

I saw visions of God, by the

river Chebar: Four living creatures

CHAPTER 1

1 And it was in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *new moon*, in the fifth *day* of the new moon, and I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar; the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth of the new moon - it *was* the fifth year of the captivity of king Jehoiachin -

3 The word of Jehovah being, was to Ezekiel,^{3^a} the priest, the son of Buzi,^{3^b} in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar, and the hand of Jehovah was upon him there.

4 And I saw, and behold, *the Spirit* like a hurricane came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire taking hold of itself, and *there was* a brightness all around it; and out of its midst *was* as an eye of polished brass, out of the midst of the fire.

Acts 2:2-3

5 And out of its midst *was* the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they *were* the likeness of a man.

6 And to each one *were* four faces, and to each one of them four wings.

7 And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the eye of polished brass.

^{3a} 1;3 Ezekiel, God will strengthen.

^{3b} 1;3 Buzi, Disrespect.

8 And *to them were* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides, and their faces and their wings *were* four.

9 Their wings were joined, one to another; they did not turn when they walked; they walked each man facing straight forward.

10 And the likeness of their faces *were* the face of a man and the face of a lion on the right side to the four of them; and the face of an ox on the left side to the four of them, and the face of an eagle to the four of them.

11 And their faces and their wings were separated from above; each man *was* twofold joined to a man, and two covering their bodies.¹¹

12 And a man walked facing toward the opposite; toward there where the Spirit walked, they walked; they did not turn when they walked.

13 And as to the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of flames; it¹³ walked between the living creatures; and the fire *was* bright, and lightning went out from the fire.

14 And the living creatures ran and turned back as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

¹¹ 1:11 The only place the word wing appears in this sentence is where you see it in *The Heritage Bible* text. Our wording and word order are exactly as the Hebrew. It is assumed that the two men were joined as one man by their wing tips, at the upper tip - certainly not by their faces - and the two other wings covered their bodies.

¹³ 1:13 it walked between the living creatures; it refers to the fire.

EZEKIEL 1 *The wheels, living creatures, firmament, the likeness of a man on the throne*

15 And I saw the living creatures, and behold one wheel *was* upon the earth by the side of the living creatures with his four faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work *were* like the eye of a topaz; and one likeness *was* to the four of them; and their appearance and their work *were* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they walked, they walked upon their four sides; they did not turn when they walked.

18 And their rings - they were both high and fearful - and their rings were full of eyes all around the four of them.

19 And when the living creatures walked, the wheels walked by their sides; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever there the Spirit was to walk, they walked; there the Spirit walked, and the wheels were lifted up by their side, because the Spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

21 When those walked, they walked, and when those stood, they stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them, because the Spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature spread out over their heads above was as the eye of the fearful crystal.

23 And under the firmament their wings *were* straight, one toward another; to each man *were* two with which they covered themselves, and to each man *were* two with which they covered their bodies.

24 And I attentively heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, as the voice of the Almighty; when they walked *there was* the sound of a tumultuous roar, as the sound of a host; when they stood, they slackened their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads. In their standing they slackened their wings.

26 And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the appearance of a sapphire stone, the likeness of a throne, and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above.

27 And I saw as the eye of polished brass, as the appearance of fire housing it all around; from the appearance of his loins and upward, and from the appearance of his loins and downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and *there was* to him a brightness all around. Acts 2:3

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, thus was the appearance of the brightness all around. He *was* the appearance of the likeness of the heavy glory of Jehovah. And I saw, and I fell upon my face, and I attentively heard a voice of speaking.

I send you to a rebellious people...you shall speak my words; he caused me to eat that roll **EZEKIEL 2-3**

CHAPTER 2

1 And he said to me, Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.

2 And the Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and stood me upon my feet, and I attentively heard him who spoke to me.

3 And he said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have broken away against me to the bone to this day.

4 And *they are* hard faced children and strong hearted. I send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah.

5 And they, whether they will attentively hear, or whether they will cease - because they *are* a bitter house - yet they shall know by seeing that there has been a prophet among them.

6 And you, son of man, do not fear them, and do not fear their words, because stinging thistles and thorns *are* with you, and you dwell among scorpions; do not fear their words, and do not break down at their faces because they *are* a bitter house.

7 And you shall speak my words to them whether they will attentively hear or whether they will cease because they are bitter.

8 And you, son of man, attentively hear what I speak to you; You do not be bitter like the bitter house; open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

9 And I saw, and behold, a hand *was* sent to me, and behold, a roll of a book *was* in it;

10 And he spread it out before my face, and it *was* written on its face and on its back side; and it was written there with dirges, and sighings, and lamentations.

CHAPTER 3

1 And he said to me, Son of man, eat what you find; eat this roll, and walk to speak to the house of Israel.

2 And I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your insides with this roll that I give you. And I ate, and it was in my mouth as the sweetness of honey.

4 And he said to me, Son of man, walk; go to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them,

5 Because you are not sent to a people of a deep lip and of a heavy tongue *but* to the house of Israel,

6 Not to many peoples of a deep lip and of a heavy tongue, whose words you do not intelligently hear. Surely, had I sent you to them they would have attentively heard you.

7 And the house of Israel will not attentively hear you because they will not breathe in agreement to attentively hear me, because to all the house of Israel *are* a strong forehead and a dense heart.

EZEKIEL 3 *The Spirit lifted me to the exiles at Telabib; I will search out his blood at your hand*

8 Behold, I have given your face *to be* strong along with their faces, and your forehead *to be* strong along with their foreheads.

9 As a diamond *is* stronger than flint, *thus* I have given your forehead; do not fear them, and do not break down at their faces, because they *are* a bitter house.

10 And he said to me, Son of man, take all my words that I speak to you in your heart, and hear attentively with your ears,

11 And walk; go to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, whether they will attentively hear, and whether they will cease.

12 And the Spirit lifted me up, and I attentively heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed *is* the heavy glory of Jehovah from his place.

13 I also attentively heard the sound of the wings of the living creatures who set in order one to another, and the sound of the wheels along side of them, and a sound of a great rushing.

14 And the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I walked in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.

15 And I came to the exiles at Telabib, who dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and dwelt there stunned among them seven days.

16 And it was at the end of seven days, and the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

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17 Son of man, I have given you to lean out and peer into the distance for the house of Israel, and attentively hear the word at my mouth, and shine to them from me.

18 When I say to the wicked, Dying, you shall die, and you do not enlighten him, and do not speak to enlighten the wicked *to turn* from his wicked way to save his life, he - the wicked - shall die in his crookedness, and I will search out his blood at your hand.

19 And you, because you enlighten the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, and from his wicked way, he shall die in his crookedness, and you have snatched out your soul.

20 And when *one* righteous turns back from his righteousness, and does evil, and I give a stumbling-block before his face, he shall die; because you did not enlighten him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered, and I will search out his blood at your hand.

21 And if you enlighten the *one* righteous, that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, living, he shall live, because he is enlightened, and you have snatched out your soul.

22 And the hand of Jehovah was there upon me, and he said to me, Rise up; go out into the plain, and I will speak with you there.

I will open your mouth; picture the siege; lie on one side, then the other **EZEKIEL 4**

23 And I rose up, and went out into the plain, and behold, the heavy glory of Jehovah stood there as the heavy glory which I saw by the river of Chebar, and I fell on my face.

24 And the Spirit entered into me, and stood me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself within your house.

25 And you, Oh son of man, behold, they shall give bonds upon you, and shall yoke you with them, and you shall not go out among them;

26 And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, and you shall be tonguetied, and shall not be to them a man who sets forth right because they are a bitter house.

27 And when I speak with you I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, He who attentively hears, let him attentively hear, and he who ceases *to hear*, let him cease because they are a bitter house.

CHAPTER 4

1 And you, son of man, take to yourself a brick, and give it before your face, and engrave upon it the city of Jerusalem;

2 And give a siege against it, and build against it a battering tower; and pour out against it a military mound, and give against it an encampment, and put battering rams all around against it.

3 And take to yourself an iron pan, and give it as a wall of iron between you and the city; and set up your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel.

4 And you, lie down upon your left side, and put the crookedness of the house of Israel upon it; the number of the days that you shall lie down upon it you shall bear their crookedness.

5 And I have given upon you the years of their crookedness according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days, and you shall bear the crookedness of the house of Israel.

6 And when you have ended them, lie down again on your right side, and you shall bear the crookedness of the house of Judah forty days, a day for a year; I have given you a day for a year.

7 And you shall set up your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your outstretched arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

8 And behold, I will give bonds upon you, and you shall not turn yourself from side to side, until you have ended the days of your siege.

9 And take to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and give them in one vessel, and make for yourself food, for the number of the days that you shall lie down upon your side; you shall eat it three hundred and ninety days.

EZEKIEL 5 *Israel shall eat profaned food among the peoples; allot the cut hair to the fire, sword, wind*

10 And your food that you shall eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day; you shall eat from time to time.

11 And you shall drink water by measure, the sixth of a hin; you shall drink from time to time.

12 And you shall eat it *as* barley cakes, and you shall bake it before their eyes with dung, excrement of man.

13 And Jehovah said, Thus the children of Israel shall eat their profaned food among the peoples there where I will drive them.

