

3 I, Jehovah, guard it; I will water it in the wink of an eye; I will guard it night and day lest someone visit *hurt* upon it.

¹⁹ **26:19** The meaning of this last phrase is: As God's dew falling upon the plants gives them life, making them bright and shining, so God's life falling upon the bodies of the dead will raise them from the dead.

² **27:2** There is debate whether the word is **Red Wine** or **Delight**. The interpretation would be the same, God's people will be a vineyard of happiness and delight. There is debate over the word, **answer**, *anah*, whether it is answer or sing, since what follows is a poem apparently set to music. *Anah* is consistently used in the Hebrew to answer. God will answer her in that day with this song of victory [in verses 3-5].

ISAIAH 27-28 *Israel shall bud, and fill the earth with fruit; the arrogance of Ephraim*

4 *The* heat of anger is not in me. Who gives me thorny wild growth against the coming battle?⁴ I will stride through them; I will cause them to blaze as a unit.

5 Or let him strengthen himself in my strength to make peace with me; let him make peace with me.

6 He shall cause the ones coming in to take root; Jacob shall blossom, and Israel shall bud, and fill the face of the inhabited earth with fruit.⁶

7 As the blow of his striker, did he strike him? Or, as the slaughter of his slain, did he slaughter him?⁷

8 You contend with her in a measure by sending her away; he takes away his hard wind in the day of the east wind.

9 Therefore, by this the crookedness of Jacob shall be covered, and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; the pole images and sun pillars shall not rise when he puts all the stones of the altar as charred stones that are dashed in pieces,

⁴ 27:4 The question, **Who gives me thorny wild growth against the coming battle?** is spoken by God, and apparently refers to the thorny wild growth of unbelievers among Israel. God will stride through them setting them on fire for destruction, or they can avoid that by strengthening themselves in Jehovah God and making peace with Him [verse 5].

⁶ 27:6 Alexander, the Pulpit Commentary, and others translate: In the coming *days*, Jacob shall take root, Israel shall bud and blossom, and they shall fill the face of the earth with fruit.

⁷ 27:7 The meaning of this verse is: Did Jehovah God strike Judah with a blow as He struck the enemies of Judah? Did God slaughter Judah as He slaughtered their enemies? The answer is, "No."

10 Because *the* fortified city *shall be* solitary, the place of rest sent away and forsaken like a desert; there the calf shall feed, and there he shall lie down and consume her branches.

11 When her limbs are dried up they shall be broken off; the women come; they light them because they *are* a people of no understanding; therefore he will not be compassionate on them; he who made them and he who formed them will not stoop down to them in grace.

12 And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall knock off of the branch of the stream^{1 2} to as far as the stream of Egypt, and you shall be picked up one by one, Oh you children of Israel.

13 And it shall be in that day, the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come who were lost in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall prostrate themselves to Jehovah in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

1 Woe to the crown of arrogance of the drunkards of Ephraim, and the glistening of his fallen ornament of splendor, which *is* upon the head of the fat valley of them who are struck down with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord *is* a mighty one and strongly alert one; he has deposited *them* in the earth with *his* hand like gushing water with hail, a storm of destruction, like a

¹² 27:12 **the stream** refers to the Euphrates River.

The arrogance of the drunkards of Ephraim; they have cut a covenant with death **ISAIAH 28**
gushing of vast waters flushing *over it.*

3 The crown of arrogance of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under *his* feet;

4 And the splendid beauty which is upon the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower as firstfruits before the harvest, which he who sees swallows up while it is yet in his palm.

5 In that day Jehovah of hosts shall be for a crown of splendor and for a crown of beauty to the remnant of his people,

6 And a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for might to them who turn back the battle toward the gate.

7 And also these have been led astray through wine, and have strayed through hard liquor; priest and prophet have strayed through hard liquor; they have been swallowed up by wine; they have been led astray by hard liquor; they stray in vision; they waver in judgment.

8 Because all tables are full of vomit - filthiness, no place *clean*.

9 To whom shall he cause knowledge to flow? And whom shall he cause to understand what is heard? Those weaned from the milk, those removed from the breasts,

10 Because precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little,

11 Because he will speak to this people with foreign lips and another tongue, 1Cor 14:21

12 To whom he said, This is the rest; give rest to the weary; and, This *is* the settled quietness. And they did not breathe in agreement to attentively hear.

13 And the word of Jehovah was to them, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, in order that they might walk, and totter weak legged backward, and be broken, and snared, and captured.

14 Therefore, attentively hear the word of Jehovah, scornful men, who rule this people who *are* in Jerusalem.

15 Because you have said, We have cut a covenant with death, and we have made a revelation with the world of the dead: When the lashing shall flush through, it shall not come to us, because we have put falsehood our refuge, and we have hid ourselves under fraud.

16 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I set in Zion a stone for a foundation, a chosen stone, a precious cornerstone, a faithful foundation; he who believes shall not be in haste. Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:6

17 And I will put Judgment to the line and righteousness to the plumb line, and the hail stones shall sweep away the refuge of falsehood, and waters shall flush out the hiding place.

18 And your covenant with death shall be covered, and your revelation *made* with the world of the dead shall not be raised up; the lashing shall flush forth because it shall cross through, and you shall

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be trodden down by it.

19 As often as it crosses through it shall take you, because dawn by dawn it shall cross through. By day and by night even it shall be only an agitation to understand what is heard,

20 Because the bed *is* cut off too short for one to extend himself, and the covering *is* too narrow to wrap around him,

21 Because Jehovah shall rise up as *he did* in Mount Perazim, he shall be agitated as *he was* in the Valley of Gibeon, to do his doing, his strange doing, and work his work, his strange work.

22 And now, do not be mockers lest your bonds be made strong, because I have attentively heard from the Lord Jehovah of hosts, an ending and a sharp point *is* upon the whole earth.

23 Broaden your ear and attentively hear my voice; prick up your ears and attentively hear what I say.

24 Does he who opens *the soil*, open to sow all day? Does he open and harrow the soil?

25 When he has leveled its face does he not disperse fennel, and sprinkle cummin, and put in wheat rows, and barley marked out, and spelt within its boundary?

26 And he chastises him with judgment, his God causing it to flow to him,

27 Because the fennel *is* not threshed by a digging instrument, and a wheel of a cart *is* not turned about upon the cummin, because the fennel *is* beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

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28 Bread *grain* must be crushed, but he will not always tread to thresh it, and put it in commotion by the wheel of his cart, and not crush it with his chariot horses.²⁸

29 Also this comes forth from Jehovah of hosts, wonderful in counsel, and great in giving counsel.

CHAPTER 29

1 Woe to Ariel,^{1a} to Ariel, the city David pitched!^{1b} Scrape to yourselves year upon year; let them kill their festival sacrifices.

2 And I will press upon Ariel, and there shall be lamentation and groaning, and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will pitch *my camp* encircling against you, and will press in upon you with a military camp, and I will raise ramparts against you.

4 And you shall be brought down, and you shall speak out of the earth; and what you say shall be sunk low out of the dust; and your voice shall be as one who is a channel of a spirit, and what you say shall chirp out of the dust.

5 And the tumultuous multitude of your strangers shall be like crushed particles, and the tumultu-

²⁸ 28:28 The meaning of these verses is that God will certainly thresh them or chastise them, but not so as to totally ruin them as running over the grain with chariot wheels and horses ruins the grain. God's chastisement for His people will certainly chastise them, but not damage them. This is a marvelous work of God.

^{1a} 29:1 **Ariel**, Lion of God, a symbolical name for Jerusalem.

^{1b} 29:1 **pitched**, *chanah*, the word used when pitching a tent, or setting up a tent; so, Jerusalem is the city David pitched, or set up.

ous multitude of the ruthless like chaff that crosses on away, and it shall be in a wink, instantly.

6 You shall be visited with thunder by Jehovah of hosts, and with earthquake, and great noise, with a snatching hurricane, and a tossing hurricane, and the flash of devouring fire.

7 And the tumultuous multitude of all the peoples amassing armies against Ariel, and all amassing armies against her and her nets and to press upon her shall be as a dream, a vision of the night.

8 And it shall be as when the one hungry dreams, and behold, he eats, and he awakes, and his soul is empty; and as when the one thirsty dreams, and behold, he drinks, and he awakes, and behold, he is faint from thirst, and his soul craves food; so the tumultuous multitude of all the peoples shall be who amass armies against Mount Zion.

9 Question yourselves, and be in consternation! Look about; look about! They are drunk, and not *with* wine; they stagger, and not *from* hard liquor,

10 Because Jehovah has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes; he has covered the prophets and your heads, the seers.

11 And the vision of all has become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which is given to him who knows writing, saying, Call this aloud,¹ please! And he

¹ 29:11 Call this **aloud**, *qara*, the only word in the Hebrew Bible for read, which means to call aloud. There is no such thing as silent

says, I am not able to, because it is sealed;

12 And the book is given to him who does not know writing, saying, Call this aloud, please, and he says, I do not know writing.

13 And the Lord said, Because this people draws near *to me* with their mouth, and gives me heavy glory with their lips, yet they have widely distanced their heart from me, and it is, *that* their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men. Mat 15:7-9; Mrk 7:6-7

14 Therefore, behold, I will continue to do a wonder among this people, the wonder, even a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise shall be lost, and the discernment of their discerning shall be hid.

15 Woe to them who dig deep to hide their counsel from Jehovah, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? And, Who knows us?

16 Your turning things upside down shall be calculated as the potter's clay, because, shall the

reading in the Bible. It is always written to be called out aloud. Many of the people of my father's generation, born in the early 1900s always read aloud even when reading to themselves, with no one else present, because that is the way they learned. I thought it peculiar and a lack of training in modern practice, since I was taught to read silently and rapidly. When I translated the Bible from beginning to end and found no silent reading and no silent meditation in the Bible, I had to change my mind about reading aloud. You see, God is not interested in how fast you read. He wants you to read slowly and aloud in order for you to call His words into your being and thoroughly saturate yourself with them - through speaking them, hearing them spoken, and fully absorbing them into your character. Ask God to give you the leadership of the Holy Spirit about all the silent and rapid reading you do of other material. Possibly you are spending time with materials that are not to your profit? God will tell you if you ask Him.

ISAIAH 30 *The deaf shall attentively hear the words of The Book; the shame of trusting in Pharaoh*

work say of him who made it, He did not make me? And shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, He had no understanding? Isa 26:3; Rom 9:20

17 Not long, a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be calculated a forest?

18 And in that day the deaf shall attentively hear the words of The Book, and out of dusk, and out of darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see.

19 And the meek shall increase joy in Jehovah, and the poor of men shall spin around in emotion in the Holy One of Israel.

20 Because the ruthless one has ceased, and the scorner is ended, and all who lose sleep for vanity are cut off,

21 Who make a man a sinner for a word, and lay a snare in the gate for him who is right, and turn aside the righteous for that which lies waste.

22 Therefore, thus says Jehovah to the house of Jacob, he who redeemed Abraham, Now Jacob shall not be ashamed, and now his face shall not become pale,

23 Because when he sees his offspring, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and they shall dread the God of Israel.

24 And they who strayed in spirit shall know understanding, and they who grumbled shall learn instruction.

CHAPTER 30

1 An oracle of Jehovah - Woe to the rebellious children who make a plan, and not in partnership with me, and who pour out a covering, and not by my Spirit, so that they may scrape together sin upon sin,

2 Who walk, going down to Egypt, and have not inquired at my mouth, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to flee for protection under the shadow of Egypt!

3 And the strength of Pharaoh shall be to you your shame, and the confidence in the shadow of Egypt *shall be your* disgrace,

4 Because his chief rulers were at Zoan, and his messengers reached Hanes.

5 They all were confounded by a people who could not come up to them, nor be a help, and could not come up, but *were* a shame, and also a disgrace.

6 The burden of the animals of the Negev: Into the land of distress and anguish from whence *is* the young lion and the old lion, the poisonous serpent, and flying seraphs; they will lift their resources upon the shoulders of young donkeys and their treasures upon the humps of camels to a people who shall not come up to them.

7 And the Egyptians shall surround them with help in vanity and in worthlessness; therefore I have called out concerning this, Their blustering shall rest.

It is written: Judah will be broken because she does not rest in Jehovah

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8 Now go, write it in a table near them, and engrave it in a book, and it shall be for the last day, a witness forever:

9 That they are a rebellious people, faithless children, children who will not breathe in agreement to attentively hear the law of Jehovah,

10 Who say to the seers, Do not see; and to those who gaze at visions, Do not gaze at visions of integrity for us; speak to us smooth things; gaze at visions of deceits;

11 Turn away out of the way; turn aside out of the well-trod road; cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before our face.

12 Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in fraud and turning away, and support yourself upon them,

13 Therefore this crookedness shall be to you as a break ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, which goes suddenly in a wink, bursting.

14 And he shall burst it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is struck violently; he shall not spare in pity; and there shall not be found in its being struck violently a broken piece *with which* to pick up fire from what is burning, or to bail water out of the reservoir,

15 Because, thus says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and resting in quietness you shall be saved; your might shall be in rest and in trust; and you would not breathe in agreement.

16 And you said, No; because we will flee upon horses; therefore you shall flee; and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore, they shall be made light¹⁶ who pursue you.

17 One thousand from before the face of the rebuke of one, *is a saying, but* before the face of the rebuke of five *all of you* shall flee, until you are left as a *single* flag pole upon the head of the mountain and as a flag *by itself* upon the hill.

18 And therefore Jehovah will wait¹⁸, that he may stoop down in grace to you, and therefore he will be exalted that he may have compassion upon you, because Jehovah *is* God of judgment; all they who wait for him *are* righteously happy;

19 Because the people shall dwell in Zion; not weeping, you shall not weep at Jerusalem; stooping down in grace, he will stoop down in grace to you at the voice of your outcry; when he shall attentively hear it, he will answer you.

20 And the Lord shall give you the food of oppression and the water of distress, and those who cause *God's message* to flow to you shall not be hidden any more, and it shall be, your eyes shall see those who cause *God's message* to flow to you;

¹⁶ **30:16 light** in this instance means fast, light so as to travel fast.

¹⁸ **30:18 wait**, *chakah*, to wait on someone because you are pierced together with him and cannot move without him. All they who **wait** for him *are* righteously happy. **Wait** in the second phrase is the same word. Jehovah will wait on us because He is pierced together with us, and we will wait on Him because we are pierced together with Him. See Note Isa 64:4

ISAIAH 31 *Jehovah will bind up his people, and heal their wound; Judah's trust in Egypt instead of God*

21 And your ears shall attentively hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.

22 And you shall defile the metal sheeting covering your carved idols of silver and the metal plating over your molten images of gold; you shall toss them away as a menstrous cloth; you shall say to it, Go out.

23 And he shall give the rain for your seed, with which you shall sow the soil, and food of the produce of the soil, and it shall be robust and plenteous; your livestock shall be shepherded in that day in broad pastures.

24 And the cattle and the young donkeys that work the soil shall eat mixed feed seasoned with salt, which has been winnowed with the winnowing-fork and with the winnowing-shovel.

25 And there shall be irrigation channels upon every high mountain and streams of waters upon every lifted up hill in the day of great slaughter when the towers fall.

26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah binds up the break of his people, and heals the wound of their blow.

27 Behold, the name of Jehovah comes from afar, his nostrils burning and its heavy conflagration; his lips and his tongue are full of wrath as a devouring fire;

28 And his Spirit *will be* a flushing stream splitting open to the neck to sift the peoples with the sieve of ruin, and a bridle in the jaws of the people leading *them* astray.

29 A song shall be to you as in the night of a holy festival, and rejoicing of heart as when one walks with a flute to come to the mountain of Jehovah, to the Strong Rock of Israel.

30 And the glorious authority of Jehovah's voice shall be attentively heard, and the resting of his arm shall be seen with the boiling rage of his nostrils, and with the flame of fire devouring, a storm, and gushing water, and hailstones,

31 Because the Assyrian shall be prostrated by the voice of Jehovah; he shall strike with a rod.

32 And every crossing over of the rod of corrective discipline which Jehovah shall bring to rest upon him will be with tambourines and harps, and he will devour him in tumultuous battles,

33 Because Tophet³³ is arranged from before; also it is set up for the king; he made it deep; he made it broad; its pile of fire and wood is increased; the breath of Jehovah kindles it like a stream of sulfur.

CHAPTER 31

1 Woe to them who go down to Egypt for help; they rely on horses and trust in chariots because *they are* many, and in horsemen because they are very strong; and

³³ 30:33 **Tophet**, the place of burning. This verse describes the place of burning which is the destiny of unrepentant Assyria. See Note on 2 Kng 23:10.

Egyptians are not God; Jehovah will hedge about Jerusalem; the king shall reign **ISAIAH 32**
they do not gaze upon the Holy One of Israel, and they do not tread seeking Jehovah!

2 And also he is wise, and will bring evil, and he will not call back his words, and he will rise against the house of the good for nothings and against the help of them who do vanity.

3 And the Egyptians *are* men and not God, and their horses *are* flesh and not Spirit. When Jehovah shall stretch out his hand, and he who helps shall totter weak legged, and he who is helped shall fall, and they all shall be finished together!

4 Because thus said Jehovah to me, Like the lion growls and the young lion on his fresh food against whom is called out a multitude of shepherds, he will not break down at their voice, and he will not come under at their tumultuous noise so Jehovah of hosts shall come down to amass an army upon Mount Zion and upon her hill.

5 As little birds flying so Jehovah of hosts will place a hedge of protection about Jerusalem, hedging her about, and he will snatch her out, and skipping over, he will cause her to escape.

6 Turn back to him from whom the children of Israel have deeply turned away,

7 Because in that day man shall despise his good for nothing idols of silver and his good for nothing idols of gold which your own hands have made a sin for you.

8 And the Assyrian shall fall by no man's sword, and no sword of man shall devour him, and he shall flee from the face of the sword,

and his chosen youth shall become forced labor.

9 And his lofty rock shall cross on away in fright - An oracle of Jehovah - and his chief rulers shall break down at the flag whose flame is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and chief rulers shall exercise dominion in judgment.

2 And a Man² shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covering from the gushing water, as rivers of water in a desert, as the shade of a heavy lofty rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them who see shall not gaze, and the ears of them who attentively hear shall not prick up their ears.³

4 And the heart of them who flow as liquid shall discern knowledge, and the tongue of the those who stutter shall flow as liquid to

² 32:2 a man, *ish*. The description of this man in the remainder of the verse can only apply to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus, who will rule in the future. No king in Israel's future from Isaiah's day can even remotely fit this description except the Messiah.

³ 32:3 The entire verse speaks of the day when there will be no need for prophets - those who gaze at, look around for God's revelation, and those who see, the seers who receive visions from God. They will not be needed when the Messiah reigns, as declared in Isa 32:1-2. Those who attentively hear prophecies shall not prick up their ears to God given prophecies because in the day the Messiah reigns there will be no need for prophets or prophecies. It is the day when prophecies will be entirely idle, 1 Cor 13:8. KJV says, whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; The Greek word *katargeo* means to be idle and useless, not fail. There is coming a day when prophets and prophecy shall no longer be needed. They shall be idle as described in Isa 32:3, because we shall know as we are known, 1 Cor 13:12.

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The king shall reign; the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high

speaking clearly.

5 The stupid shall no more be called generous, and it shall not be said of the stingy, He is noble;⁵

6 Because the stupid will speak foolishness, and his heart will work vanity to practice filth and to speak error against Jehovah, to make the soul of the hungry empty, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 And the instruments of the stingy *are evil* schemes; he resolves upon wicked plans to bind the poor with false sayings, even when the poor speaks right.

8 And the generous devises generous things, and he rises *to power* by the generous.

9 You women in haughty security, rise up; attentively hear my voice, you confident daughters; broaden your ear to my saying.

10 Days upon years you shall be agitated, you confident *women*, because the grape crop shall completely perish, the gathering shall fail to come.

11 Tremble in fear, haughty *women* at ease; be agitated, you confident ones; strip, and be naked, and gird *sackcloth* upon your loins.

⁵ 32:5 God here describes the day when the things that are upside down now, will be right side up; when the world will not be enamored with famous people who are really stupid because they are against God, and when those who are stingy toward God will not be admired for their financing evil things for their own advantage. The vast majority of the world today follow those who are against God as magnanimous heroes, and those who are stingy toward God as being very wise. There will come the day that this stupidity shall no longer reign!

12 They shall mourn for the breasts, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Pricking thorns shall come up upon the soil of my people, even upon all the houses of delight *in* the exultant city,

14 Because the citadels shall be thrust down; the tumultuous multitude of the city shall be forsaken; the fortresses and watch-towers shall be for caverns forever, a delight of wild donkeys, a pasture for droves,

15 Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, and the desert is a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is calculated a forest,

16 And judgment resides in the desert, and righteousness sits down in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the work of righteousness *is* rest and trust forever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a resting place of peace, and in secure residences, and in confident, secure places of rest;

19 And it shall hail, bringing down the forest; and the city shall be humiliated in a low place.

20 Righteously happy are you who sow upon all waters, sending forth the feet of the ox and the donkey.

CHAPTER 33

1 Woe to you who ravaged, and you *were* not ravaged, and you act deceitfully, and they did not act deceitfully with you! When you complete your ravaging, you shall be ravaged, and when you finish

acting deceitfully they shall act deceitfully with you.

2 Oh Jehovah, stoop down in grace to us; we have bound ourselves in expectation for you; be their outstretched arm every dawn, also our salvation in the time of distress.

3 The peoples were driven away at the noise of the tumult; the peoples were dashed to pieces at your exaltation.

4 And your plunder shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the ravaging locust; he shall run greedily upon them as the rapid pacing to and fro of locusts.

5 Jehovah is exalted, because he lodges on high; he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And he shall be the security for your times, riches of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of Jehovah - it *is* his treasure.

7 Behold, their mighty ones shall scream outdoors; the messengers of peace shall weep bitterly.

8 The highways are stunned; he who crosses over the well-trod road ceases; he has broken the covenant; he has despised the witnesses; he does not calculate as valuable *any* mortal man.

9 The earth mourns in sickness; Lebanon pales in shame; it is dried up; Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel *are* shaken out.

10 Now I will rise, says Jehovah; now I will be exalted; now I will lift up myself.

11 You shall conceive stubble; you shall give birth to straw; your fiery spirits shall devour you.

12 And the peoples shall be cremations of lime, thorns cut off; they shall be set on fire in the fire.

13 Attentively hear, you *who are* far off, what I have done, and you *who are* near, know by seeing my might.

14 The sinners in Zion fear; shuddering has seized *those* dirty. Who of us can dwell with the devouring fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting fires?¹⁴

15 He who walks righteously, and speaks uprightly, he who despises the plunder of oppressions, who shakes his palms from holding gifts, who closes his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil,

16 He shall dwell on high; his place of defense shall be the high lofty rocks; food shall be given him; his waters shall be faithful.

17 Your eyes shall gaze upon the king in his beauty; they shall see the land *that is* far off.

18 Your heart shall mutter dread. Where is he who inscribes *transactions*? Where is he who weighs *transactions*? Where is he who tallies up the towers?

19 You shall not see a fierce people, *but* a people of a deeper lip than you can intelligently hear, of a mocking tongue, *so that* there is no understanding.

¹⁴ 33:14 The ones asking the questions, **Who of us can dwell with the devouring fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting fires?** are the startled sinners and the profane in Zion who are seized with shuddering. The ones who will escape the fires are described in verse 15.

ISAIAH 34 *Your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a secure place; the rage of Jehovah is upon all the peoples*

20 Gaze upon Zion, the city of our appointed meetings; your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a secure place of rest, a tent that shall not be taken down; her stakes shall not be pulled up ever; and not any of her cords shall be torn away.

21 But there the magnificent Jehovah will be a place of rivers to us, broad-handed channels; a ship with oars shall not walk there, and a large ship shall not cross through,

22 Because Jehovah *is* our judge; Jehovah *is* our lawgiver; Jehovah *is* our king; he will save us.

23 Your ropes are thrust off; they do not hold their mast upright; they do not spread out the sail; at that time a great plunder is permanently allotted; the lame plunder the plunder.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am worn *out*. The people who dwell there - their crookedness shall be lifted.

CHAPTER 34

1 Come near, you peoples, to attentively hear; and you communities, prick up your ears; let the earth attentively hear, and its fullness, the inhabited earth, and all their offspring,

2 Because the rage of Jehovah *is* upon all the peoples, and his hot anger upon all their hosts; he has devoted them *to destruction*; he has given them to the slaughter.

3 And their polluted shall be thrown out, and their stench shall come up from their carcasses, and the mountains shall be liquefied with their blood.

4 And all the host of the heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their hosts shall fall down, as the falling of a leaf off the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig tree;

5 Because my sword drinks in the heavens; behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and my act of devoting to destruction upon the people to judgment.

6 The sword of Jehovah is filled with blood; it is anointed with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams, because a sacrifice *is* to Jehovah in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the wild bulls shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the mighty ones; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust anointed with fatness;

8 Because *it is* the day of the revenge of Jehovah, and the year of retributions for the controversy over Zion.

9 And her⁹ streams shall be turned into asphalt, and her dust into sulfur, and her land shall become asphalt on fire.

10 Night and day it shall not be extinguished; her smoke shall go up forever; from generation to generation it shall lie desolate; none shall cross through it forever and ever.

⁹ 34:9 the streams of Edom shall be turned into asphalt; see verse 6.

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11 And the pelican shall possess it and the porcupine, and the crane and the crow shall reside in it, and one shall stretch out upon it the line of waste and the stones of emptiness.

12 And not one of their nobles shall be there; they shall call it a kingdom, and all her chief rulers shall be ended.

13 And thorns shall come up in her citadels; nettles and briars in her fortresses; and it shall be a resting place of monsters, and a courtyard for the daughters of ostriches.

14 And the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the howling creatures, and the satyr shall call to his fellow; also there the night specter shall settle and be a home for her.

15 The arrow snake will make her nest there, and cause *her* eggs to escape, and break *them* open, and brood *them* under her shadow; surely the falcons shall be gathered there, *every* female *with* her female associate.¹⁵

16 Tread seeking out of the book of Jehovah, and call it out; not one of these shall be lacking; shall not the female visit *with* her

¹⁵ **34:15 female with her female associate.** The phrase simply pictures the multiplying of the wild animals and birds in the place of desolation with no human inhabitant. The phrase, **female with her female associate**, simply is a fact of nature, that birds produce a larger number of females than males. Only one male bird is needed to fertilize many female birds to cause them to lay fertile eggs, and therefore hatch many offspring. Both words in Hebrew are feminine to emphasize the fact that many females will produce many female offspring in this desolate place where the judgment of God has removed human population.

female associate?¹⁶ Because he has commanded my mouth, and his Spirit, he has gathered them.

17 And he has caused the lot to fall for them, and his hand has allotted it unto them by line; unto eternity they shall possess¹⁷ it, from generation to generation they shall lodge there.