14 And I said, Ah Lord Jehovah! Behold, my soul has not been profaned, and I have not eaten a dead carcass and flock animals torn to pieces by animals from my youth until this time, and foul smelling flesh has not come into my mouth.

15 And he said to me, See, I have given you cow's dung in place of man's dung, and you shall make your food upon it.

16 And he said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the branch of food in Jerusalem, and they shall eat food by weight and with anxiety, and they shall drink water by measure and stunned,

17 So that they may lack food and water and be stunned, a man and *his* brother, and melt away for their crookedness.

CHAPTER 5

1 And you, son of man, take to yourself a sharp knife; take to yourself a barber's razor, and cause it to cross over upon your head and upon your beard, and take to yourself balances to weigh and allot *the hair*.

2 You shall burn a third with fire in the midst of the city when the days of the siege are fulfilled, and you shall take a third and strike all around with a sword, and a third you shall scatter in the wind, and I will pour out a sword after them.

3 And you shall take of it a few in number, and bind them in your skirts.

4 And take of them again, and throw them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; a fire shall come out from there into all the house of Israel.

5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, This *is* Jerusalem; I have put her in the midst of the peoples, and the lands are all around her.

6 And she has rebelled against my judgments in wickedness more than the peoples, and *against* my statutes more than the lands that *are* around her because they have despised my judgments and my statutes; they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you *are* an unruly crowd more than the peoples who are around you, you have not walked in my statutes, and you have not done my judgments, and you have not done according to the judgments of the

You have profaned my sanctuary with filthy things; you shall fall before your log idols **EZEKIEL 6**
peoples who are all around -

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I, even I, *am* against you, and will do judgments in your midst in the eyes of the peoples.

9 And I will do in you what I have not done, and I will not do the like any more because of all your morally disgusting things.

10 Therefore, the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst, and the sons shall eat their fathers, and I will do judgments in you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into all the winds.

11 Therefore, *as* I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - Surely, because you have profaned my sanctuary with all your disgusting filthy things, and with all your morally disgusting things, therefore I will also scrape you off, and I will not cover my eye, and I will not spare in pity.

12 A third of you shall die from pestilence, and they shall be ended from hunger in your midst, and a third shall fall all around you by the sword, and a third I will scatter into all the winds, and I will pour out a sword after them.

13 And my anger shall be ended, and I will cause my heat to rest to them, and I will be comforted, and they shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have spoken it in my jealousy when I have ended my heat to them.

14 And I will give you *to be* a desolate place, and a disgrace among the peoples who *are* around you, in the eyes of all who

cross by.

15 And it shall be a disgrace, and a taunt, and corrective discipline, and a stunned waste to the peoples who *are* around you when I shall do judgments to you with *my* nostrils, and in heat, and in hot rebukes - I, Jehovah, have spoken -

16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of hunger, which shall be for their destruction, which I will send to destroy you, and I will increase the hunger upon you, and will break your branch of food;

17 And I will send upon you hunger and evil living creatures, and they shall cause you to miscarry, and pestilence and blood shall cross over you, and I will bring the sword upon you - I, Jehovah, have spoken.

CHAPTER 6

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them,

3 And say, You mountains of Israel, attentively hear the word of the Lord Jehovah, Thus says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the channels, and to the gorges, Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will cause your high places to be lost.

4 And your altars shall be a stunned devastation, and your sun-pillars shall be broken, and I will cause your polluted to fall before the face of your log idols.

EZEKIEL 7 *The polluted shall fall in your midst, and you shall know by seeing that I am Jehovah*

5 And I will give the carcasses of the children of Israel before the face of their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars.

6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be parched, and the high places shall lie waste so that your altars may be parched and *you* may bear *your* guilt, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-pillars are cut down, and your works rubbed out.

7 And the polluted shall fall in your midst, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

8 And I will leave *some* that there may exist to you refugees from the sword among the peoples when you shall be scattered through the lands.

9 And those of you who escape shall remember me among the peoples there where they shall be transported captive, because I will break their whorish heart which has departed from me, and their eyes which go a whoring after their idols, and they shall loathe themselves before the face of the evils which they have done in all their morally disgusting things.

10 And they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, and that I have not spoken in vain that I would do this evil to them

11 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Strike with your palm, and pound the earth with your foot, and say, Alas for all the morally disgusting evils of the house of Israel for they shall fall by the

sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence.

12 He who is far off shall die of the pestilence, and he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who is left and is under guard shall die by the hunger, and I will end my heat on them.

13 And you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah when their polluted shall be among their log idols all around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the heads of the mountains, and at the bottom of every green tree, and at the bottom of every thick oak, the place there where they gave a pleasant odor to all their log idols.

14 And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and give the land *to be* a stunned devastation, and a stunned waste more than the desert toward Diblath, in all their dwellingplaces, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 7

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, thus says the Lord Jehovah to the soil of Israel, An end! The end has come upon the four extremities of the land.

3 Now the end *is* upon you, and I will send my nostrils upon you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will give all your morally disgusting things upon you.

The day has come full circle; The sword is outside, the pestilence and hunger within **EZEKIEL 7**

4 And my eye shall not cover for you, and I will not spare *you* in pity, but I will give your ways upon you, and your morally disgusting things shall be in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold an evil, one evil, has come.

6 An end has come! The end has come; it wakes up to you; behold, it has come.

7 The full circle has come about to you, Oh you who dwell in the land; the time has come, the day of uproarious confusion *is* near, and not the shouting of the mountains.

8 At this time I am near to pour out my heat upon you, and finish my *burning* nostrils upon you, and I will judge you according to your ways, and will give all your morally disgusting things upon you.

9 And I shall not cover my eye, and I will not spare in pity; I will give according to your ways upon you, and your morally disgusting things *are* in your midst; and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah who strikes.

10 Behold! The day! Behold, it has come; it has come about full circle; the branch has blossomed; arrogance has budded.

11 Violence has risen up into a branch of wickedness; *there exist* none of them, and none of their unruly crowd, and none of their riches, and no lamentation for them.

12 The time has come; it has touched the day; do not let the buyer rejoice, and do not let the seller mourn, because the burning anger is to all their unruly crowd,

13 Because the seller shall not turn back to that which is sold although alive, alive, because the vision *is* to the whole unruly crowd; they shall not turn back, and a man shall not strengthen himself in the crookedness of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet and set up everything; and there does not exist anyone to walk to the battle because my burning anger is toward all the unruly crowd.

15 The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the hunger within; whoever is in the field shall die with the sword, and whoever is in the city, hunger and pestilence shall devour him.

16 And they shall be delivered as refugees, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them making a moaning noise, every man for his crookedness.

17 All hands shall slack off, and all knees walk *weak* as water.

18 And they shall gird themselves with sackcloth, and quivering shall cover them, and shame *shall be* on all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be rejected; their silver and their gold shall not be able to snatch

EZEKIEL 8 *The day of the rage of Jehovah; he brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem*

them out in the day of the outburst of the rage of Jehovah; they shall not satisfy their souls and not fill their insides because it is the stumbling-block of their crookedness.

20 And the splendor of his trappings - he put it in majesty - and they made with it the images of their morally disgusting things, their filthy idols; therefore I have given it to them for filthiness.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for plunder, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil, and they shall profane it.

22 And I will turn my face from them, and they shall profane my hidden *place*, and those who destroy shall enter into it and profane it.

23 Make a chain because the land is full of bloody judgments and the city is full of violence.

24 And I will bring the most evil of the peoples, and they shall possess their houses; and I will make the majesty of the forceful to cease, and their holy places shall be profaned.

25 Destruction comes, and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

26 Calamity upon calamity shall come, and rumor shall be with rumor; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet, and the law shall be lost from the priest and counsel from the elders.

27 The king shall mourn, and the chief ruler shall be wrapped with stunned devastation, and the hands of the people of the land shall

tremble; I will do to them after their way, and I will judge them according to their verdicts, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 8

1 And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth *new moon*, in the fifth *day* of the new moon, as I sat down in my house, and the elders of Judah sat down before my face, and the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell upon me there.

2 And behold, and I saw a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward *was* fire, and from his loins and upward *was* as the appearance of brightness as the eye of polished brass.

3 And he sent out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of the hair of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that faces the north where the seat of the image of jealousy which provokes to jealousy *was*.

4 And behold, there *was* the heavy glory of the God of Israel, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 And he said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. And I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar *was* this image of jealousy in the entry.

The elders of Israel offer incense to idols in the dark; women weep for Tammuz **EZEKIEL 8**

6 And he said to me, Son of man, do you see what they do, great morally disgusting things that the house of Israel does here that I should widely distance myself from my sanctuary? And yet, turn back; you shall see greater morally disgusting things.

7 And he brought me to the door of the court, and I saw, behold, *there was* one hole in the wall.

8 And he said to me, Son of man, force a passage now in the wall; and I forced a passage in the wall, and behold, one door.

9 And he said to me, Go in, and see the morally disgusting evils that they do here.

10 And I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and filthy animals, and all the log idols of the house of Israel, carved upon the wall around *and* around.

11 And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah,¹¹ the son of Shaphan, standing in their midst, stood before their faces, and every man *with* his censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense ascended.