CHAPTER 35

1 The desert and the parched desert shall rejoice for them; and the desert shall spin around in emotion, and blossom as the meadow saffron.¹

2 Blossoming, it shall blossom, and spin around in emotion; yes, joy and shouting; the heavy glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the magnificence of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the heavy glory of Jehovah, the magnificence of our God.

¹⁶ **34:16 the female visit with her female associate**, is the same identical phrase as in the previous verse. The subject of verse 16 is that the prophecies of God will surely produce their offspring or fulfillment just as surely as the birds of the air reproduce offspring. The phrase, **shall it not visit?** is the word *paqad*, to visit. Nowhere does *paqad* have the meaning of lack or want. The meaning is, just as the female brings forth her reproducing female, shall not God's prophecies make their appointed visit and fulfillment? Visit or *paqad* is the word constantly used to describe God's coming to fulfill His word. It is carried over into the Greek of the New Covenant in the word *episkeptomai*, to visit as the overseer, bishop, pastor; Mat 25:36,43; Luk 1:68,78; 7:16; Acts 6:3; 7:23; 15:14, 36; Heb 2:6; Jas 1:27.

¹⁷ **34:17 possess, yarash**, the main idea is to possess a place by driving out the inhabitants who wrongfully sit on it.

¹ **35:1 meadow saffron, chabatsseleth**, a blooming plant from a bulb as a lilly or crocus. Used only here and in Song of Solomon 2:1.

ISAIAH 36 *The reign of the Messiah; The frightening words of the Assyrian general against Jerusalem*

3 Strengthen the hands *that are* fallen down, and make powerfully alert the knees tottering in weakness. Heb 12:12

4 Say to them whose heart has flowed as liquid, Seize strength! Do not fear! Behold, your God will come in vengeance - retribution; God - he will come and save you.

5 At that time the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened.

6 At that time the lame shall leap as a male deer, and the tongue of the speechless shall shout, because waters shall break out in the desert, and streams in the sterile desert.

7 And the mirage shall become a marsh, and the thirsty land fountains of water; in the resting place of monsters where each lay shall be grass with reeds and papyrus.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not cross over it; and it *shall be* for those walking in the way; and even fools shall not stray.

9 No lion shall be there; and no violent living creature shall ascend; it shall not be found there; and the redeemed shall walk *there*;

10 And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come to Zion with shouting and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall reach gladness and rejoicing, and grieving and sighing shall flee away.

CHAPTER 36

1 And it was in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah,¹ Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh² from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with heavy resources. And he stood by the channel of the upper reservoir in the highway of the launderer's field.

3 And Eliakim^{3a} came forth unto him, Hilkiyah's^{3b} son, who *was* over the house, and Shebna,^{3c} the scribe, and Joah,^{3d} Asaph's^{3e} son, the recorder.

4 And Rabshakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What trust is this in which you trust?

5 I say, *Your* counsel and might for war *are* merely word of lips; now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

6 Lo, you trust upon the staff of this reed crushed to pieces, upon Egypt, upon which if a man takes hold, it will go into his palm, and puncture it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust upon him.

7 And if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God, is it not he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away,

¹ 36:1 Hezekiah, Strengthened by Jehovah.

² 36:2 Rabshakeh, meaning, chief butler.

^{3a} 36:3 Eliakim, God who raises up.

^{3b} 36:3 Hilkiyah, the portion of Jehovah.

^{3c} 36:3 Shebna, to grow.

^{3d} 36:3 Joah, Jehovah-brothered.

^{3e} 36:3 Asaph, collector (of records and Psalms)

and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall prostrate yourselves before the face of this altar?

8 Now therefore, give security, please, with my lord, the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to give riders upon them.

9 And how will you turn back the face of one provincial governor of the least of my lord's servants, and put your trust upon Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

11 And Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, Speak, please, to your servants in Aramean, because we attentively hear *it*; and do not speak to us in Jewish, in the ears of the people who *are* on the wall.

12 And Rabshakeh said, Is it to your lord and to you that my lord has sent me to speak these words? Is it not to the men sitting on the wall to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?

13 And Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Jewish, and said, Attentively hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, because he will not be able to snatch you out.

15 And do not let Hezekiah cause you to trust in Jehovah, saying, Snatching out, Jehovah will snatch us out; this city shall not be

given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Do not attentively hear Hezekiah, because thus says the king of Assyria, Do me a blessing, and come out to me; and eat *every* man of his vine, and *every* man of his fig tree, and drink *every* man the waters of his own cistern,

17 Until I come and take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and fresh grape juice, a land of food and vineyards.

18 Lest Hezekiah prod you, saying, Jehovah will snatch us out. Have the gods of the peoples snatched his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria for any man?

19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? And since when have they snatched Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who of all the gods of these lands that have snatched their land out of my hand that Jehovah should snatch Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 And they pondered silently, and did not answer him a word because of the king's commandment; he had said, Do not answer him.

22 And Eliakim came, the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah, their clothes torn, and caused the words of Rabshakeh to stand out boldly to him.

CHAPTER 37

1 And it was, king Hezekiah attentively heard it, and he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth to Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet.

3 And they said to him, Thus says Jehovah, This day is a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of scorn, because the children have come to the opening of the womb, and there does not exist power to give birth.

4 Perhaps Jehovah your God will attentively hear the words of Rabshakeh whom the king of Assyria, his lord, has sent to reproach the living God, and will set the words right which Jehovah, your God, has attentively heard, and lift up your prayer for the remnant that is found.

5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus you shall say to your lord, Thus says Jehovah, Do not be afraid before the face of the words that you have attentively heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me.

7 Behold, I will give a spirit upon him, and he shall attentively hear an announcement, and turn back to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

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8 And Rabshakeh turned back, and found the king of Assyria devouring against Libnah because he had attentively heard that he had pulled up from Lachish.

9 And he attentively heard concerning Tirhakah, king of Ethiopia, saying, He has come out to devour against you. And when he attentively heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah, king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God deceive you, him in whom you trust, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, you have attentively heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by devoting them *to destruction*; and shall you be snatched out?

12 Have the gods of the peoples snatched them out which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Telassar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah took the writing from the hand of the messengers, and called it out; and Hezekiah ascended to the house of Jehovah, and spread it out before the face of Jehovah.

15 And Hezekiah judged in prayer to Jehovah, saying,

16 Oh Jehovah of hosts, God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubs, you *are* he, the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the

earth; you have made the heavens and earth.

17 Spread out your ear, Oh Jehovah, and attentively hear; open your eyes, Oh Jehovah, and see, and attentively hear all the words of Sennacherib who has sent to reproach the living God.

18 Truly, Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have made all the peoples and their lands desolate,

19 And have given their gods into the fire because they were no gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone, and they have caused them to be lost.

20 And now, Oh Jehovah, our God, save us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know by seeing that you *are* Jehovah, you alone.

21 And Isaiah, the son of Amoz, sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Because you have judged in prayer to me against Sennacherib, king of Assyria;

22 *This is* the word which Jehovah has spoken upon him: The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you, mocking you; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

23 Whom have you reproached and reviled? And against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Toward the Holy One of Israel.

24 By the hand of your servants you have reproached the Lord, and have said, I have come up to the height of the mountains by the abundance of my chariots to the sides of Lebanon; and I will

cut down its tall cedars its choice cypress, and I will enter into the height of his border, the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have dug, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the channels of Egypt.

26 Have you not attentively heard long ago, I have done it, and of ancient days that I have formed it? And I have brought it to be, to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

27 And their inhabitants were small handed; they were prostrated and paled in shame; they were as the plants of the field, and as the tender green sprout, as the grass on the housetops, and as grown up sprouts on the face of the field.

28 And I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your agitation against me,

29 Because your agitation against me and your careless security have come up into my ears, and I will put my ring in your nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back the way by which you came.

30 And this *shall be* a sign to you, You shall eat *this* year the spontaneous growth, and the second year what sprouts from that; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat its fruit.

31 And again the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall take root downward, and make fruit upward;

ISAIAH 38 *The Messenger of Jehovah struck 185,000 Assyrians; Hezekiah receives 15 more years*

32 Because a remnant shall go out of Jerusalem, and they who escape out of Mount Zion; the zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus says Jehovah to the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, and shall not cause an arrow to flow there, and shall not come before it with shields, nor mound a mound against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city - An oracle of Jehovah.

35 And I will hedge this city about to save it for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 And the Messenger of Jehovah went out and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand, and they loaded up in the dawn, and behold, they were all dead corpses.

37 And Sennacherib, king of Assyria, pulled up, and walked and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it was, he prostrated himself in the house of Nisroch, his god, and Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him with the sword, and they escaped into the land of Armenia. and Esarhaddon, his son, reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 38

1 In those days Hezekiah was worn *out ready* to die. And Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, Thus says Jehovah, Command your house, because you shall die, and not live.

2 And Hezekiah turned around his face toward the wall, and judged in prayer to Jehovah,

3 And said, Please now, Oh Jehovah, remember now, how I have walked before your face in truth and with a complete heart, and have done good in your eyes. And Hezekiah wept, weeping greatly.

4 And the word of Jehovah was to Isaiah, saying,

5 Walk, and say to Hezekiah, Thus says Jehovah, the God of David, your father, I have attentively heard your prayer; I have seen your tears; behold, I will add to your days fifteen years.

6 And I will snatch you and this city out of the palm of the king of Assyria, and I will hedge about this city.

7 And this *shall be* a sign to you from Jehovah that Jehovah will do this word that he has spoken;

8 Behold, I will turn back the shadow of the degrees which have gone down on the degrees of Ahaz of the sun, backwards ten degrees. And the sun turned back ten degrees, degrees by which it had gone down.

9 The writing of Hezekiah, king of Judah, when he had been worn *out*, and was revived from his being worn *out*:

10 I said in the stillness of my days, I shall walk to the gates of the world of the dead; I am visited, *God taking away* what is left of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see Jehovah, Jehovah in the land of the living; I shall no more look intently at man with those who dwell in *this*

The prayer of Hezekiah praising God for 15 more years; the king of Babylon visits Hezekiah **ISAIAH 39**
fleeting world.

12 My revolution of time has pulled up, and is stripped from me as a shepherd's tent; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; he will break me off like a dangling thread; you will complete me from day until night.

13 I weighed *everything* until morning; thus he will break all my bones as a lion; you will make me complete from day even until night.

14 Thus I chirped like a twittering swallow; I murmured as a dove; my eyes failed *to look* upward; Oh Jehovah, I am distressed; be security for me.¹⁴

15 What shall I speak? And he has said to me, and he has done *it*; I shall walk gently all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16 Oh Lord, upon these they live, and in all these *is* the life of my spirit; and you will bind me firmly, and cause me to live.

17 Behold, bitterness *was* to me for peace - bitterness; and you are joined in love to my soul from the pit of failure, because you have thrown all my sins behind your back;

18 Because the world of the dead shall not hold out the hand to you; death shall not boast in you; they who go down into the pit cannot wait expectantly for your truth.

19 The living, the living *is* he who holds out his hand to you, as I today; the father makes known to the children concerning your truth.

20 Jehovah will save me, and we will make music with stringed instruments in the house of Jeho-

¹⁴ **38:14** be security, *arab*, be security as a security pledge in a business transaction.

vah all the days of our life.

21 And Isaiah said, Lift a cake of pressed figs, and rub *it* as a softening ointment upon the inflamed ulcer, and he shall live.

22 And Hezekiah said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of Jehovah?

CHAPTER 39

1 At that time Merodach Baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent writings and a present to Hezekiah, and he had attentively heard that he had been worn *out*, and had seized strength.

2 And Hezekiah rejoiced over them, and caused them to see the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the good ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures; there was not a word that Hezekiah did not cause them to see in his house, and in all his dominion.

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

4 And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah said, They have seen all that *is* in my house; there is not a word that I have not caused them to see among my treasures.

5 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah of hosts:

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Comfort! Comfort my people! says your God

6 Behold, the days come, and all that *is* in your house shall be lifted away to Babylon, and that which your fathers have stored up until this day; not a word of it shall be left, says Jehovah.

7 And they shall take away of your sons who shall go out from you, whom you shall beget, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of Jehovah which you have spoken. And he said, Because there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER 40

1 Comfort! Comfort my people! says your God.

2 Speak from the heart to Jerusalem, and call out to her that her warfare is fulfilled, that *the debt caused by* her crookedness is satisfied because she has taken from the hand of Jehovah double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him who calls out in the desert, Face about to the way of Jehovah; make straight in the sterile desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill shall be sunk low, and the seizing of the heel⁴ shall be leveled out, and the chains of mountains shall be split into a wide level valley;

5 And the heavy glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it together*, because the

⁴ 40:4 seizing of the heel, *agob*, from *aqeb*, the heel of the Man Jesus that the serpent overwhelmed on the cross, when our fraud and trickery were laid on Jesus for us, Gen 3:15.

mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

6 The voice said, Call out. And he said, What shall I call out? All flesh *is* grass, and all its mercy is as the glistening flower of the field;

7 The grass *is* ashamed in confusion, fallen *as* something glistening, because the Spirit of Jehovah blows upon it; surely the people *are* grass.

8 The grass *is* ashamed in confusion, fallen away, and the word of our God shall rise forever.

9 Ascend up into the high mountain, you who announce good tidings; Oh Zion, lift up your voice with power; you who announce good tidings, Oh Jerusalem, lift it up; do not be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah shall come with strength, and his outstretched arm shall rule for him; behold, his payment on contract *is* with him and his work before his face.

11 He shall shepherd his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and he shall lift *them* to his bosom; he shall cause those giving milk to flow with a sparkle.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured out the heavens with the spread out fingers, and kept the dust of the earth within a three-fold measure, and suspended the mountains in a balance, and the hills in a pair of scales?

13 Who has measured out by weight the Spirit of Jehovah? And *what* man, by his advice, has

With whom will you compare God? The Creator does not become weary **ISAIAH 40**
caused him to know? Rom 11:34. !

Cor 2:16

14 With whom did he consult, and who caused him to understand, and taught him in the well-trod road of judgment, and taught him intelligence, and caused him to know by seeing? Note Isa 14:24

15 Behold, the peoples *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are calculated as the small dust of a pair of scales; behold, he lifts up the habitable dry land as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, and its living flesh is not sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All peoples are as nothing in front of him; they are calculated as ended and waste to him.

18 And with whom will you compare God? And what likeness will you arrange with him?

19 The fabricator pours out an idol, and the refiner sheets it over with gold, and he refines chains of silver.

20 He cuts out an offering from a tree; he chooses what will not rot; he searches out for himself a skilled fabricator to set up an idol that shall not waver.

21 Have you not known by seeing? Have you not attentively heard? Has it not been caused to stand out boldly to you from him who is the Head? Have you not understood the foundations of the earth?

22 He sits upon the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers; he spreads out the heavens as a curtain, and stretches them out as a tent to dwell in;

23 He gives the honored to be nothing; he makes the judges of the earth waste.

24 Yes, they fail to be planted; yes, they fail to be sown; yes, their stump shall fail to take root in the earth, and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall be ashamed in confusion, and the hurricane shall lift them away as stubble.

25 And to whom will you compare me, or shall I be equal? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these; who brings out their host by number; he calls out them all by names by the abundance of his effectiveness, and strong power; man cannot muster them.

27 Why do you say, Oh Jacob, and speak, Oh Israel: My way is hid from Jehovah, and my judgment has crossed over from my God?

28 Have you not known by seeing? Have you not attentively heard? God everlasting, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary, and is not gasping for breath! There is no searching of his understanding.

29 He gives power to the exhausted, and he increases powerfulness to them to whom there exists no effectiveness.

30 And the youths shall be weary and gasp for breath, and the young, tottering weak legged, shall totter weak legged,

31 And they who bind themselves in expectation upon Jehovah shall change their power; they shall

ISAIAH 41 *The righteous one from the east (Cyrus, 44:28;45:1) who will deliver them from Babylon*
mount up on pinions as eagles; they shall run, and not gasp for breath; and they shall walk, and not be tired.

CHAPTER 41

1 Be silent toward me, Oh habitable lands, and let the communities change their power; let them draw near, then let them speak; let us come near as a unit to judgment.

2 Who woke up the righteous one from the east, calling him to his foot, and gave before his face the peoples, and caused him to tread down kings? He gave *them* as the dust to his sword, as driven straw to his bow.

3 He ran after them, crossing over safely by the well-trod road he had not gone with his feet

4 Who has made and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I Jehovah, the first, and the last; I *am* he.

5 The habitable lands saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth trembled, drew near, and arrived.

6 *Each* man surrounds his neighbor with help, and says to his brother, Seize strength.

7 And the fabricator caused the refiner to seize strength and him who smoothes with the hammer, him who struck the stroke, saying, It is good for the soldering, and he fastened it with fasteners *so that* it should not waver.

8 And you, Israel, *are* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham who loves me.

9 Whom I have seized upon from the ends of the earth, and I called you from its nobles, and said to you, You *are* my servant; I have chosen you, and not despised you.

10 Do not fear, because I *am* with you; do not gaze about bewildered, because I *am* your God; I will cause you to be powerfully alert; yes, I will surround you with help; yes, I will sustain you with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they who burned in anger against you shall pale in shame and shall be reproached; they shall be as nothing, and men who hold controversy with you shall be lost.

12 You shall search for them, and they shall not exist, men who contended with you; they shall be as nothing, and as a thing ended, the men who warred against you.

13 Because I Jehovah your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Do not fear; I will surround you with help.

14 Do not fear, voracious maggot, Jacob, adult men of Israel; I will surround you with help - An oracle of Jehovah - and your kinsman redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will put you as a new sharp threshing instrument, a lord of teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and crush them small, and shall put the hills as chaff.

16 You shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the hurricane shall dash them in pieces; and you shall spin around

(Cyrus, 44:28;45:1) who will deliver them from Babylon; The coming of Jesus, the Messiah **ISAIAH 42**

with emotion in Jehovah, and you shall boast in the Holy One of Israel.

17 Those looked down on with harshness and *the* poor seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is dried up for thirst - I Jehovah will answer them; the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers on the bare plains and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will put the desert a marsh of water and waters going out into the parched land.

19 I will give the cedar in the desert, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the olive tree; I will put the cypress in the sterile desert, and the hardwood, and the evergreen together;

20 That they may see, and know by seeing, and consider, and be intelligently successful together, that the hand of Jehovah has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

21 Bring near your controversy, says Jehovah; bring forth your arguments, says the King of Jacob.

22 Let them come near, and cause what shall happen to stand out boldly to us; let them cause the first things to stand out boldly, that we may put *our* heart to them, and know by seeing what comes last, or cause us to attentively hear what is to come.

23 Cause to stand out boldly to us the things that are to come afterwards, that we may know by seeing that you *are* God; yes, do good, or do good for nothing, that we may gaze at it in amazement,

and let us see it together.

24 Behold, you are of nothing, and your work is *only* a breath; he who chooses you is morally disgusting.

25 I have awakened one from the north, and he shall arrive; he shall call upon my name from the rising of the sun; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treads mud.

26 Who has caused it to stand out boldly from the beginning, that we may know by seeing, and before his face, that we may say, *He is* righteous? Yes, there is none who causes it to stand out boldly, yes, there is none who attentively hears; yes, there is none who attentively hears your words.

27 The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one who announces good tidings.

28 And I saw, and there did not exist even a man among them; and there did not exist a counselor, that I could ask, and return *me* a word.

29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are ended; their molten idols *are* wind and waste.

CHAPTER 42

1 Behold my Servant, whom I sustain; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have given my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the peoples.

2 He shall not cry, and shall not lift up, and shall not cause his voice to be attentively heard in the outdoors. Mat 12:17-21

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3 He shall not break a reed crushed to pieces, and he shall not extinguish a feeble wick; he shall bring forth judgment by the truth.

4 He shall not be weak and shall not be crushed to pieces until he has put judgment in the earth, and the habitable lands shall wait for his law.

5 Thus says Jehovah God, he who created the heavens and stretched them out; he who hammered out the earth and its offspring; he who gives breath⁵ to the people upon it and spirit to them who walk there;

⁵ 42:5 **breath, neshamah.** You know that very often in the Word of God statements in parallel either mean the same thing, or the one explains the other, or in some way corresponds to the other. This statement is parallel: **he who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to them who walk there.** *Neshamah* means a puff of air or breath. Spirit, *ruwach*, in the next statement also means spirit or the Holy Spirit, depending on its use in a sentence. I have meditated over this many times, and based on the clear use of *ruwach* in Hebrew and *pneuma* in Greek I have come to the conclusion that if the human breath is not the human spirit, the human spirit is carried in the human breath. It is not the brain but the lungs and the heart that maintain life in the human body. You know that many people live for long periods after their brain is dead because the lungs do not stop pumping, and the heart does not stop beating. I have often wondered which keeps the other going; does the heart keep the lungs going, or do the lungs keep the heart going? We know that if one stops the other will stop momentarily, and we know that oxygen in the blood is necessary to keep the heart beating. We know that when breathing has stopped for sufficient length of time, the human spirit leaves and goes into eternity. I have concluded that the human breath carries the human spirit, the most basic essence of the human person, and combined with the human soul will live on, either in heaven or hell, after he or she leaves the body. The fact that the infant has a spirit before he or she is separated from the mother's womb and not breathing on his own, does not negate this fact. It has to be the human breath-spirit which carries the highest and most God-like part of the human being. In Gen 2:7 God breathed or puffed, *nephach*, into man's nostrils the

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6 I Jehovah have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will guard you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the peoples,

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, out of the prison house them who sit in darkness.

8 I am Jehovah; that *is* my name; and I will not give my heavy glory to another, and my praise to carved idols.

9 Behold the former things have come, and I cause new things to stand out boldly; before they sprout I will cause you to attentively hear *them*.

10 Sing to Jehovah a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all their fullness, the habitable lands, and their inhabitants.

breath, *neshamah*, of life, and the man became a living soul. Forever thereafter man is spoken of as being both a spirit and a soul, as well as a body. That breath of life is called the spirit of life in Gen 6:17. The puff of breath that God breathed into Adam is shown to be synonymous with the human spirit in Isa 57:16. In John 20:22 Jesus blew, *emphusao*, on them, and said to them, Take *the* Holy Spirit. Jesus as the God-Man breathed both a human spirit and the Holy Spirit, and His human spirit or breath was one with the sovereign Holy Spirit. That is why He could so perfectly control all His words, because words are the shaping of puffs of air coming out the mouth of the speaker. This cannot be a complete analysis of this subject, but I want to mention another fact I have noted. I have observed humans who were extremely demonized. I have noted that their breath is often abnormally foul smelling, much worse than a normal "bad breath" caused by a bad digestion. This is literally the odor of the demon saturating the human spirit of the demonized human. This is a subject that needs additional attention. I trust that this small excursion shall prompt you to much greater study and discernment about the human spirit.

11 The desert and its cities lift up *their voice*; the villages that Kedar inhabits sing; the inhabitants of Cela¹¹ sing; they shout from the head of the mountains.

12 They shall put heavy glory to Jehovah, and his praise shall be caused to stand out boldly in the habitable lands.

13 Jehovah shall go forth as a warrior; he shall wake up jealousy like a man of war; he shall shout, yes, shout clearly; he shall prevail over his enemies.

14 I have kept quiet always; I have quietly devised, refraining myself. I will scream like one giving birth; I will blow away and eagerly inhale at the same time.

15 I will parch mountains and hills, and dry up all their plants; and I will put the rivers *as* habitable lands, and I will dry up the marshes.

16 And I will walk the blind by a way they did not know; I will walk them in paths they have not known; I will put darkness *into* light before their face, and crooked *into* straight. I do these words to them, and not forsake them.

17 They shall flinch backward; they shall pale in shame with shame who trust in carved idols, who say to the molten images, You are our God.

18 You deaf, attentively hear, and you blind, look intently to see.

19 Who *is* blind, but my servant, and deaf as my messenger *whom* I sent? Who *is* blind as he who is complete, and blind as a servant of Jehovah?

20 You have seen many things, and you have not hedged *them* about; *your ears are* open, and not anyone attentively hears.

21 Jehovah is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will make the law great, and make it magnificent.

22 And this *is* a people plundered and spoiled, all of them snared in crevices of serpents, and in them are hid prison houses; they are plundered, and none snatches *them* out; *they are as* a spoil, and none says, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this, *who* will prick up your ears and attentively hear afterwards?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not Jehovah, he against whom we have sinned, for they did not breathe in agreement to walk in his ways, and they would not attentively hear his law.

25 And he has spilled forth the heat of his nostrils and the strength of battle upon him, and the flame has licked, encircling him and he did not know by seeing, and it consumed him and he did not put *it* to heart.

CHAPTER 43

1 And now thus says Jehovah who created you, Oh Jacob, and he who formed you, Oh Israel, Do not fear, because I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; *you are* mine.

2 When you cross through the waters, I *am* with you, and through the rivers, they shall not

¹¹ 42:11 Cela, Petra, Capital of Edom.

ISAIAH 43 *Israel redeemed; the flame shall not kindle upon you; Jehovah, your kinsman redeemer*
flush you away; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not kindle upon you,

3 Because I *am* Jehovah, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your covering, Ethiopia and Seba for you.

4 Since you were precious in my eyes you have been heavy in honor, and I have loved you, and I will give men for you and communities for your soul.

5 Do not fear, because I *am* with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not shut off; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth,

7 Everyone who is called by my name, and I have created him for my heavy glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.

8 He has brought out the blind people, and to them there are eyes, and the deaf, and *there are* ears to them.

9 Let all the peoples be gathered together, and let the communities be assembled; who among them can cause this to stand out boldly, and cause us to attentively hear former things? Let them give their witnesses that they may be justified; and let them attentively hear, and say, *It is* truth.

10 You *are* my witnesses - An oracle of Jehovah - and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know by seeing and believe

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me, and discern that I *am* he; no God was formed before my face, and after me none shall exist.

11 I, *yes* I *am* Jehovah, and there does not exist a Savior besides me.

12 I have caused it to stand out boldly, and have saved, and I have caused it to be attentively heard, and there does not exist a stranger among you, and you are my witnesses - An oracle of Jehovah - and I *am* God.

13 Yes, before the day *was* I *am* he; and there does not exist *any* who can snatch out of my hand; I will do, and who shall turn it back?

14 Thus says Jehovah, your kinsman redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought them down as fugitives, all *of them*, and the Chaldeans wailing in their ships.

15 I *am* Jehovah, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus says Jehovah, who gives a way in the sea, and a path in the forceful waters;

17 Who brings out the chariot and horse, the resources and the forces; they shall lie down together; they shall not rise; they are extinguished; they are extinguished as a wick.

18 Do not remember the former things, and do not discern the things of old!

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall sprout forth; shall you not know by seeing it? Also I will put a way in the desert, rivers in the waste land.

20 The living creatures of the field shall give me heavy glory, the monsters and the daughters of ostriches, because I give waters in the desert, and rivers in the waste land, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 I have formed this people for myself; they shall tally up my praise.

22 And you have not called upon me, Oh Jacob, because you were tired of me, Oh Israel.

23 You have not brought me flock animals *for* your burnt offerings, and you have not heavily honored me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with a food offering, and have not wearied you with frankincense.