12 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the apartments of his carved images? Because they say, Jehovah does not see us; Je-

¹¹ **8:11 Jaazaniah**, Jehovah hears. This man is pointed out in this vision because of his name. In verse 12 their declaration is that Jehovah does not see, and has forsaken the earth, a direct contradiction to the name by which the man is called. In 11:1 we learn another man's name, Pelatiah, which means, Jehovah delivers. Both men had turned against the meaning of their own names.

hovah has forsaken the earth.

13 And he said to me, Turn back again; you shall see greater morally disgusting things that they do.

14 And he brought me to the door of the gate of Jehovah's house which *was* toward the north, and behold, there women sat weeping for Tammuz.¹⁴

15 And he said to me, Have you seen, Oh son of man? Yet turn back; you shall see greater morally disgusting things than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of Jehovah's house, and behold, at the door of the temple of Jehovah, between the threshold and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men, their backs toward the temple of Jehovah, and their faces toward the east; and they prostrated themselves toward the east to the sun.

17 And he said to me, Have you seen, Oh son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they do the morally disgusting things which they do here? Because they have filled the land with violence, and have turned back to

¹⁴ **8:14 Tammuz**, the name of a Phoenician god; Adonis to the Greeks. He was originally a Babylonian sun god, Damuzu, the husband of Istar [Aphrodite of the Greeks]. These gods were introduced into Syria very early in history under the names of Tammuz and Astarte, [in Greek the myth of Adonis and Aphrodite]. They are identical with the gods, Osiris and Isis in Egypt. The Babylonian myth represents Tammuz as a beautiful shepherd who was killed by a wild boar, the symbol of winter. The myth is that Istar mourned for him, and descended into the underworld, and delivered him from death, which brought on spring. This was an annual ceremony, and why the women were weeping. The name occurs this once in the Bible.

EZEKIEL 9 *The six visited over the city mark those who shriek against idolatry, strike the rest*
provoke me, and behold, they send out the twig to their nose.¹⁷

18 And I will also deal in heat; I shall not cover my eye, and I will not spare in pity; and they shall call out in my ears with a great voice, and I will not attentively hear them.

CHAPTER 9

1 And he called out in my ears a great voice, saying, Cause them who are visited over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which faces the north, and every man *with* a weapon to dash in pieces in his hand; and one man among them was wrapped in linen, with a writer's inkstand on his loins; and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the heavy glory of the God of Israel ascended from the cherub over where he was to the sill of the house. And he called to the man wrapped in linen, to whom *was* the writer's inkstand on his loins;

4 And Jehovah said to him, Cross over through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and mark out a mark upon the foreheads of the mortal men who sigh and who shriek against all the morally disgusting things that are done in its midst.

5 And he said to these in my ears, Cross over through the city after him and strike; do not cover your eye, and do not spare in pity.

6 Strike old and young, and virgins, and children, and women fatally with destruction; and do not come near to any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. And they began at the elder men who were before the face of the house.

7 And he said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the polluted; go out. And they went out and struck *fatally* in the city.

8 And it was, as they were striking them and I was left that I fell upon my face, and shrieked, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in your pouring out of your heat upon Jerusalem?

9 And he said to me, The crookedness of the house of Israel and Judah *is* great, exceeding, exceeding! And the land is full of blood, and the city full of distortion, because they say, Jehovah has forsaken the earth, and Jehovah does not see.

10 And also I will not cover my eye, and I will not spare in pity; I will give their way upon their head

11 And behold, the man clothed in linen, to whom *was* the inkstand on his loin, returned word, saying, I have done all that you have commanded me.

¹⁷ 8:17 Sending out the twig to their nose was some ceremony used in their worship of the sun, whose significance no one knows today.

CHAPTER 10

1 And I saw, and behold, toward the firmament that *was* above the head of the cherubs, there was seen above them the likeness of a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And he spoke to the man wrapped in linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, to the bottom of the cherub, and fill your fists with coals of fire from between the cherubs, and sprinkle *them* over the city. And he went in before my eyes.

3 And the cherubs stood on the right side of the house when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 And the heavy glory of Jehovah rose up over the cherub, above the sill of the house, and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Jehovah's heavy glory.

5 And the sound of the cherubs' wings was attentively heard as far as the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

6 And it was, when he had commanded the man wrapped in linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubs, that he went in and stood beside the wheels.

7 And a cherub sent out his hand from between the cherubs to the fire that *was* between the cherubs, and lifted *it*, and gave *it*

into the fists of him wrapped in linen; and he took *it* and went out.

8 And there was seen in the cherubs the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And I saw, and behold four wheels beside the cherubs, one wheel beside one cherub, and one wheel beside one cherub; and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the eye of a topaz stone.

10 And for appearances, one likeness *was* to the four *of them*, as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

11 When they walked, they walked toward their four sides; they did not turn as they walked, but to the place where the head faced they walked after it; they did not turn as they walked.

12 And their whole flesh, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels *were* full of eyes - all around their four wheels.

13 As for the wheels, it was called out in my ears, The wheel.

14 And four faces *were* to everyone; the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third, the face of a lion, and the fourth, the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubs rose up. He is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And when the cherubs walked, the wheels walked beside them, and when the cherubs lifted up their wings to rise over the earth, the wheels *rose* also; they did not turn from beside them.

EZEKIEL 11 *The cherubs/wheels; the heavy glory of Jehovah; 25 men at the east gate calculate vanity*

17 When they stood, the others stood; and when they rose up, the others rose up, because the Spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

18 And the heavy glory of Jehovah went out from off the sill of the house and stood over the cherubs.

19 And the cherubs lifted up their wings, and rose up from the earth before my eyes; when they went out, the wheels also were with them, and he stood at the door of the east gate of Jehovah's house; and the heavy glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

20 He is the living creature whom I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar, and I knew by seeing that they were the cherubs.

21 To the four *were* four faces - to each one, and four wings to each one; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the faces of them whom I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves; every man walked facing toward the opposite.

CHAPTER 11

1 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of Jehovah's house, the one facing eastward; and behold at the door of the gate *were* twenty-five men; and I saw among them Jaazaniah, the son of Azur, and Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, chief rulers of the people.

2 And he said to me, Son of man, these are the men who calculate vanity and advise evil counsel in this city,

3 The ones saying, *It is* not a time to build houses; *it is* the boiling pot, and we *are* the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them; prophesy, son of man.

5 And the Spirit of Jehovah fell upon me, and said to me, Say, Thus says Jehovah, Thus have you said, Oh house of Israel - and the thoughts rising into your spirit I know by seeing -

6 You have multiplied your polluted in this city, and you have filled its streets with the polluted.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Your polluted whom you have put in its midst, they *are* the flesh, and *it is* the boiling pot; and I will bring you out of its midst.

8 You have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword upon you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah -

9 And I will bring you out of its midst, and give you into the hands of strangers, and will do judgments among you.

I will gather you out of the lands, and I will give you the soil of Israel

EZEKIEL 11

10 You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

11 It shall not be your boiling pot, nor shall you be the flesh in its midst; I will judge you in the border of Israel;

12 And you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, because you have not walked in my enactments, and you have not done my judgments, and you have done after the judgments of the peoples who *are* around you.

13 And it was, that while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, died. And I fell upon my face, and shrieked with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

15 Son of man, your brothers, your brothers, the mortal men of your redeeming kinsmen, and all the house of Israel, the whole to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Distance yourself far from Jehovah; it is given to us *to be* the land for an inheritance.

16 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Although I have widely distanced them among the peoples, and although I have dashed them in pieces among the lands, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the lands there where they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, And I will grasp you by the hand out from the people, and gather you out of the lands there where you have been dashed to pieces, and I will give you the soil of Israel.

18 And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its disgustingly filthy things and all its morally disgusting things from there.

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will give a new spirit within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh,

20 So that they may walk in my statutes, and hedge about my judgments, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 And those whose heart walks after the heart of their disgustingly filthy things and their morally disgusting things, I will give their way upon their own heads - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

22 And the cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them, and the heavy glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

23 And the heavy glory of Jehovah ascended from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city.

24 And the Spirit took me up and brought me into Chaldea, to them of the captivity in a vision by the Spirit of God. And the vision that I had seen ascended from me.

EZEKIEL 12 *Ezekiel is commanded to act out being carried away as stripped captives*

25 And I spoke to them of the captivity all the words that Jehovah had caused me to see.

CHAPTER 12

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a bitter house, to whom *are* eyes to see, and they do not see; *there are* ears to them to attentively hear, and they do not attentively hear because they are a bitter house.

3 And you, son of man, make for yourself implements for being carried captive, and be taken away as a stripped captive by day before their eyes; and you shall be taken away as a stripped captive from your place to another place before their eyes; it may be they will see although they *are* a bitter house.

4 And you shall bring out your implements for captivity by day before their eyes, and you shall go out at dusk before their eyes as they who go out into captivity.

5 Force a passage through the wall before their eyes, and bring *your implements* out through it.

6 You shall bear *them* upon your shoulders before their eyes; bring them out in the twilight; you shall cover your face, and you shall not see the earth because I have given you *to be* a miracle to the house of Israel.

7 And I did so, what I was commanded; I brought out my implements as implements for captivity by day, and in the dusk I forced a passage for myself through the wall with my hand; I brought them out in the twilight, and I bore them upon my shoulder before their eyes.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to me in the dawn, saying,

9 Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the bitter house, said to you, What are you doing?