24 You have not bought sweet cane for me with silver, and you have not filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; only you have caused me to serve with your sins; you have wearied me with your crookedness.

25 I, *even I am* he who rubs out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins.

26 Put me in remembrance; let us pronounce judgment together; tally *it* up that you may be justified.

27 Your first father has sinned, and your mockers have broken away against me.

28 And I have profaned the chief rulers of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse and Israel to reproaches.

CHAPTER 44

1 And now attentively hear, Oh Jacob, my servant, and Israel, I have chosen him;

2 Thus says Jehovah: Your Maker and your Former from the womb will surround you with help; do not fear, Oh Jacob, my servant, and you, Jesurun, I have chosen you.

3 Because I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring;

4 And they shall sprout up as among the grass, as willows by the streams of water.

5 This one shall say, *I am* Jehovah's, and this one shall call himself by the name of Jacob, and this one shall inscribe his hand to Jehovah, and shall title himself by the name of Israel.

6 Thus says Jehovah, the King of Israel and his kinsman redeemer, Jehovah of hosts; *I am* the first, and I am the last, and besides me there does not exist a god.

7 And who shall call as I, and shall cause it to stand out boldly, and arrange it for me, since I put the ancient people? And let them cause the things that are coming, and shall come, to stand out boldly to them.

8 Do not fear, even do not fear; from that time have I not caused you to attentively hear, and caused *it* to stand out boldly? And you are my witnesses. Does there exist a god besides me? And there does not exist a Strong Rock! I fail

ISAIAH 44 *He makes a carved idol; he falls down to it; Israel, I have rubbed out your transgressions to know of one.*

9 They who mold a carved idol - all of them *are* waste, and what they delight in shall fail to ascend; and they are their own witnesses *that* they fail to see and fail to know so that they may pale in shame.

10 Who has formed a god and poured out a carved idol? It failed to ascend!

11 Behold, all his neighbors shall pale in shame; and the fabricators, they are of men; let them all be gathered together; let them stand up; they shall fear; they shall pale in shame together.

12 *The* fabricator of iron makes an ax in the coals, and forms it with hammers, and makes it with the power of his arms; also, he is hungry, and his power fails; he does not drink water, and is weary.

13 The fabricator of wood stretches out his line; he delineates it with a mark; he makes it with planes, and he delineates it with the compass; and makes it after the model of a man, according to the ornamentation of a man, that it may sit down in the house.

14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak, to which among the trees of the forest he makes himself powerfully alert; he plants an ash, and the rain makes it great.

15 And it shall be for a man to burn, and he will take of them, and warm himself; also, he kindles it, and bakes food; also, he makes a god, and prostrates himself to it; he makes it a carved idol, and prostrates himself to it.

16 Half he burns in the fire; with half he eats meat; he roasts *his* roast, and is filled to satisfaction; also, he warms *himself*, and says, Aha, I am warm; I have seen the fire;

17 And of its remainder he makes a god, his carved idol; he falls down to it, and prostrates himself to it, and judges in prayer to it, and says, Snatch me out, because you *are* my god.

18 They have not known by seeing and have not discerned, because he has plastered over their eyes that they cannot see; they cannot be intelligently successful in their hearts.

19 And none puts it to his heart, and *there is* no knowledge and no understanding to say, I have burned half of it in the fire, and also I have baked food upon its coals; I have roasted flesh and eaten it; and shall I make of what is left something morally disgusting? Shall I fall down to the product of a tree?

20 He is shepherded on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside, and he cannot snatch out his soul, and cannot say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

21 Remember these, Oh Jacob and Israel, because you *are* my servant; I have formed you; you *are* my servant; Oh Israel, you shall not be forgotten by me.

22 I have rubbed out your transgressions as a dark cloud, and your sins as a cloud covering the sky; turn back to me, because I have redeemed you.

23 Shout, Oh heavens, because Jehovah has done *it*; shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth, you mountains, shouting, Oh forest, and every tree there, because Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and he causes himself to shine in Israel.

24 Thus says Jehovah, your redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb, *I am* Jehovah who makes all things, who alone stretches out the heavens, who hammers out the earth by myself;

25 Breaking up the appearances of the liars, and making foolish those who seek the future with magical scrolls, turning the wise backwards, and their knowledge to be silly;

26 Causing the word of his servant to rise, and making the counsel of his messengers complete; the one who says to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited, and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up her desolate places;

27 The one who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will confound your rivers;

28 The one who says of Cyrus,²⁸ He is my shepherd, and he shall complete all my desire. And saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, You shall be set.

²⁸ **44:28 Cyrus.** Called **the Persian** in Daniel 6:28., because he founded the vast ancient Persian empire in Daniel's day around 539 BC. He was son of Cambyses, of the royal race of the Achemenians. He was an Elamite. God called him by name approximately one hundred years before he was born. He was to be a king who would serve God in returning the Jews from the Babylonian captivity. He was king of Persian from 539 BC until his

CHAPTER 45

1 Thus says Jehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have seized, to tread peoples in pieces before his face, and I will loose the loins of kings, to open the swinging gates before his face; and the gates shall not be shut; Dan 5:6

2 I will walk before your face, and make the mountains level; I will break in pieces the swinging gates of brass, and cut down the bolts of iron;

3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and secret treasures of secret places, that you may know by seeing that I, Jehovah, who calls *you* by your name, *am* the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob, my servant's sake, and Israel, my chosen, I have even called you by your name; I have titled you by an additional name, and you did not know me.

5 I am Jehovah, and there exists none else; besides me there exists no god; I girded you, and you did not know me;

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun and from the west that *there is* none besides me. *I am* Jehovah, and there exists none else.

7 I form light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I Jehovah do all these.

death in 530 BC, right after he accomplished the will of God in conquering Babylon and decreeing that the Jews be returned from Babylon to Jerusalem, all who wanted to go, and that the expenses for their return and for the temple be born out of government funds, Ezra 1:1ff; 3:7; 4:3,5;5:13ff. 6:3ff. Darius the king mentioned in Daniel 6:8 was king of the Chaldean part of the Medo-Persian Empire under King Cyrus.

ISAIAH 45 *He shall build my city, and he shall send out my captives (Cyrus); no other God besides me*

8 Drip down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bear the fruit of liberty, and let righteousness sprout up together; I Jehovah have created it.

9 Woe unto him who contends with the one who formed him! Does a piece of pottery *contend with all* the pieces of pottery of the earth. Shall the clay say to him who forms it, What do you make? And does your work *say*, There exists no hands to him? Gen 2:7. Rom 9:20

10 Woe to him who says to his father, What do you beget? And to the woman, What have you twisted *together*?

11 Thus says Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him, Ask me concerning my sons of things to come, and command me concerning the work of my hands.

12 I have made the earth, and I created man upon it; I outstretched the heavens with my hands, and I commanded all their host.

13 I woke him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways straight; he shall build my city, and he shall send out my captives, not for price and not for a gift, says Jehovah of hosts.

14 Thus says Jehovah, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall cross over and walk to you; and they shall be yours; they shall walk after you; they shall cross over in chains, and they shall prostrate themselves to you; they

shall judge in prayer to you, *saying*, Surely God *is* in you, and there exists none else - no *other* god.

15 Surely you *are* God who hides yourself - Oh God of Israel, the Savior.

16 They shall pale in shame, and also be reproached, all of them; they shall walk together into disgrace, fabricators of carved idols.

17 Israel shall be saved in Jehovah *with* an everlasting salvation; you shall not pale in shame, and shall not be reproached forever and ever,

18 Because thus says Jehovah who created the heavens: he *is* the God; he formed the earth and made it; he did not set it up a waste; he created it to be inhabited; he formed it; I *am* Jehovah; and there exists none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark spot of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me to be wasted! I Jehovah speak righteousness. I cause things that are straight to stand out boldly.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you refugees of the peoples; they do not know, they who lift up the wood of their carved idol, and judge in prayer to a god that cannot save.

21 Cause it to stand out boldly, and bring them near; also, let them take counsel together. Who has caused this to be attentively heard from ancient²¹ time? From that time *who* caused it to stand out boldly? *Was it* not I, Jehovah? And there exists no other God besides

²¹ 45:21 **ancient time**, *qedem*, the front of time, or the first days of time.

Be saved, all the ends of the earth; the fall of Babylon; until old age I will carry you **ISAIAH 46**
me, God of righteousness and Savior; there exists none besides me.

22 Face about to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth, because I *am* God, and there exists none else.

23 I have sworn by myself; the word of righteousness has gone out of my mouth, and shall not turn back, that, Every knee shall bend down to me, every tongue shall swear. Heb 6:13 Rom 14:11

24 One shall say to me, Surely in Jehovah *is* my righteousness and strength! They shall come to him, and all shall pale in shame who blaze up in jealousy against him!

25 All the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall boast in Jehovah.

CHAPTER 46

1 Bel bends down *his* knee; Nebo hunches over; their idols were upon the living creatures, and upon the animals; your loads were loaded, a burden to the weary.

2 They hunch over; they bend down their knee together; they were not able to escape the burden, but their souls have walked into captivity.

3 Attentively hear me, Oh house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne by me from the belly, who are lifted from the womb;

4 And until old age I *am* he, and until gray hair I will carry you; I have made, and I will lift; and I will carry, and will cause *you* to escape.

5 To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 They shake gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance; *they* hire a metal refiner; he makes it a god; they prostrate themselves, yes, they prostrate themselves.

7 They lift him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and deposit him on his bottom, and he stands; from his place he shall not withdraw; yes, *one* shrieks to him, and he cannot answer; he cannot save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and be men; turn it back to mind, Oh you transgressors.

9 Remember the first things of ancient times, because I *am* God, and there exists none else; God, and there is no other like me,

10 Causing the end to stand out boldly from the beginning, and from ancient times those *things* which are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall rise, and I will do all my desire,

11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man *doing* my counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken; I will also bring it; I have formed it; I also will do *it*.

12 Attentively hear me, you stouthearted who are far from righteousness;

13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be widely distanced *from them*, and my salvation shall not lag behind, and I will give salvation in Zion for Israel, my beauty.

CHAPTER 47

1 Come down and sit upon the dust, Oh virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the earth; there is no throne, Oh daughter of the Chaldeans, because you shall no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones and grind meal; remove your veil; make bare the leg; uncover the calf of your leg; cross over the rivers.

3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered; also, your disgrace shall be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not impinge upon a man.

4 Our kinsman redeemer - Jehovah of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit silently, and go into darkness, Oh daughter of the Chaldeans, because you shall no more be called, The Mistress of Kingdoms.

6 I burst out in rage with my people; I have profaned my inheritance, and given them into your hand; you put no compassions for them; you have made very heavy your yoke upon the elderly.

7 And you said, Forever I shall be a mistress - forever! You did not put these *things* upon your heart, and did not remember the ultimate end of it.

8 And now attentively hear this, you *who are* given to pleasures, who sit carelessly, who say in your heart, *I am*, and *there is* none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, and I shall not know the loss of children;

9 And these two shall come to you in a blink of the eye in one day: the loss of children and widowhood; they shall come upon you in their completeness for the abundance of your binding spells with magic, for the great abundance of your casting magic spells.

10 And you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, None sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has turned you backwards; and you have said in your heart, *I am*, and *there is* none else beside me.

11 And evil shall come upon you; you shall not know from where it dawns; and ruin shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to cover it; and a tempest shall come upon you suddenly; you shall not know by seeing it.

12 Stand now with your binding spells by magic, and with the abundance of your casting spells of magic, in which you have gasped from your youth, if so be you will be able to rise up, if so be you may put *others* in dread.

13 You are wearied in the abundance of your counsels. Let now the horoscopists of the skies, the stargazers, those who know by seeing the new moon - let them stand up, and save you from these things that shall come upon you.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not snatch their souls out from the hand of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, a flame to sit in front of.

For my name's sake...I do not cut you off; Jehovah...will do his desire on Babylon **ISAIAH 48**

15 Thus shall they be to you with whom you have gasped, your merchants, from your youth; they shall wander every man to his region across; none shall save you.

CHAPTER 48

1 Attentively hear this, Oh house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of Jehovah, and make mention of the God of Israel, not in truth and not in righteousness,

2 Because they call themselves the Holy City, and take hold upon the God of Israel - Jehovah of hosts is his name.

3 I have caused the former things to stand out boldly from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I caused them to attentively hear; I did them suddenly, and they came,

4 Because I knew that you *are* obstinate, and your neck *is* an iron tendon, and your forehead brass;

5 And I have caused it to stand out boldly to you at the time; before it came I caused you to attentively hear it, lest you should say, My carved image has done them, and my carved idol and my molten image commanded them.

6 You have attentively heard; gaze at all of this. And will you not cause it to stand out boldly? I have caused you to attentively hear new things from this time, even guarded things, and you did not know them.

7 Now they are created, and not from that time; even before the face of the day when you did not hear them, lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yes, you did not attentively hear; yes, you did not know; yes, from that time that your ear was not opened, because I knew that you would deal deceitfully, and were called a transgressor from the womb.

9 I will defer my *burning* nostrils for my name's sake, and for my praise I will refrain for you, so that I do not cut you off.

10 Behold, I have refined you, and not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

11 For my own sake! I will do *it* for my own sake, because how should I be profaned? And I will not give my heavy glory to another.

12 Attentively hear me, Oh Jacob and Israel, my called, *I am* he; *I am* the first, also *I am* the last.

13 Also my hand has set the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spanned the heavens; I call to them, they stand up together.

14 Assemble yourselves, all of you, and attentively hear; who among them has caused these things to stand out boldly? Jehovah has loved him; he will do his desire on Babylon, and his outstretched arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15 I! *Even* I have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall prosper his way.

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16 Come near to me; attentively hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there I *am*; and now the Lord Jehovah and his Spirit has sent me.

17 Thus says Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I *am* Jehovah, your God, who teaches you to profit, who causes you to walk by the way that you should walk.

18 Oh that you had pricked up your ears to my commandments! And your peace would have been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea;

19 And your seed had been as the sand, and the offspring of your insides like the grains of *sand*; his name would not have been cut off nor desolated from before my face.

20 Go out from Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans; with a voice of shouting cause *it* to stand out boldly; cause this to be attentively heard; cause it to go out to the end of the earth; say, Jehovah has redeemed his servant, Jacob.

21 And they did not thirst in his causing them to walk through the desolate places; he caused waters to flow out of the strong rock for them; and he ripped open the strong rock, and the waters gushed out.

22 There exists no peace, says Jehovah, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 49

1 Attentively listen to me, Oh habitable lands, and prick up your ears, communities from afar; Jeho-

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vah has called me from the womb; he has made mention of my name from the insides of my mother.

2 And he has put my mouth like a sharp sword; he has hid me in the shadow of his hand, and put me *as* a polished arrow; he has hid me in his quiver;

3 And said to me, You are my servant, Oh Israel, in whom I will shine.

4 And I said, I have gasped for waste and in vain, and I have ended my power in vain; surely my judgment is with Jehovah, and my work with my God.

5 And now, says Jehovah who formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, Although Israel is not gathered, yet I shall be heavy in glory in the eyes of Jehovah, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to turn back the delivered of Israel; and I will give you for a light to the peoples, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.

7 Thus says Jehovah, the kinsman Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom the soul scorns, to him whom the people detest, to a servant of rulers: Kings shall see and rise up; chief rulers shall prostrate themselves, because of Jehovah who is faithful - the Holy One of Israel - and he chose you.

8 Thus says Jehovah, In an acceptable time I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have surrounded you with help; and I will

guard you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to raise up the earth, to cause *you* to inherit the stunned inheritances;

9 That you may say to those under the yoke, Go out; to them who are in darkness, Strip it away from yourselves. They shall be shepherded upon the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all bare hills.

10 They shall not hunger, and they shall not thirst; and the quivering glow of *the* heat and of *the* sun shall not strike them, because he who is compassionate on them shall lead them forth, and he shall cause them to flow with a sparkle by the fountains of water.

11 And I will put all my mountains *as* a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from afar; and, lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim.

13 Shout, Oh heavens; and spin around in emotion, Oh earth; and break forth into shouting, Oh mountains, because Jehovah has comforted his people, and will be compassionate upon his afflicted.

14 And Zion said, Jehovah has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her nursing baby, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you.

16 Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

17 Your children shall flow like liquid; they who pulled you to pieces and they who parched you into waste shall go out from you.

18 Lift up your eyes all around and see; all these gather themselves together coming to you. - An oracle of Jehovah - *As* I live surely you shall clothe yourselves *with* them all as with a fine outfit and tie them on as a bride,

19 Because your desolate places, and your stunned places, and the land of your being pulled to pieces shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they shall be widely distanced *from you* who would swallow you up.

20 Again, they shall say in your ears - the children whom you shall have after you have lost the other - The place is too oppressive for me; pull in closer for me that I may dwell.

21 And you shall say in your heart, Who has begotten these for me? And I have miscarried, and am sterile, a captive, and turned aside. And who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. These! Where have they been?

22 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the peoples, and raise up my flag to the people; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be lifted upon their shoulders.

23 And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their mistresses your nursing mothers; they shall prostrate themselves to you *with* their nostrils to the earth, and lick

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up the dust of your feet; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, because they shall not pale in shame who bind themselves in expectation of me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captive escape from the ruthless?

25 Because thus says Jehovah, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the ruthless shall escape; and I will contend with whomever contends with you, and I will save your children.

26 And I will feed them who rage against you with their own flesh, and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with fresh grape juice; and all flesh shall know by seeing that I Jehovah *am* your Savior and your Kinsman Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER 50

1 Thus says Jehovah, Where *is* the writing of cutting the marriage bond of your mother whom I have sent away? Or to which of those to whom I am obligated in debt *is it that* I have sold you? Behold, you have sold yourselves for your crookedness, and your mother is sent away for your transgression.

2 Why *was it?* I came, and there was no man! I called, and there was none to answer! Cut off - is my hand cut off, that it cannot do a distinctive precedence? And is there no power to me to snatch out? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea; I put the rivers a desert; their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst.

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3 I clothe the heavens in darkness, and I put sackcloth *as* their covering.

4 The Lord Jehovah has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to hurriedly support him with a word who is exhausted; he wakens dawn by dawn, he wakens my ear to attentively hear as the learned.

5 The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear, and I did not rebel in bitterness; I did not flinch back.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to them who plucked off the hair; I did not hide my face from disgrace and spitting. *Mat 26:67; 27:30; Mark 14:65; 15:19.*

7 And the Lord Jehovah will surround me with help; therefore I shall not be reproached; therefore I have put my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not pale in shame.

Luk 9:51

8 He *is* near who justifies me. Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my lord of judgment? Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will surround me with help. Who *is* he who shall condemn me? Behold, they all shall wear out as a garment; *the* moth shall eat them up. *Rom 8:34;*

10 Who among you fears Jehovah, attentively hearing the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness, and there is no light to him? Let him trust in the name of Jehovah and lean upon his God.

11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who encompass yourselves with flashes of flames, walk in the

flame of your fire, and in the flashes of flames *that* you have kindled. This shall be to you from my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

CHAPTER 51

1 Attentively hear me, you who run after righteousness, you who seek Jehovah; look intently to the strong rock from *which* you are carved, and to the quarry of the pit from *which* you are quarried.

2 Look intently to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who twisted you together, because I called him alone, and knelt down with goodness to him and increased him,

3 Because Jehovah shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her desolate places; and he will put her pastures like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; gladness and rejoicing shall be found there, extending the hand, and the voice of melody.

4 Prick up your ears to me, my people; and Oh my communities, stretch out your ear to me; because a law shall go out from me, and my judgment for a light of the peoples to cause them to settle.

5 My righteousness is near; my liberty is gone out, and my outstretched arms shall judge the peoples; the habitable lands shall bind themselves in expectation upon me, and they shall wait in hope on my outstretched arm.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look intently upon the earth beneath, because the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wear out like a

garment, and they who dwell there shall thus die in like manner; and my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be broken down by confusion.

7 Attentively listen to me, you who know righteousness, people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the disgrace of mortal men, and do not break down in confusion before their vilification,

8 Because the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the moth shall eat them like wool; and my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, Oh, outstretched arm of Jehovah; awake, as in the first days, in the generations of old. Are you not he who cut Rahab,⁹ wounding the monster?

10 Are you not he who has dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; who has made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to cross over?

11 And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come to Zion with shouting; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall reach joy and gladness, and affliction and sighing shall flee away.

12 I, *even I am* he who comforts you; who are you, that you should be afraid of mortal man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be given *up* as grass;

⁹ 51:9 **Rahab**, meaning to boast and bluster, a descriptive name for Egypt.

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The end of the age and the comfort of Israel in the last days

13 And you forget Jehovah, your Maker, who has stretched out the heavens, and set the foundations of the earth; and have feared continually all days in the face of the heat of him who presses upon you as if he were set up to destroy? And where is the heat of the one who presses upon you?

14 The captive exile flows as liquid that he may be loosed and not die in the pit and his food not fail.

15 And I *am* Jehovah, your God, who settled the sea whose waves roared; Jehovah of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand that I may plant the heavens, and set the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people.

17 Awake, awake, rise up, Oh Jerusalem, who has drunk the cup of his heat at the hand of Jehovah; you have drunk the covered cup of trembling, draining them out.

18 There is none to cause her to flow with a sparkle among all the sons whom she has brought forth, and there is none to seize her by the hand of all the sons whom she has brought up.

19 You have encountered these two. Who shall shake their head in sympathy for you? Ravaging and breaking, and the famine and the sword; by whom shall I comfort you?

20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of all the *places* outside, as an antelope in a net; they are full of the heat of Jehovah, the

rebuke of your God.

21 Therefore now attentively hear this, you who are looked down on with harshness, and drunken, and not with wine;

22 Thus says your Lord Jehovah, and your God who contends for his people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, the covered cup of my heat; you shall no more drink it continually;

23 And I will put it into the hand of them who grieve you, who have said to your soul, Prostrate yourselves, and we will cross over; and you have put your back as the earth, and as the outdoors, to them who crossed over.

CHAPTER 52

1 Awake, awake; put on your strength, Oh Zion; put on your beautiful garments, Oh Jerusalem, the holy city, because the uncircumcised and the unclean shall not any more come into you again.

2 Shake yourself from the dust; rise up and dwell, Oh Jerusalem; open from yourself the chastisements of your neck, Oh exiled daughter of Zion,

3 Because thus says Jehovah, You have sold yourselves for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without silver,

4 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, My people went down into Egypt first to turn aside there, and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 And now - An oracle of Jehovah - what of mine *is* here that my people is taken away for noth-

ing? They who rule over them make them howl - An oracle of Jehovah - and my name is scorned continually all days.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore they shall know in that day that I *am* he who speaks; behold, it is I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who announces good tidings, who causes peace to be attentively heard, who announces good tidings of good, who causes salvation to be attentively heard, who says to Zion, Your God reigns! Rom 10:15

8 Your watchmen shall lift up the voice; they shall shout with the voice together, because they shall see eye to eye when Jehovah shall turn back Zion.

9 Break forth into joy; shout together, you desolate places of Jerusalem, because Jehovah has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 Jehovah has stripped bare his holy outstretched arm in the eyes of all the peoples, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart; go out from there; do not touch the unclean; go out of her midst; be polished bright, who lift the vessels of Jehovah,

12 Because you shall not go out with haste, and not walk in retreat, because Jehovah will walk before your face; and the God of Israel will be the one who gathers behind.

13 Behold, my Servant shall be intelligently successful; he shall be exalted and lifted and soar exceedingly.

14 As many were stunned at you - so disfigured was his appearance, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men -

15 So he shall sprinkle many peoples; the kings shall close their mouths at him, because they shall see what had not been caused to stand out boldly to them, and they shall discern what they had not attentively heard.

CHAPTER 53

1 Who has believed our report, and to whom is the outstretched arm of Jehovah revealed?

2 And he shall grow up as a tender plant before his face, and as a root out of parched earth; *there is* no form to him, and no magnificence; and we see him, and *there is* no appearance that we should desire him.

3 He is despised, and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and knows by seeing sickness; and we hid our faces from him; he was despised, and we did not calculate *value* to him.

4 Surely he has lifted our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows; and we calculated him touched, struck by God, and looked down on with harshness.

5 And he *was* wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our crookednesses; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes *there is* healing to us.

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6 All we like flock animals have gone astray; we have faced about every man to his own way; and Jehovah has impinged upon him the crookedness of us all.

7 He was driven, and he was looked down on with harshness, and he did not open his mouth; he was caused to flow as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a ewe before the face of her shearers is tied fast, so he does not open his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will ponder his generation? Because he was cut off out of the land of the living; the blow was on him for the transgression of my people.

9 And he gave his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, and no deceit was in his mouth.

10 And it pleased Jehovah to crush him; he has made him worn out; when you shall put his soul an offering for sin he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see the wearisome toil of his soul, and shall be filled with satisfaction; by his knowledge my righteous Servant shall justify many, and he shall bear their crookednesses.

12 Therefore I will allot him many, and he shall allot the spoil with the strong, because he has poured out his soul unto death; and he was weighed out with the transgressors; and he lifted the sin of many, and was impinged upon for the transgressors.

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CHAPTER 54

1 Shout, Oh barren, you who did not bear; break forth into shouting, and shout clearly, you who did not twist *in childbirth*, because more are the children of the devastated than the children of her to whom *is* a lord, says Jehovah.

2 Broaden the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; do not be restrained; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes,

3 Because you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess the peoples, and make the devastated cities to be inhabited.

4 Do not fear because you shall not pale in shame, and you shall not be reproached, because you shall not blush in shame, because you shall forget the shame of your youthful vigor, and shall not remember the disgrace of your widowhood any more;

5 Because your Maker *is* your lord⁵; Jehovah of hosts *is* his name; and your kinsman Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; he shall be called The God of The Whole Earth,

6 Because Jehovah has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth when you were despised, says your God.

7 For a small wink of the eyes I have forsaken you, and I will gather you with great compassions.

⁵ 54:5 lord, *baal*, lord, meaning husband.

8 I hid my face for a wink from you in an outburst of rage, and I will have compassion on you with mercy everlasting, says Jehovah, your kinsman Redeemer.

9 For this *is* as the waters of Noah to me; as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more cross over the earth, so I have sworn that I would not burst out in rage upon you and rebuke you,

10 Because the mountains shall depart, and the hills shall waver, and my mercy shall not depart from you, and the covenant of my peace shall not waver, says Jehovah who has compassion on you.

11 Oh you who are looked down on with harshness, tossed with tempest, not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with fair colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will put sparkling gems as your brilliant rays, and your gates of fiery stones, and all your borders of precious stones.

13 And all your children shall be instructed of Jehovah, and the peace of your children *shall be* abundant.

14 In righteousness you shall be set up; you shall be widely distanced from distress because you shall not fear, and from consternation because it shall not come near you.

15 Behold, gathering, they shall gather together, not by me; whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake.

16 Behold, I have created the fabricator who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings out an in-

strument for his work, and I have created the waster to bind in obligation.