10 Say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, This burden *is* for the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel, them who *are* among them.

11 Say, I *am* your miracle; like what I have done, so it shall be done to them; they shall be carried away captive, walking into exile.

12 And the prince who is among them shall bear *his implements* upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go out; they shall force a passage through the wall to go out by it; he shall cover his face so that he does not see the earth with his eyes.

13 And I will spread out my net upon him, and he shall be captured in my net, and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans, and he shall not see it, and he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter all who are around him to help him and all his troops to every wind, and I will pour out the sword after them.

They shall eat their food with anxiety; whatever word I shall speak, and it will be done **EZEKIEL 13**

15 And they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall dash them to pieces among the peoples and scatter them in the lands.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the hunger, and from the pestilence so that they may tally up all their morally disgusting things among the peoples there where they come, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

17 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat your food with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with anxiety;

19 And say to the people of the soil, Thus says the Lord Jehovah of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, of the land of Israel, They shall eat their food with anxiety, and drink their water stunned so that her land may lie waste from its fullness because of the violence of all them who dwell there.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be parched, and the land shall be a stunned devastation, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

21 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

22 Son of man, what is that proverb of yours on the soil of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision is lost?

23 Therefore, say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will cause this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a

proverb in Israel, but speak to them, The days draw near and the word of every vision,

24 Because there shall not be any more ruinous vision and divination by magic scroll within the house of Israel,

25 Because I *am* Jehovah, I will speak whatever word I shall speak, and it will be done; it shall not be prolonged any more, because, Oh bitter house, I will speak the word, and will do it in your days - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

26 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, the house of Israel says, The vision at which he gazes *is* for many days *to come*, and he prophesies of the times far off.

28 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, All of my words shall not be long drawn out any more; I have spoken that word, and it shall be done - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 13

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy to the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to them who prophesy out of their own hearts, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah;

3 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the stupidly foolish prophets, who walk after their own spirit and have seen nothing!

EZEKIEL 13 *Your prophets have spoken lying divination; the plastered wall of false prophecy will fall*

4 Oh Israel, your prophets *are* like the jackals in a desolate place.

5 You have not gone up into the breaks, and have not walled around the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of Jehovah.

6 They have gazed at visions that cause ruin and lying divination, saying, An oracle of Jehovah, and Jehovah has not sent them, and they have not caused the word of hope *they spoke* to rise.

7 Have you not gazed at a vision that causes ruin, and have you not spoken a lying divination? And you say, An oracle of Jehovah, and I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have spoken what causes ruin, and gazed at a vision of falsehood, therefore, behold, I *am* against you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah -

9 And my hand shall be against the prophets whose gazing causes ruin and who seek to determine the future with falsehoods from magic; they shall not be in the assembled counsel of my people, and they shall not be written in the Writing⁹ of the house of Israel, and they shall not come on to the soil of Israel; and you

shall know by seeing that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

10 Because, even because they have caused my people to go astray, saying, Peace, and there was no peace; and one built a wall, and lo, others plastered it with plaster;

11 Say to them who plastered it with plaster that it shall fall; there shall be a flushing rain, and you, Oh hailstones, shall fall, and a hurricane wind shall rip *it* open.

12 And behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?

13 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, And I will rip it open with a hurricane wind in my heat, and there shall be a flushing rain from my nostrils, and great hailstones in my heat to end it.

14 And I will break down the wall that you have plastered with plaster, and lay my hand upon it to the earth, and its foundation shall be uncovered, and it shall fall, and you shall be finished in its midst; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

15 And I will finish my heat upon the wall, and upon them who have plastered it with plaster, and will say to you, There does not exist a wall, and they do not exist to plaster it;

16 The prophets of Israel prophesy to Jerusalem, and gaze at visions of peace for her, and there is no peace - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

⁹ 13:9 the Writing of the house of Israel. This phrase shows that the Holy Spirit inspired prophets were very conscious that they were speaking the Word of Jehovah that was being written into the Holy Scriptures, which comprised the Word of God, the Bible, from the days of Moses forward. It is called the Writing of Truth in Daniel 10:21.

Prophecy against those who prophecy out of their own hearts, log idols upon their heart **EZEKIEL 14**

17 And you, son of man, put your face against the daughters of your people, the ones prophesying out of their own heart, and prophesy against them,

18 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to those who sew pillows upon all joints of the hand, and make veils upon the head of every height to catch souls! Will you catch the souls of my people, and will you cause the living souls to live?

19 And will you profane me to my people for palmfuls of barley and for morsels of food to kill the souls who should not die, and to cause the souls to live who should not live by your lying to my people who attentively hear your lies?

20 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I am against your pillows, there where you catch the souls to cause them to fly, and I will tear them from your outstretched arms, and will send out the souls whom you have caught, the souls whom you cause to fly.

21 And I will tear off your veils, and snatch my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more caught in your hand, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

22 Because you have made the heart of the righteous heavy *with* lies - and I have not made *them* sore - and you strengthened the hands of the evil, causing him to fail to turn back from his evil way to cause him to live;

23 Therefore you shall not gaze at a ruinous vision, and shall not seek any more to determine the future with magic, and I will snatch my people out of your hand; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 14

1 And mortal men of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat down before my face.

2 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have caused their log idols to ascend upon their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their crookedness in front of their face. Being sought out, should I be sought out by them?

4 Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Man by man of the house of Israel who causes his log idols to ascend to his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness in front of his face, and comes to the prophet, I, Jehovah, will answer him who comes according to the abundance of his log idols,

5 So that I may seize the house of Israel in their own heart, because they turned away against me through their log idols, all of them.

6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Turn back, and turn back from your log idols, and turn back your faces from all your morally disgusting things.

EZEKIEL 14 *I will make false prophets a desolation; Noah, Daniel, nor Job could save the land*

7 Because man by man of the house of Israel, and of the stranger who lodges in Israel, who separates himself from following after me, and causes his log idols to ascend into his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness in front of his face, and comes to a prophet to tread seeking of him concerning me, I, Jehovah, will answer him by myself;

8 And I will give my face against that man, and will make him a stunned sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

9 And if the prophet is open *to deception* and he has spoken a word, I, Jehovah, have made that prophet open *to deception*, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will desolate him from the midst of my people, Israel.

10 And they shall bear their crookedness; as the crookedness of him who treaded seeking, so shall be the crookedness of the prophet,

11 So that the house of Israel may not go astray any more from after me, and not be profaned any more with all their transgression; and they shall be to me for a people, and I will be to them for God - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

12 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

13 Son of man, a land, when it sins against me treacherously covering its treachery, then I will stretch out my hand upon it, and

will break its branch of food, and will send hunger upon it, and will cut off from it man and animal;

14 And were these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job in it, they by their righteousness would snatch out their own souls - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

15 If I cause evil living creatures to cross through the land, and they cause it to miscarry, and it is a stunned devastation so that none may cross through before the face of the living creatures,

16 These three men *being* in its midst, *as I live* - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - then they shall not snatch out sons nor daughters; they alone shall be snatched out, and the land shall be a stunned devastation.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, cross through the land, and I will cut off from it man and animal,

18 And these three men *were* in its midst, *as I live* - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - they shall not snatch out sons nor daughters, but they alone shall be snatched out.

19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my heat upon it in blood to cut off from it man and animal,

20 And Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in its midst, *as I live* - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - they shall snatch out neither son nor daughter; they shall snatch out their own souls by their righteousness,

21 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, How much more *shall it be*, when the four of my evil judgments - and sword, and hunger, and evil living creature, and pestilence - I send to Jerusalem to cut off from it man and animal?

22 And behold, there shall be left a remnant that shall be brought out, sons and daughters; behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their exploits, and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem - all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you when you see their ways and their exploits, and you shall know that I have done all that I have done in it not without cost - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 15

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, What is the vine-tree more than any tree, a twig which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken from it to do any work? Or will men take a peg of it to hang upon it any vessel?

4 Behold, it is given into the fire to be devoured; its two ends are devoured in the fire, and its center is burned. Is it profitable for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it did no work; also when the fire has devoured it and it is

burned, then did it yet do work?

6 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, As the vine tree among the trees of the forest which I have given to the fire to be devoured, so I will give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will give my face against them; they shall go out from a fire, and the fire devours them; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah when I put my face against them.

8 And I will give the land *to be* a stunned devastation because they have covered up treachery - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 16

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know by seeing her morally disgusting things,

3 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah to Jerusalem, Your being dug out of, even your nativity, *is* of the land of Canaan; your father *was* an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

4 And for your nativity, in the day you were born, your umbilical cord was not cut, and you were not washed in water to cleanse you; and not being rubbed with salt, you were not rubbed with salt, and not being wrapped, you were not wrapped.

5 No eye will cover for you to do to you a one of these to spare you in pity, and you were thrown out on the face of the field to the abhorrence of your soul in

EZEKIEL 16 *Jehovah saved her as an abandoned baby and made her beautiful; she became a harlot*
the day that you were born.

6 And I crossed by you, and saw you trampled in your own blood; *While* in your blood I said to you, Live; and *while* in your blood I said to you, Live.

7 I have given to you to multiply as the sprouting branch of the field, and you have increased and become great, and you have come to excellent ornaments; *your* breasts are set up, and your hair is grown, and you were naked and bare.

8 And I crossed by you, and saw you, and behold, your time *was* the time of love, and I spread out my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness; and I swore to you, and came into a covenant with you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - and you became mine.

9 And I washed you with water, and I flushed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10 And I wrapped you with embroidery, and furnished you with sandals of badgers' skin, and I firmly wrapped you with white linen, and I covered you with silk.

11 And I caused you to be adorned with finery, and I gave bracelets upon your hands, and a collar upon your neck.

12 And I gave a nose ring upon your nostrils, and earrings upon your ears, and a ornamented crown upon your head.

13 And you were adorned with gold and silver; and your clothing *was* white linen, and silk, and embroidery; you ate flour, and honey, and oil, and you were

very exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered in a kingdom.

14 And your name went out among the peoples on account of your beauty, because it was complete through my magnificence which I had put upon you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

15 And you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your name, and spilled out your fornications on all who crossed by; his it was.

16 And you took of your garments, and did your high places with variegated colors, and played the harlot upon them - *what* had not come and had not been.

17 And you have taken your ornamented jewels of my gold and of my silver which I had given you, and made for yourself images of males, and did adultery with them,

18 And you took your embroidered garments, and covered them; and you gave my oil and my perfumed incense before their face.

19 And my food which I gave you, flour, and oil, and honey *that* I fed you, and you have given it before their face for a pleasant perfume, and it was so - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

20 And you have taken your sons and your daughters whom you have borne to me, and them you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Were* your whoredoms so small,

She sacrificed her own children and become a whore with Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea **EZEKIEL 16**

21 That you have sacrificed my children, and given them to cause them to cross through *the fire* for them?

22 And in all your morally disgusting things and your whoredoms you have not remembered the days of your youth when you were naked and bare you were trampled in your blood.

23 And it was after all your evil - woe, woe to you! - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah -

24 And you have built to yourself an arched place, and have made for yourself a high place in every street.

25 At every head of the way you have built your high place, and have caused your beauty to be detested, and have spread open your feet to everyone that crossed by, and multiplied your whoredoms.

26 And you have done whoredoms with the children of Egypt, your neighbors, great of flesh,²⁶ and have increased your whoredoms to provoke me.

27 And behold, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have scraped away your enactment, and given you to the soul of them who hate you, the daughters of the Palestinians who are reproached at the way of your *evil* scheme.

28 You have played the whore also with the children of Assyria; you were without satisfaction, and you have played the

harlot with them, and yet could not be satisfied.

29 And you have multiplied your whoredom to Chaldea in the land of Canaan, and also you were not filled to satisfaction.

30 How sick *is* your heart - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - that you do all these things, the work of a domineering whorish woman,

31 In that you build your arched place in the head of every way, and make your high place in every street, and have not been as an harlot; you ridicule payment;

32 The woman commits adultery; *she* takes strangers instead of her husband! Num 5:19, 20, 29.

33 They freely fling money to all whores, and you give your gifts for prostitution to all your lovers, and give to them that they may come to you from all around for your harlotry.

34 And for you it is the reverse from *other* women in your harlotry, and none *is* after you to commit whoredoms in that you give the price for prostitution, and no price for prostitution is given to you, and you are the reverse.

35 Therefore, Oh harlot, attentively hear the word of Jehovah:

36 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you spilled your waste metal and revealed your nakedness through your harlotry with your lovers, and with all the log idols of your morally disgust-

²⁶ **16:26 great of flesh**, meaning that the Egyptian religion and practice in society was very fleshly.

EZEKIEL 16 *I will gather all your lovers against you; I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot*
ing things, and by the blood of your children whom you gave to them,

37 Therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you have done business, and all whom you have loved with all whom you have hated, and I will gather them against you all around, and will uncover your nakedness to them, and they shall see all your nakedness.

38 And I will judge you as women who commit adultery and spill blood are judged, and I will give you blood of heat and jealousy.

39 And I will give you into their hand, and they shall pull down your arched place, and shall tear down your high places; and they shall strip you of your clothes, and shall take your ornamented jewelry, and deposit you naked and bare.

40 And they shall cause an assembly to go up against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and cut you in pieces with their swords.

41 And they shall burn your houses with fire, and do judgments upon you in the eyes of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot, and also you shall not give the price of prostitution any more.

42 And I will cause my heat toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will rest, and will not be provoked any more,

43 Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but caused me to be agitated in all these *things*; and behold, I will give your way upon your head - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - and you shall not do the *evil* scheme upon all your morally disgusting things.

44 Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, *As is the mother, so is her daughter.*

45 You *are* your mother's daughter who detests her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters who detest their husbands and their children; your mother *was* a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And your elder sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell upon your left hand, and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 And you have not walked after their ways, and have not done after their morally disgusting things; as if that were merely a little *thing*, you were corrupted more than they in all your ways.

48 *As I live* - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, what you have done, you and your daughters.

49 Behold, this was the crookedness of your sister Sodom, *assumed* majesty, fullness of food, and tranquil security of rest was in her and in her daughters, and she did not

Judah has sinned worse than Sodom and Samaria; I will raise my covenant with you **EZEKIEL 16**

strengthen the hand of those looked down on with harshness and poor.

50 And they soared up high, and did *the* morally disgusting things before my face, and I took them away as I saw *fit*.

51 And Samaria has not sinned half of your sins, and you have multiplied your morally disgusting things more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your morally disgusting things which you have done.

52 Also you bear your own disgrace, you who have vindicated your sisters; they are more righteous than you by your sins in which you have been more detestable than they, and also pale in shame and bear your disgrace in that you have justified your sisters.

53 And I shall turn back their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives in their midst,

54 That you may bear your disgrace, and may be reproached for all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.

55 And your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall turn back as before, and Samaria and her daughters shall turn back as before, and you and your daughters shall turn back as before.

56 And your sister, Sodom, was not announced by your mouth in the day of your *assumed* majesty,

57 Before your evil was uncovered as at the time of your disgrace of the daughters of Edom, and all around her, the daughters of the Palestinians, who despise you all around.

58 You have borne your *evil* scheme and your morally disgusting things - An oracle of Jehovah-

59 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, And I will do to you what you have done who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 And I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will cause an everlasting covenant to rise to you.

61 And you shall remember your ways, and be reproached, when you shall take your sisters, from your elder to your younger, and I will give them to you for daughters, and not by your covenant.

62 And I will raise my covenant with you, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah,

63 In order that you may remember and pale in shame, and it shall not be to you any more to open your mouth before the face of your disgrace when I have covered you for all that you have done - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

EZEKIEL 17 *The parable of the two eagles (Babylon and Egypt) and the branches (the royal seed)*

CHAPTER 17

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, tie the knot of a riddle, and use the figurative language of a parable toward the house of Israel,

3 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, A great eagle - great wings, long pinions, full of feathers, variegated colors to them - came to Lebanon, and took the topmost branch of the cedar;

4 He cropped off the head of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of Canaan; he put it in a city of traveling merchants.

5 And he took of the seed of the land and gave it in a field ready for seeding; he took it upon abundant waters; he put it as a willow tree.

6 And it sprouted up and became a spreading vine of low stature whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him; and it became a vine, and made separations, and sent out foliage.

7 And there was another great eagle - great wings and many feathers - and behold, this vine bent her roots upon him, and sent out her branches to him that he might water it by the beds of her planting.

8 It was transplanted in a good soil by many waters, that it might make branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a large vine.

9 Say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and lop off its fruit, and dry it up? All her fresh food that sprouts branches shall dry up, and not from a great outstretched arm, nor by many people shall it be lifted up by its roots.

10 And behold, *being* transplanted, shall it prosper? When the east wind touches it, drying up, shall it not dry up? It shall dry up, upon the beds *where* it sprouted branches.

11 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

12 Say now to the bitter house, Do you not know by seeing what these *are*? Say, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem, and has taken her king,¹² and her chief rulers, and led them with him to Babylon;

13 And has taken of the king's seed,¹³ and cut a covenant with him, and have brought an oath of him, and he has taken the strong of the land,

¹² 17:12 King Jehoichin taken to Babylon.

¹³ 17:13 the king's seed, Zedekiah, the uncle of Jehoichin. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, placed him upon the throne in Jerusalem as the ruler for Babylon. The first eagle in the parable is the King of Babylon, who has come and taken Jehoichin to Babylon, and made him and Judah a low vine, but still given him room to prosper transplanted by many waters. The other eagle is Egypt. Judah was fretting under the command to submit to the king of Babylon, and sent messengers to Egypt to bring help against the king of Babylon. Jehoichin (also called Jeconiah, 1 Chr 3:16-17, and Coniah, Jer 22:24), and Zedekiah were the last two kings of Judah before Jerusalem was burned to the ground by Nebuchadnezzar. Jehoichin reigned three months, and was captured and taken to Babylon. Nubuchadnezzar placed Zedekiah upon the throne of Judah, and he reigned 11 years. In the ninth year of his reign under great pressure from the Jews

King (Zedekiah) will die in Babylon; the topmost branch (the Messiah) **EZEKIEL 17**

14 That the kingdom might sink so that it might not be lifted up, that hedging about his covenant it might stand.

15 And he rebelled against him in sending out his messengers into Egypt that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape who does these? And shall he break the covenant, and escape?