17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and you shall condemn every tongue rising against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness is of me - An oracle of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 55

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, walk to the waters, and he to whom there is no silver, walk, buy, and eat; and walk, buy wine and milk without silver and without price.

2 Why do you spend silver for that which is not food, and your labor for *that which* does not satisfy? Listening attentively, listen attentively to me, and eat *the* good, and luxuriate your soul in fatness.

3 Stretch out your ear, and walk to me; attentively hear, and your soul shall live; and I will cut an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the communities, the commander and the one who constitutes the command to the communities.

5 Behold, you shall call a people whom you did not know, and a people who did not know you shall run to you, because of Jehovah your God and the Holy One of Israel, because he has caused you to shine.

6 Tread seeking Jehovah while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

ISAIAH 56 *The gospel invitation; God's word will not return void; foreigners who accept Jehovah*

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the vain man what he devises, and let him turn back to Jehovah, and he will have compassion upon him, and to our God, because he will abundantly forgive;

8 Because my devisings *are* not your devisings, and your ways *are* not my ways, says Jehovah;

9 Because as the heavens soar above the earth, so my ways soar above your ways, and those I devise above those you devise;

10 Because as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not turn back there, but waters the earth, and causes it to bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower, and food to the eater;

11 So my word shall be that goes forth out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall do what I desire, and it shall prosper where I sent it,

12 Because you shall go out with joy, and you shall flow with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break out before your face shouting, and all the trees of the field shall clap their palms.

13 Instead of the thorn the cypress shall come up, and instead of the stinging nettle the myrtle tree shall come up; and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER 56

1 Thus says Jehovah, Hedge about judgment and do righteousness, because my salvation is near to come and my righteousness to be revealed.

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2 Righteously happy *is* the mortal man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it: he who hedges about the Sabbath from profaning it, and hedges about his hand from doing any evil.

3 And do not let the son of the foreigner say - who has bound himself to Jehovah - say, Separating me, Jehovah has separated me from his people; and do not let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree,

4 Because thus says Jehovah to the eunuchs who hedge about my Sabbaths, and choose what I desire, and seize my covenant:

5 And I will give to them a hand and a name better than of sons and of daughters in my house and within my walls; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

6 And the sons of the foreigner who bind themselves to Jehovah to serve him and to love the name of Jehovah to be his servants, everyone who hedges about the Sabbath from profaning it and seizes my covenant,

7 Even them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar, because my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

8 An oracle of the Lord Jehovah who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will continue to gather to him, beside those *already* gathered to him.

9 All you living creatures of the field, arrive, devour, all you living creatures in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* blind; they do not know by seeing; they are all tongue-tied dogs; they are not able to bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 And forceful dogs, soulish, who do not know by seeing, who can never be satiated, and they *are* shepherds who cannot know by discernment; they all face about to their own well trod road, every man for his plunder, to his limits.

12 Arrive, *they say*, I will take wine, and we will satiate ourselves with hard liquor; and tomorrow shall be as this day - what is left *is* exceedingly great.

CHAPTER 57

1 The righteous *man* is lost *from here*, and there exists no man who puts it upon *his* heart, and merciful men are taken away; none discerns that the righteous is taken away from the face of evil.

2 He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds; they shall walk in their uprightness.

3 And draw near here, you sons of those who practice secret arts, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do you luxuriate yourselves? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and a long tongue? *Are* you not offspring of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaughtering the offspring by the streams under the fissures of the

craggy rocks?

6 Your allotment is among the smooth stones of the stream. They! They are your lot; you have also poured a drink offering to them; you have offered up a food offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 You have put your bed upon a lofty and lifted up mountain; also there you went up to slaughter sacrifice.

8 And you have put up your memorial behind the doors and the posts, because you have uncovered yourself *to someone other* than me, and have gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and you cut a *covenant* with them; you loved their bed; you gazed at *what was* at hand.⁸

9 And you traveled to the king with ointment and increased your perfumes, and sent your heralds far off, and sunk *yourself* to the world of the dead.

10 You are gasping in your abundance of ways. You did not say, I give up! You found the life at your hand; therefore you were not worn *out*.

11 And of whom have you been anxious or fearful that you have lied and have not remembered me and not put it upon your heart? Have I not been quiet *with you* always, and you did not fear me

⁸ 57:8 you gazed at *what was* at hand, *yaad chaaziyt*, meaning that you gazed at an apparent answer close at hand - the idols - rather than looking away from man-made things to Jehovah God.

ISAIAH 58 *I dwell...with him who is of a broken and humble spirit; you fast for controversy*

12 I will cause your righteousness and your works to stand out boldly, and they shall not rise up for you.

13 When you scream, let your throng snatch you out, and the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them. And he who flees to me for refuge shall inherit the earth, and shall drive out the previous occupants and possess my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, Mound *it* up, mound *it* up! Face about to the way! Take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people,

15 Because thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity - and Holy *is* his name! I dwell high and holy, and with him who is of a broken and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of those crushed,

16 Because I will not contend forever, and I will not always burst out in rage because the *human* spirit would languish before my face and the breaths *of life* I made. See Notes Gen 2:7, Isa 42:5

17 I burst out in rage for the crookedness of his unjust gain and struck him; I hid myself and burst out in rage, and he walked on morally rebellious in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him, and I will lead him, and complete him, comforting him and his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near, says Jehovah, and I will heal him.

20 And the wicked are like the driven sea, because it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mud and muck.

21 There exists no peace, says my God, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 58

1 Call out with the throat! Do not hold back! Raise your voice like a trumpet, and cause their transgression to stand out boldly to my people, and their sins to the house of Jacob.

2 And day to day they tread seeking me, and they desire knowledge of my ways, as a people who did righteousness, and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me the judgment of righteousness; they delight in drawing near to God.

3 Why have we fasted, and you do not see? We looked down on our souls with harshness, and you do not know by seeing? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and you drive all your hired workmen.

4 Behold, you fast for controversy and debate and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast as you do this day to make your voice to be attentively heard on high.

5 This is a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to look down on his soul with harshness, to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, and on a day acceptable to Jehovah?

The fast that I have chosen; Jehovah's hand is not cut off that it cannot save **ISAIAH 59**

6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To open the fetters of wickedness, to shake off the bound yoke, and to let those crushed to pieces go free, and that you tear off every yoke?*

7 *Is it not to break off your food to the hungry, and that you bring those outcasts who are looked down on with harshness to your house, when you see the naked that you cover him, and that you do not hide yourself from your own flesh?*

8 Then your light shall open up as the dawn, and your health shall sprout promptly, and your righteousness shall walk before your face; the heavy glory of Jehovah shall gather you.

9 Then you shall call, and Jehovah shall answer; you shall cry for help, and he shall say, Here I am - if you take away from your midst the yoke, the sending out the finger to seize, and speaking vanity;

10 And if you furnish the soul of the hungry, and fill the soul of those looked down on with harshness with satisfaction, then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your darkness will be as the noonday;

11 And Jehovah shall guide you continually, and fill your soul to satisfaction in the desert, and equip your bones; and you shall be like a satiated garden, and like a going out of water whose waters shall not lie.¹¹

¹¹ 58:11 whose waters shall not lie, means waters that flow out as a stream that will not then disappear again into the ground. These waters will continue to flow. They will not disappear, but will fulfill their promise of sustained continued flow.

12 And they shall build as part of you the old desolate places; generation to generation you shall raise up the foundations, and you shall be called, The One Who Walls In The Break, The One Who Restores Paths To Dwell In.

13 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a luxury, the Holy of Jehovah, Heavy Honor; and shall heavily honor him, not doing your own ways, not finding your own pleasure, and not speaking your own words,

14 Then you shall luxuriate in Jehovah, and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, because the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

CHAPTER 59

1 Behold, Jehovah's hand is not cut off that it cannot save, and his ear is not heavy that it cannot attentively hear;

2 But your crookednesses are separating between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not attentively hear,

3 Because your palms are soiled with blood, and your fingers with crookedness; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue has muttered evil.

4 None calls for righteousness, and none judges for truth; they trust what lies in waste, and speak ruin, conceiving wearisome toil, and begetting vanity.

ISAIAH 59 *Their feet run to evil; no intercessor, and his outstretched arm brought salvation*

5 They hatch eggs of vipers, and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and that which is treaded on breaks out a viper.

6 Their webs shall not become garments, and they shall not cover themselves with their works; their works are works of vanity, and the act of violence is in their palms.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they flow like liquid to spill innocent blood; their devisings are devisings of vanity; ravaging and breaking *are* in their highways.

8 They do not know the way of peace, and there is no judgment in their tracks; they have made knotted paths; all who tread there shall not know peace.

9 Therefore judgment is widely distanced from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we bind ourselves in expectation for light, and behold darkness. for brightness, *and* we walk in darkness.

10 We grope like the blind for a wall, and there exist no eyes to those who grope; we totter weak legged at noonday as in the evening breeze, in fields of fatness, as dead.

11 We all roar like bears, and murmur, murmur like doves; we bind ourselves in expectation for judgment, and it does not exist, for salvation, *and* it is far distanced from us,

12 Because our transgressions are multiplied in front of you, and our sins answer against us because our transgressions are with us, and we know our

crookednesses,

13 In moral rebellion and lying against Jehovah, and retreating away from our God, speaking oppression and apostasy, conceiving and murmuring words of falsehood from the heart.

14 And judgment has retreated backward, and righteousness stands afar off, because truth totters weak legged in the street, and integrity is not able to enter.

15 There exists lack of truth, and he who turns away from evil gets himself plundered; and Jehovah saw it, and it was evil in his eyes because there existed no judgment.

16 And he saw that there existed no man, and was stunned that there existed no intercessor, and his outstretched arm brought salvation to him, and his righteousness took hold of him.

17 And he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and a helmet of salvation upon his head, and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was covered with jealousy as a robe.

18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will complete fury to his oppressors, treatment in kind to those hating him; he will complete treatment in kind to the habitable lands.

19 And they shall fear the name of Jehovah from the west, and his heavy glory from the rising of the sun. Because the oppressor shall come in like a flood the Spirit of Jehovah shall cause *us* to escape from him.

Rise! Shine, because your light has come; the future reign of Israel and the Messiah **ISAIAH 60**

20 And the Kinsman Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to them who turn from transgression in Jacob - An oracle of Jehovah.

21 And I - this is my covenant with them, says Jehovah; My Spirit who is upon you and my words which I have put in your mouth shall not be withdrawn out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says Jehovah, from this time and forever.

CHAPTER 60

1 Rise! Shine, because your light has come, and the heavy glory of Jehovah has risen upon you,

2 Because, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the communities, and Jehovah shall rise upon you, and his heavy glory shall be seen upon you.

3 And the peoples shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather themselves together; they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 Therefore you shall see and sparkle together, and your heart shall fear and be enlarged because the tumultuous multitude of the sea shall be converted to you; the resources of the peoples shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and they

shall announce good tidings of the praises of Jehovah.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify the house of my beauty.

8 Who are these who fly as a dark cloud and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the habitable lands shall be bound in expectation for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of Jehovah your God and to the Holy One of Israel because he has beautified you.

10 And the sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you because I struck you in my wrath, and I have had compassion on you in my delight.

11 Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night, that men may bring to you the resources of the peoples, and that their kings may be led away,

12 Because the people and kingdom that will not serve you shall be lost, and those peoples being parched into waste, shall be parched into waste.

13 The heavy glory of Lebanon shall come to you - the fir tree, the hardwood tree, and the cedar together - to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet heavy in glory.

ISAIAH 61 *The future reign of Israel and the Messiah; the first and second coming of the Messiah*

14 And the sons of them who looked down on you with harshness shall come sinking down to you, and all they who despised you shall prostrate themselves at the soles of your feet, and they shall call you, The City of Jehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel!

15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated so that no man crossed over *by you*, I will put you *to be* an eternal majesty, a delight generation to generation.

16 And you shall suck the milk of the peoples, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know by seeing that I Jehovah *am* your Savior and your Kinsman Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 In place of brass I will bring gold, and in place of iron I will bring silver, and in place of wood, brass, and in place of stones, iron; I will also put those who visit over you *to be* peace, and those who drive you *to be* righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be attentively heard in your land, devastation and breaking within your borders, and you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more your light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto you, and Jehovah shall be to you an everlasting light and your God your shining ornamentation.

20 Your sun shall no more go *down*; and your moon shall not withdraw itself because Jehovah shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be completed.

21 And all your people *shall be* righteous; they shall possess²¹ the earth forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may gleam.

22 The little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong people; I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time.

CHAPTER 61

1 The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me, because Jehovah has anointed me *with* a fresh fullness to announce good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to call out liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them who are bound, Luk 4:18-19

2 To call out the acceptable year of Jehovah, and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

3 To put for them who mourn in Zion *these things*: giving to them beauty in place of ashes, the oil of joy in place of mourning, the garment of praise in place of the spirit of weakness, and one calls them Strong in Righteousness, Planting of Jehovah, that he might gleam *in them*.

4 And they shall build the perpetual desolate places; they shall raise up the former stunned places, and they shall make new the cities cut down *with the sword*, the stunned places of generation to generation.

²¹ **60:21** possess, *yarash*, which always means to possess by removing the previous occupants.

5 And foreigners shall stand and shepherd your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your farmers and your vinedressers.

6 And you shall be called the Priests of Jehovah; men shall say to you, The Ministers of our God; you shall eat the resources of the peoples, and you shall change over their heavy glory to yourselves.

7 In place of your shame *shall be* a double *reversal*; and in place of disgrace, they shall shout in their allotment; therefore they shall possess the others in their land, occupying double; joy everlasting shall be to them,

8 Because I, Jehovah, love judgment; I hate robbery for burnt offering, and I will give their work in truth, and I will cut an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the peoples and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall recognize them, that they are the seed to whom Jehovah has knelt down with goodness.