16 As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - surely in the place of the king who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, he shall die with him in the midst of Babylon.

17 And with his great resources and abundant assembly Pharaoh shall not do for him in the war, to mound up military mounds, and to build battering towers, to cut off many souls;

18 And he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and lo, he gave his hand, and he has done all these - he shall not escape.

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, even I will give it upon his head.

of Judah and their surrounding neighbors, Edom, Moab, Ammon, and Phoenicia, Zedekiah revolted against Nebuchadnezzar, and Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem. During these two years of siege both Jeremiah in Jerusalem and Ezekiel in Babylon urged all Jews to submit to the providence of God and surrender to Nebuchadnezzar. In 586 BC the Babylonians broke through the wall of Jerusalem. Zedekiah fled, and the Babylonians caught him in the plains of Jerecho. They killed his sons before his eyes; then they put out his eyes, and led him away to Babylon. This entire message about the two eagles covers these events.

20 And I will spread out my net upon him, and he shall be captured in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will judge him there for his treachery that he has covered against me.

21 And all his refugees shall fall by the sword with all his troops, and those remaining shall be spread out to all winds; and you shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have spoken.

22 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will also take of the topmost branch²² of the high cedar, and will give *it*; I will strip off a tender one from the head of his sprouts, and will transplant it upon a high and eminent mountain;

23 I will transplant it in the mountain of the height of Israel; and it shall lift its limbs, and make fruit, and be a large cedar; and every little bird of every wing shall lodge under it; they shall dwell in the shade of its branches.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have brought down the high tree, I have exalted the low tree, I have dried up *the* green tree, and have caused *the* dry tree to flourish; I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done it.

²² **17:22** Verses 22-24 can refer to no other king except the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who will one day come to reign as the heir to the throne of David. The topmost branch is the same as a tender one. The high cedar is the family of David. The topmost branch which is also a tender one is the Messiah, the Lord Jesus.

EZEKIEL 18 *The fathers have eaten sour grapes, the children's teeth are set on edge; the soul who sins shall die*

CHAPTER 18

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Why do you use this proverb upon the soil of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - it shall not be to you any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine! They *are*! As the soul of the father so the soul of the son *is* mine; the soul himself who sins, he shall die.

5 And because a man is righteous and does what is lawful and right -

6 He has not eaten upon the mountains, and he has not lifted up his eyes to the log idols of the house of Israel, and he has not caused his neighbor's wife to be unclean, and has not come near to a menstruating woman,

7 And has not been violent to any man; he has turned back to the debtor his pawn, has not plucked off from any by robbery, has given his food to the hungry, and has covered the naked *with* a covering;

8 He who has not given out a loan on interest, and has not taken interest on percentage, has turned back his hand from evil, has done true judgment between man and man,

9 Has walked in my statutes, and has hedged about my judgments, to do truth - he *is* righteous; living, he shall live -

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An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

10 And if he should beget a son *who is* a violent tyrant, one who spills blood, and one who does the like of any one of these *things*,

11 And he does not do any of these, but also has eaten upon the mountains, and has made his neighbor's wife unclean,

12 He has treated violently those looked down on with harshness and *the* poor, has plucked off from *others* by robbery, has not turned back the pawn for a debt, and has lifted up his eyes to the log idols, having done morally disgusting things,

13 Has given upon interest, and has taken the percentage - shall he live? He shall not live; he has done all these morally disgusting things; dying, he shall die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 And lo, should he beget a son, and sees all his father's sins which he has done, and sees, and he does not do them -

15 He has not eaten upon the mountains, and he has not lifted up his eyes to the log idols of the house of Israel, he has not made his neighbor's wife unclean,

16 And has not been violent toward man; he has not tightly bound the pawn for debt, and has not plucked off from *any*; he has given his food to the hungry, and he has covered the naked with a covering,

17 He has turned back his hand from those looked down on with harshness, he has not taken

The son shall not bear the crookedness of the father, nor the father the sin of the son **EZEKIEL 18**

interest on debt and the percentage, he has done my judgments, he has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the crookedness of his father; living, he shall live.

18 His father, because he pressed for unjust gain, robbing his brother by violence, and did what is not good among his people, then lo, he shall die in his crookedness.

19 And you say, Why? Does not the son bear the crookedness of the father? Should the son do what is judged lawful and right, and has hedged about all my statutes, and has done them, living, he shall live.

20 The soul who sins, he shall die. The son shall not bear the crookedness of the father, and the father shall not bear the crookedness of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 And if the wicked will turn back from all his sins that he has done, and hedge about all my statutes, and do what is judged lawful and right, living, he shall live; he shall not die.

22 All his transgression that he has done, they shall not be remembered against him; he shall live in his righteousness that he has done.

23 Desiring, do I desire that the wicked should die? - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - that he should not turn back from his ways and live?

24 And should the righteous turn back from his righteousness, and do evil, as all the morally disgusting things that the wicked does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered in his treachery he has treacherously done, and in his sin that he has sinned - he shall die in them.

25 And you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Attentively hear now, Oh house of Israel; Is my way not equal? Are not your ways not equal?

26 Should one *who is* righteous turn back from his righteousness, and do evil, and dies in them for his evil that he has done, he shall die.

27 And, should the wicked turn back from his wickedness that he has done, and do what is judged lawful and right, he shall cause his soul to live.

28 And he sees, and turns back from all his transgression that he has done, living, he shall live; he shall not die.

29 And the house of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not equal. Oh house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways not equal?

30 Therefore, I will judge you, each man according to his ways, Oh house of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah. Turn back, and turn back from all your transgression, and crookedness shall not be a stumbling-block to you.

EZEKIEL 19-20 *The fall of David's line in the parables of the lions and the vine*

31 Throw away from you all your transgression, by which you have broken away, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit, for why will you die, Oh house of Israel?

32 Because I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - then, turn back, and live.

CHAPTER 19

1 And you lift up a dirge for the princes of Israel,

2 And say, What is your mother? She lay down a lioness; she nourished her cubs among lions, among young lions.

3 And she brought up one of her cubs; he became a young lion, and he learned to tear to pieces the fresh food, devouring men.

4 And the peoples attentively heard him; he was captured in their pit, and they brought him with a ring in his nose to the land of Egypt.

5 And she saw that *the cord of hope* for which she waited was lost, and she took one of her cubs, making him a young lion.

6 And he walked among the lions; he became a young lion, and learned to tear to pieces the fresh food, devouring men.

7 And he knew their widows, and he parched their cities; and the land was laid waste, and its fullness by the noise of his roaring.

8 And the peoples gave against him all around from the provinces, and spread out their

net over him; he was captured in their pit.

9 And they gave him in a cage with rings in his nose, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into nets so that his voice should no more be attentively heard upon the mountains of Israel.

10 Your mother *is* like a vine in your blood, transplanted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches from many waters.

11 And to her were strong branches for the scepters of them who ruled, and her height was exalted among the thick branches, and she saw in her loftiness the abundance of her branches.

12 And she was torn away in heat, she was thrown down to the earth, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong branches were broken and dried up; the fire consumed them.

13 And now she is transplanted in the desert, in a parched and thirsty land.

14 And fire has gone out of a rod of her branches; it has devoured her fruit, and there exists to her no strong branch *to be* a scepter to rule. It is a dirge, and shall be a dirge.

CHAPTER 20

1 And it was in the seventh year, in the fifth *new moon*, the tenth of the new moon, mortal men of the elders of Israel came to tread seeking Jehovah, and sat down before my face.

2 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Have you come to tread seeking me? As I live, I will not be sought out by you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

4 Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know by seeing the morally disgusting things of their fathers;

5 And say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, In the day I chose Israel, and lifted up my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and caused myself *to be* known to them in the land of Egypt, and I lifted up my hand to them, saying, *I am* Jehovah, your God -

6 In the day that I lifted up my hand to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land flowing milk and honey that I had been on the go to gain for them; *it is* the splendor of all lands -

7 Then I said to them, Every man throw away the disgusting filth of his eyes, and do not be unclean with the log idols of Egypt; *I am* Jehovah, your God.

8 And they were bitter against me, and did not breathe in agreement to attentively hear me; they did not throw away, every man, the disgusting filth of their eyes, and they did not forsake the log idols of Egypt; and I said, I will pour out my heat upon them to finish my *burning* nos-

trils against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 And I did for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the peoples, among whom they were, to whose eyes I made myself known in bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

10 And I caused them to go out from the land of Egypt, and brought them into the desert.

11 And I gave them my statutes, and caused them to know my judgments which a man does, and he lives by them.

12 And also I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that *I am* Jehovah who sanctifies them.

13 And the house of Israel became bitter against me in the desert; they did not walk in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which a man does, and he lives by them, and they greatly profaned my Sabbaths; and I said, Spill out my heat upon them in the desert to finish them.

14 And I did for my name's sake so that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the peoples, in whose eyes I brought them out.