10 Rejoicing, I will rejoice in Jehovah; my soul shall spin around in emotion in my God, because he has clothed me with the garments of liberty, for he has clothed me with the robe of righteousness, as one married officiates with priestly head-dress, and as a bride adorns herself with her ornaments,

11 Because as the earth brings forth her sprouted branch, and as the garden causes the seed sown in it to sprout, so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to sprout in front of all peoples.

CHAPTER 62

1 For Zion's sake I will not be quiet, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a consuming flame.

2 And the peoples shall see your righteousness, and all kings your heavy glory, and you shall be called a new name which the mouth of Jehovah shall puncture out.

3 You shall also be a crown of heavy glory in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

4 It shall no more be said of you, Forsaken, and it shall not be said any more of your land, Desolate, but you shall be called Hephzibah,^{4a} and your land, Beulah,^{4b} because Jehovah delights in you, and you *shall be* a lord to your land,

5 Because as a young man becomes lord of a virgin, I shall be lord of your sons, and as one married delights in the bride your God shall shine in cheerfulness over you.

6 Oh Jerusalem, I have visited those who hedge *you* about upon your walls; they shall never be quiet all days and all nights; you who remember Jehovah, there shall be no silence to you,

7 And do not give silence to him until he has set up, and until he has put Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

^{4a} 62:4 Hephzibah, Hebrew for My Delight.

^{4b} 62:4 Beulah, Hebrew for To me is a lord, a form of baal, meaning a husband, thus married and cared for.

ISAIAH 63 *The future reign of Israel and the Messiah; the day of vengeance and redemption*

8 Jehovah has sworn by his right hand, and by the outstretched arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for those who hate you, and the sons of the foreigners shall not drink your fresh pressed grape juice, for which you have gasped *in labor*;

9 But they who have gathered it shall eat it and boast in Jehovah, and they who have collected it shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 Cross through, cross through the gates; face about to the way of the people; mound up, mound up the highway; throw out the stones; lift up a flag for the peoples.

11 Behold, Jehovah has caused it to be attentively heard to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his payment on contract *is* with him and his work before his face.

12 And they shall call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of Jehovah, and you shall be called, Those *he* Treaded to Seek Out, A City Not Forsaken.

CHAPTER 63

1 Who is this who comes from Edom, in dazzling garments from Bozrah - this *one* swelled up in his apparel, pouring out in the abundance of his power? I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Why are you flushed red in your garment, and your clothing like him who treads in the winepress?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples there existed no man with me, and I will tread them in my *burning* nostrils and trample them in my hot anger, and their brilliant red liquid shall be sprinkled upon my clothing, and I will soil all my garments,

4 Because the day of vengeance *is* in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come.

5 And I looked intently, and none was surrounding with help, and I was stunned that there existed none to take hold; and my own outstretched arm brought salvation to me, and my hot anger, it took hold of me.

6 And I will trample down the peoples in my *burning* nostrils, and make them drunk in my hot anger, and I will bring down to the earth their brilliant red liquid.

7 I will remember the mercy of Jehovah and the praises of Jehovah according to all that Jehovah has dealt to us, and the abundant goodness toward the house of Israel which he has dealt to them according to his compassion and according to the abundance of his mercy.

8 And he said, Surely they *are* my people, children who will not cheat, and he was their Savior.

9 In all their distress *he was* oppressed, and the Messenger of his face saved them; in his love and in his sparing he redeemed them, and he lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

10 And they rebelled and fabricated designs against his Holy Spirit, and he was turned about to

God's future care will be like that in the days of Moses; a prayer for judgment on the wicked **ISAIAH 64**
be the one hating them; he devoured against them.

11 And he remembered the days of old - Moses - his people, *saying*, Where *is* he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who put within him his Holy Spirit?

12 Who walked them by the right hand of Moses with his gleaming outstretched arm, dividing the water before their face to make himself an everlasting name?

13 Who walked them through the deep as a horse in the desert that they should not totter weak legged?

14 As an animal goes down into the valley the Spirit of Jehovah caused him to rest; so you led your people to make yourself a gleaming name.

15 Look intently from the heavens, and see from the habitation of your holiness and of your gleaming beauty; where *is* your zeal and your might, the sounding of your insides and of your compassions toward me? Are they restrained?

16 Because you *are* our father, although Abraham did not know us, and Israel did not recognize us; Oh Jehovah, you *are* our father, our Kinsman Redeemer; your name *is* from everlasting.

17 Oh Jehovah, why have you caused us to wander from your ways, and caused our heart to have no feeling from your fear? Return the tribes of your inheritance for your servants' sake.

18 For a little while the people of your holiness have possessed it; our oppressors have trampled

down your sanctuary.

19 We are *yours*; you never ruled over them; they were not called by your name.

CHAPTER 64

1 Oh that you would rend the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might quake before your face,

2 As the crackling fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil over to make your name known to your oppressors, that the peoples may be agitated before your face!

3 When you did terrible things for which we did not bind ourselves in expectation; you came down; the mountains shook at your face.

4 And since ancient time they have not attentively heard, nor broadened the ear *to it*, neither has the eye seen, Oh God, except you, what he has made for him who adheres⁴ to him. 1 Cor 2:9

5 You impinge upon him who rejoices and does righteousness, those who remember you in your ways; behold, you have burst out in rage, and we have sinned; eternity *is* in those *your ways*, and we shall be saved.

6 And we are all as the unclean, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags, and we all wilt as a leaf; and our crookednesses have

⁴ **64:4 adheres**, *chakah*, to be carved into, to be entrenched, to be attached to Him by being pierced together with Him; to wait on Him because you are pierced together with Him and cannot move without Him. The New Covenant Greek interpretation of *chakah* is *agapao*, divine love, 1 Cor 2:9. See Psa 33:20; 106:13; Isa 8:17; 30:18; Dan 12:12; Hab 2:3; Eph 3:8.

ISAIAH 65 *A prayer for mercy on Jerusalem; their wickedness; they will be weighed out to the sword*
lifted us away like the wind.

7 And there exists none who calls upon your name, who wakes himself up to seize upon you, because you have hid your face from us, and have melted us down by the hand of our crookednesses.

8 And now, Oh Jehovah, you *are* our father; we are the clay, and you *are* our potter, and we are all the work of your hand.

9 Do not burst out in rage, Oh Jehovah, unto completeness, and do not remember *our* crookedness forever; behold, look intently, please, we are all your people.

10 Your holy cities are a desert, Zion is a desert, Jerusalem is a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers boasted in you is burned up with fire, and all our pleasant things are a desolation.

12 Will you refrain yourself for these things, Oh Jehovah? Will you be quiet and look down on us with harshness until we are finished totally?

CHAPTER 65

1 I am sought by them who did not inquire for me! I am found by them who did not seek me; I said, Behold me, behold me, to a people who was not called by my name. Rom 9:24-30; 10:20

2 I have spread out my hands all the day to a morally rebellious people who walk in a way *that was* not good, after their own devisings,

Rom 10:21

3 A people who provoke me continually to my face, who sacrifice in gardens, and burn perfumed incense upon brick,

4 Who remain among the graves, and lodge in guarded places, who eat swine's flesh and rotten soup in their vessels,

5 Who say, Stay where you are; do not approach near to me, because I am holier than you. These *are* a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

6 Behold, it is written before my face; I will not keep silent, but will complete it, even complete it into their bosom,

7 Your crookednesses and the crookednesses of your fathers together, says Jehovah, who have burned perfumed incense upon the mountains and reproached me upon the hills, and I will measure their former work into their bosom⁷

8 Thus says Jehovah, As the fresh grape juice is found in the cluster, and one says, Do not destroy it because a blessing is in it, so I will do for my servants' sake that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob and one out of Judah who will possess my mountains, and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall lodge there.

10 And Sharon^{10a} shall be a place of rest for flocks, and the valley of Achor^{10b} a place for the

⁷ 65:7 The last phrase means that God will measure it exactly to return it complete to their bosom exactly according to what they have done.

^{10a} 65:10 Sharon, level, right, prosperous.

^{10b} 65:10 Achor, trouble.

The former troubles are forgotten; the future reign of the Messiah on earth and in eternity **ISAIAH 65**

herds to lie down for my people who have treaded seeking me.

11 And you are they who forsake Jehovah, who forget my holy mountain, who arrange a table for the troop, and who fill the drink offering unto their fate.

12 And I will weigh you out to the sword, and you shall all bend down *your* knee to the slaughter, because I called and you did not answer; I spoke and you did not attentively hear and did evil before my eyes, and you chose that in which I did not delight.

13 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, my servants shall eat, and you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, and you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, and you shall pale in shame;

14 Behold, my servants shall shout for goodness of heart, and you shall scream for suffering of heart, and shall howl for brokenness of spirit.

15 And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen, and the Lord Jehovah shall kill you, and call his servants by another name;

16 He who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth, and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from my eyes.

17 Because, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered, and shall not rise up into *your* heart.

18 But be glad and spin around in emotion forever in that which I create, because behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a delight.

19 And I will spin around with emotion in Jerusalem and rejoice in my people, and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her nor the voice of screaming.

20 There shall not be there any more an infant of days, nor an old man who has not filled his days, because the youth shall die a son of an hundred years, and the sinner being a son of an hundred years shall be made light of.

21 And they shall build houses and dwell *in them*, and they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another dwell *in it*; they shall not plant and another eat, because as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my chosen shall consume the work of their hands.

23 They shall not be tired in vain nor bear *offspring* for trouble, because they *are* the seed of the blessed of Jehovah and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall be, they have not yet called and I will answer; they are yet speaking and I will attentively hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall be shepherded together, and the lion shall eat straw like the cow, and the serpent - dust *shall be* his food. They shall not break to pieces and shall not destroy in all my holy mountain, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 66

1 Thus says Jehovah, The heavens *are* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool; where *is* this house that you build to me? And where *is* the place of my rest?

2 And my hand has made all those *things*, and all those *things* are - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will intently look to this, to him who is looked down on with harshness, and who is struck in *his* spirit, and trembles in fear at my word.

3 He who slaughters a bullock *is as if* he struck a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he broke a dog's neck; he who offers up a food offering, *as if* he offered swine's blood; he who remembers frankincense, *as if* he blessed vanity. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their own filth.³

4 I also will choose to painfully glean them, and will bring their fears upon them, since I called, and none answered; I spoke, and they did not attentively hear, and they

³ 66:3 This verse describes Israel's condition in their rejection of a right heart attitude toward God before the Messiah came, and in their same rejection after the Messiah came. Their sacrifices and religious ceremonies were disgusting to God because they rejected Him in their hearts. Their sacrifices during the forty years they were allowed to continue their sacrifices after rejecting Jesus the Messiah until the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by the Romans in 69-70 AD, and their continued religious ceremonies without blood sacrifices, after the destruction of Jerusalem, 69-70 AD, because they hardened their hearts against Jesus, the Son of David, and persisted in their religious ceremonies. The next verse describes the judgments they have crossed through, and are still crossing through until they recognize Jesus as the Son of David and the Son of God, whose sacrificial blood cleanses from all sin.

did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I did not delight.

5 Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, you who fear at his word: Your brethren who hate you, who toss you out for my name's sake, have said, Let Jehovah be heavily glorified! But he shall appear in your joy, and they shall pale in shame.

6 A voice of uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! A voice of Jehovah completes treatment to those who hate him.

7 Before she twisted *in pain*, she gave birth; before her twisting *in pain* came, she caused a male child to escape forth.

8 Who has heard this? Who has seen these? Shall the earth twist *in pain* in one day? Or shall a people be born at one stroke? Because as soon as Zion twisted *in pain* she gave birth to her children.

9 Shall I burst open *the womb* and not cause to give birth? says Jehovah. Shall I cause to give birth and shut *the womb*? says your God.

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and spin around in emotion with her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her,

11 That you may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations, that you may suck out and luxuriate in the fullness of her heavy glory.

12 Because thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will spread out peace to her like a stream, and the heavy glory of the peoples like a flushing stream, and you shall suck; you shall be lifted upon her sides,

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and shall be fondled upon her knees.

13 As a man whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And you shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall grow like a tender sprout; and the hand of Jehovah shall be known toward his servants, and his rage toward his enemies,

15 Because, behold, Jehovah will come with fire and with his chariots like a snatching hurricane to return his nostrils with hot anger and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 Because Jehovah will pronounce sentence by fire and by his sword upon all flesh, and a multitude shall be polluted by Jehovah.

17 They who sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the filth, and the mouse, shall be snatched away together, says Jehovah.

18 And I shall cause their works and their devisings to come, and I will gather all peoples and tongues, and they shall come and see my heavy glory.

19 And I will put a sign among them, and I will send them who are refugees to the peoples: to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud [who draw the bow], to Tubal, and Javan, to the habitable lands afar off who have not attentively heard my fame and have not seen my heavy glory; and they shall cause my heavy glory to stand out boldly among the peoples.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren out of all peoples for an offering to Jehovah upon horses, and in chariots, and in palanquins, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Jehovah, as the children of Israel bring the offering in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah.

21 And also I will take of them for priests, for Levites, says Jehovah,

22 Because as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall stand before my face - An oracle of Jehovah - so your seed and your name shall stand.

23 And it shall be, from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath all flesh shall come to prostrate themselves before my face, says Jehovah.

24 And they shall go out and see the carcasses of the men who have broken away against me, because their voracious maggot shall not die, and their fire shall not be extinguished, and they shall be repulsive to all flesh.

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