15 And also I lifted up my hand to them in the desert, that I would not bring them into the land flowing milk and honey which I had given, which is the splendor of all lands,

16 Because they despised my judgments, and did not walk in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths, because their heart walked

EZEKIEL 20 *They despised my statutes, profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their log idols after their log idols.*

17 And my eye covered them from being destroyed, and I did not make an end of them in the desert.

18 And I said to their children in the desert, Do not walk in the enactment of your fathers, and do not hedge about their judgments, and make yourselves unclean with their log idols;

19 I am Jehovah, your God; walk in my statutes, and hedge about my judgments, and do them;

20 And sanctify my Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know by seeing that I am Jehovah, your God.

21 And the children became bitter against me; they did not walk in my statutes, and they did not hedge about my judgments to do them, which a man does, and he lives by them; they profaned my Sabbaths, and I said, Spill out my heat upon them to finish my *burning* nostrils against them in the desert.

22 And I turned back my hand, and did for my name's sake so that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the peoples, in whose eyes I brought them out.

23 Also I lifted up my hand to them in the desert, that I would dash them to pieces among the peoples, and toss them through the lands,

24 Because they did not do my judgments, and had despised my statutes, and had profaned my

Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' log idols.

25 And also I gave them enactments *that were* not good, and judgments by which they should not live;²⁵

26 And I made them unclean in their gifts, in that they crossed over through *the fire* all who open the womb, so that I might make them a stunned devastation, so that they might know by seeing that I am Jehovah.

27 Therefore, speak to the house of Israel, son of man, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Yet by this your fathers have cut me with words; they have treacherously covered up a covert treachery against me.

28 And I had brought them into the land which I lifted up my hand to give to them, and they saw every high hill and all the thick trees, and they slaughtered there their sacrifices, and they gave there the provocation of their offering, and they put there their pleasant perfume, and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 And I said to them, What is the high place then to which you go? And its name is called High Place to this day.

²⁵ **20:25** **The statutes not good, and judgments by which they should not live** are not the laws of God given to Moses, but the idolatrous practices God allowed them to take from the peoples of the world, because they refused to walk in His statutes and judgments. It is what God stated in 2 Thes 2:11, **And through this [their lack of love for the truth, verse 10] God shall dispatch to them an energized delusion so that they would have faith in a lie.**

I will not be sought out by you; I will judge you in the desert and bring you into covenant **EZEKIEL 20**

30 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, You have polluted yourselves in the way of your fathers, and you commit adultery after their disgusting filth?

31 And in lifting your gifts, in crossing your children through the fire, you pollute yourselves with all your log idols until this day, and shall I be sought out by you, Oh house of Israel? As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - I will not be sought out by you.

32 And that which comes up into your spirit, what you say, not being, shall not be - We will be as the peoples, as the families of the lands, to serve wood and stone.

33 As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - surely I will reign over you with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with heat spilled out;

34 And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the lands there where you are dashed to pieces, with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with heat spilled out.

35 And I will bring you into the desert of the peoples, and I will judge with you there face to face.

36 Like as I judged with your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, thus I will judge with you - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

37 And I will cause you to cross under the branch, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38 And I will purge out the rebels from among you and them who break away against me; I will bring them out of the land where they lodge, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

39 And you, Oh house of Israel, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Walk, every man, serve his log idols, and afterward, surely you will attentively listen to me, and you will not profane my holy name any more with your gifts and with your log idols.

40 Because in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - there all the house of Israel shall serve me, all of them in the land; there I will be satisfied with them, and there I will tread seeking your offerings, and the firstfruits of your raising of your hands in prayers with all your holy things. Heb 13:15

41 I will be satisfied with you with your pleasant perfume when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the lands there where you have been dashed to pieces, and I will be sanctified in you in the eyes of the peoples.

42 And you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall bring you into the soil of Israel, into the land for which I lifted up my hand to give to your fathers.

EZEKIEL 21

I will kindle a fire in the forest; Jehovah has drawn His sword

43 And you shall remember there your ways, and all your exploits in which you have been polluted, and you shall detest yourselves to your face for all your evils that you have done.

44 And you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I have done with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, and not according to your corrupt exploits, Oh house of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

45 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

46 Son of man, put your face toward the way of the south, and distill *my word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

47 And say to the forest of the south, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah; Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you and every dry tree; the flaming flame shall not be extinguished, and all faces from the Negev to the north shall be burned in it.

48 And all flesh shall see that I, Jehovah, have kindled it; it shall not be extinguished.

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

CHAPTER 21

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face toward Jerusalem, and distill *my word* toward the holy places, and
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prophesy to the soil of Israel,

3 And say to the soil of Israel, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I am against you, and will draw out my sword out of its scabbard, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.

4 Since I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore my sword shall go out of its scabbard against all flesh from the Negev to the north;

5 And all flesh shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have drawn out my sword out of its scabbard; it shall not turn back any more.

6 And you, son of man, sigh with the bursting pain of your loins and with bitterness, sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, that they will say to you, For what do you sigh? And you shall say, For the tidings, because it is coming, and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall slacken, and every spirit shall be weak, and all knees shall walk *weak* as water; behold, it is coming, and shall be - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says Jehovah; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also polished

10 For slaughtering; it is sharpened for slaughter; it is polished so that it will gleam; also the branch of my son rejoices; it despises every tree.

Jehovah's sword (Babylon) is made flashing, sharpened for the massacre

EZEKIEL 21

11 And he has given it to be polished that it may be manipulated by the palm; it is sharpened, *the sword*, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the one who strikes fatally.

12 Shriek and howl, son of man, because it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel; they shall be yielded up to the sword; it shall be upon my people; therefore slap your hand upon your thigh,

13 Because it is a trial, and what if also it despises the branch? It shall not be! - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

14 And you, son of man, prophesy, and strike palm to palm, and the sword shall be doubled threefold, the sword of the polluted; it *is* the sword of the polluted, the great *sword* which encloses them.

15 I have given the brandishing of the sword so that their heart may melt, and their stumbling blocks may be multiplied against all their gates. Ah! It is made flashing, sharpened for the massacre.

16 Unite!¹⁶ The right hand! Put *out* the left hand! Wherever your face *is* appointed to meet.

17 And also I will strike my palm to palm, and I will cause my heat to rest; I, Jehovah, have spoken.

18 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

19 And you, son of man, put two ways for yourself that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they both shall come out from one land; and create a *hand-sign*; create it at the head of the way to the city.

20 Put a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified,

21 Because the king of Babylon stood at the mother of the way, at the head of the two ways, to seek to determine the future with magic; he made his arrows light; he consulted family healing images; he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the seeking to determine the future by magic for Jerusalem, to put battering rams, to open the mouth in the crushing murder-cry, to lift up the voice with an acclamation, to put battering rams against the gates, to mound up a military mound, and to build a battering tower.

23 And it shall be to them as in their eyes a desolating attempt to determine the future by magic, to them who have sworn oaths, and he will remember the crookedness that they may be captured.

24 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have made remembrance of your crookedness in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that your sins are seen in all your exploits, because you have been remembered you shall be captured with the palm.

¹⁶ 21:16 These words are addressed to the one handling the sword.

EZEKIEL 22 *Jehovah's sword (Babylon) is polished for the slaughter because the city is guilty of blood*

25 And you, Oh polluted wicked prince of Israel, for whom his day has come in the time of crookedness at its end,

26 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Take off the official turban, and raise the crown; this *shall not be as this was*; exalt the low, and put down the exalted.

27 Overthrown, overthrown; I put it overthrown! Also this shall not be until he comes, he to whom *is* the pronounced judgment, and I will give it *to him*.

28 And you, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah to the children of Ammon, and to their disgrace, and say, The sword, the sword is open for the slaughter; *it is* polished to devour so that it flashes;

29 While they gaze at visions for you that bring ruin, while they seek to determine the future for you with a lie from magic, to give you upon the necks of the wicked *who are* polluted, whose day has come in the time crookedness *is* at its end.

30 Shall I cause it to turn back to its scabbard? I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land from which you were mined;

31 And I will pour out my rage upon you; I will blow against you in the fire of my outburst, and give you into the hand of consuming men, fabricators of destruction.

32 You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall not be re-

membered, because I, Jehovah, have spoken.

CHAPTER 22

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? And you shall cause her to know by seeing all her morally disgusting things.

3 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, The city is one which spills blood in its midst, that her time may come, and has made log idols against herself to be polluted.

4 You have become guilty by your blood that you have spilled, and you are polluted by your log idols which you have made, and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come to your years; therefore I have given you *to be* a disgrace to the peoples and a ridicule to all lands.

5 Those near and those far from you shall ridicule you, *saying*, Polluted in name, abundant in confusion.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every man, were in you, with their outstretched arm in order to spill blood.⁶

7 Father and mother are made light of in you; they have done oppression to the stranger in your midst; they have treated the fatherless and the widow in you violently.

⁶ 22:6 the princes of Israel, every man, were in you, with their outstretched arm in order to spill blood as though that were the only reason for their existence!

They are guilty of many sins (all listed), and have become refuse

EZEKIEL 22

8 You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my Sabbaths.

9 Mortal men are in you as scandal-mongers in order to spill blood, and they eat upon the mountains among you; they make *evil* schemes in your midst.

10 The nakedness of a father has been uncovered in you; they have looked down with harshness on her who was set apart for uncleanness among you.

11 And a man has done morally disgusting things with his neighbor's wife, and a man has done an unclean scheme to his daughter in law; and a man has looked down on his sister, his father's daughter, with harshness, among you.

12 They have taken gifts in you to spill blood; you have taken interest on debt and a percentage, and you have plundered your neighbors by fraud, and you have forgotten me - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

13 And behold, I have struck my palm at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst.

14 Can your heart stand, or can your hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with you? I, Jehovah, have spoken, and will do *it*.

15 And I will dash you to pieces among the peoples, and disperse you in the lands, and will complete your filthiness out of you.

16 And you shall profane yourself in the eyes of the peoples, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

17 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel has become refuse to me; they all are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead in the midst of the furnace; they are the refuse of silver.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have all become refuse, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin into the midst of the furnace to blow the fire upon it, to pour it out, thus I will gather you by my nostrils and in my heat, and I will deposit *you* and pour you out.

21 And I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my outburst, and you shall be poured out in its midst.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you shall be poured out in its midst, and you shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have poured out my heat upon you.

23 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

24 Son of man, say to her, You *are* the land that is not pure; it is not rained upon in the day of *my* rage.

25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst; they have devoured souls like a roaring lion tearing the fresh food to

EZEKIEL 23 *Prophets, priests, rulers, people have been violent against the law; the two harlots*
pieces; they have taken the wealth and things heavy in honor; they have increased her widows in her midst.

26 Her priests have been violent against my law and have profaned my holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and profane; they have not known between the unclean and the pure, and have veiled their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her chief rulers *are* like wolves tearing to pieces the fresh food in her midst to spill blood, to cause souls to be lost, to plunder for dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets have plastered them with plaster, gazing at ruinous visions, and seeking to determine the future for them by magic with lies, saying, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, and Jehovah has not spoken.

29 The people of the land have oppressed with oppression, and plucked off from *him* by robbery, and have violently raged against him who is looked down on with harshness and poor, and they have oppressed the stranger without judgment.

30 And I searched among them for a man who would erect the wall, and stand in the gap before my face for the land so that I would not destroy it, and I found none.

31 And I have poured out my rage upon them; I have finished them with the fire of my wrath; I have given their own way

upon their heads - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 23

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother,

3 And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth; there their breasts were immodestly pressed, and there they did the breasts of their virginity.

4 And their names *were* Aholah,^{4a} the elder, and Aholibah,^{4b} her sister, and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Samaria *is* Aholah, and Jerusalem *is* Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot as mine, and she breathed lustfully after her lovers, toward the Assyrians near *her*,

6 *Who were* clothed with violet, mayors and governors, desirable youth, all of them, chariot drivers riding upon horses.

7 And she gave her harlotry upon them, chosen children of Assyria, and she made herself unclean with all of them after whom she lustfully breathed with all their log idols.

8 And she did not forsake her harlotry from Egypt, because they lay down with her in her

^{4a} 23:4 **Aholah**, Her Tent, a symbolical name for Samaria, Northern Israel, meaning that Northern Israel went away from God's tent to Her own Tent.

^{4b} 23:4 **Aholibah**, My Tent Is In Her, a symbolical name for Judah, because God's tent was still in Jerusalem.

youth, and they did the breasts of her virginity, and spilled their harlotry upon her.

9 Therefore I have given her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the children of Assyria after whom she lustfully breathed.

10 They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and struck her fatally with the sword, and she became a name among women, and they did judgment to her.

11 And her sister Aholibah saw, and she was more corrupt in her lustful breathing than she, and in her harlotry *more* than her sister in her adulteries.

12 She lustfully breathed toward the children of Assyria, mayors and governors of neighbors clothed gorgeously, chariot drivers riding upon horses, desirable youth, all of them.

13 And I saw that she was unclean; one way *was* to both of them;

14 And she increased her harlotry; and when she saw men carved upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans engraved with red pigment,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, extensive dyed attire upon their heads, appearing as third rulers, all of them, resembling the children of Babylon of Chaldea, the land of their nativity,

16 And she breathed lustfully after them as soon as she viewed them with her eyes, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.

17 And the children of Babylon came to her into the bed of boiling love, and they made her unclean with their harlotry, and she was made unclean with them, and her soul was alienated from them.

18 And she revealed her harlotry, and revealed her nakedness; and my soul was alienated from her, like that my soul felt aversion against her sister.

19 And she multiplied her harlotry, in remembering the days of her youth, in which she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 And she breathed lustfully upon their lovers, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of male donkeys, and whose semen *is like* the semen of horses.

21 Thus you visited the *evil* scheme of your youth, in allowing the Egyptians to do your breasts because of your youthful breasts.

22 Therefore, Oh Aholibah, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will wake up your lovers against you, them for whom your soul feels aversion, and I will bring them against you all around;

23 The children of Babylon, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod,^{2 3a} and Shoa, and Koa, and all the

^{2 3a} **23:23 Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa**, all are symbolic names for Babylon. Pekod, from *paqad*, to visit, meaning that Babylon will visit Jerusalem. *Shoa* means rich, opulent, liberal; and *Koa* means cut off. Babylon is rich, and will cut off Jerusalem. As many prophecies, these names have a double meaning. Though Babylon is rich, later she will be visited by God, and cut off by Him. This happened in 536 BC by Cyrus and the Medes and the Persians, and will happen in the end time when she will be visited with judgment as described in Revelation.

EZEKIEL 23 *Chaldeans with the Assyrians shall come against you with weapons of war*

children of Assyria with them, desirable youth, all of them, mayors and governors, all of them third rulers and called out,^{2 3b} riding upon horses.

24 And they shall come against you with weapons of war, vehicles and wheels and with an assembly of people, large shield, and small shield, and helmet which they shall put against you all around; and I will give judgment before their face, and they shall judge you according to their judgments.

25 And I will give my jealousy against you, and they shall deal heatedly with you; they shall take away your nose and your ears; and the last *one* of you shall fall by the sword; they shall take away your sons and your daughters; and the last *one* shall be devoured by the fire.

26 And they shall strip you out of your clothes, and take away your precious valuables.

27 And I will make your *evil* scheme to cease from you, and your adultery from the land of Egypt, and you shall not lift up your eyes to them, and you will not remember Egypt any more,

28 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will give you into the hand of them whom you hate, into the hand of them toward whom your soul feels aversion;

^{23b} 23:23 called out, *qara*, to call out. This is the same procedure ordered by King Ahasuerus be done by Haman to Mordecai in Esther 6:11. Haman was to cause Mordecai to ride on the king's horse in the king's garments, and Haman was to walk in front of the horse calling out, announcing Mordecai as the one the king desired to honor.

29 And they shall deal with you in hate, and shall take away all for which you have worked, and shall leave you naked and bare, and the nakedness of your adultery shall be revealed, both your *evil* scheme and your harlotry.

30 I will do these *things* to you, because you have gone whoring after the peoples, and because you have made yourself unclean with their log idols.

31 You have walked in the way of your sister, and I will give her cup into your hand.

32 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, You shall drink of your sister's cup, deep and broad around; you shall be laughed to scorn and mocked; it contains an abundance.

33 You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of stunned devastation and ruin, the cup of your sister Samaria.

34 And you shall drink it and suck it dry, and you shall crush *the cup's* shell, and tear off your own breasts, because I have spoken - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

35 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have forgotten me, and thrown me behind your back, then also you shall bear your *evil* scheme and your harlotry.

36 And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah, and cause their morally disgusting things to stand out boldly to them?

Aholah and Abolibah, the two harlots, judged; I will give them to be plundered **EZEKIEL 23**

37 Because they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands, and they have committed adultery with their log idols, and also, they have caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to cross over to them for food.³⁷

38 Still, they have done this to me; they have made my sanctuary unclean in that day, and have profaned my Sabbaths.

39 And they had slaughtered their children to their log idols, and they came into my sanctuary that *same* day to profane it, and lo, thus they have done in the midst of my house.

40 And also, that you have sent for men to come from far, to whom a messenger was sent, and lo, they came, for whom you washed, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with finery,

41 And sat down upon a stately bed, and a table arranged before its face, and you put my incense and my oil upon it.

42 And a voice of a multitude at peace *was* with her, and Sabeans were brought from the desert with

³⁷ **23:37 they have caused to cross over to them for food.** There is a difference of opinion among commentators whether the causing of their sons and daughters to **cross over** is a crossing over through the fire in worship of Moloch, or they have caused their children to cross over and become their food. Both horrible things happened. They did cremate their children in the fire to the god Moloch, and they did actually cook and eat their own children in the Babylonian siege. The word **fire** is not in the verse. but neither is the word **fire** in Ezk 16:21 and 20:26, where it is clear that sacrificing their children in the fires to Moloch is meant. But here in this verse, 23:37, the phrase for food appears, which, I believe, makes it clear, that like they caused their children to be food for Moloch by cremating them to that god, now in judgment, their children will become their food.

the men, abundant men, who gave bracelets upon their hands and ornamented crowns upon their heads.

43 And I said to her who was worn out in adulteries, Now will they commit adulterous harlotry, and *will* she?

44 And they went in to her as they go in to a woman who plays the harlot; thus they went in to Aholah and to Abolibah, the *evil* scheming women.

45 And as righteous men they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of her who spills blood, because they are adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands,

46 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will bring up an assembly upon them, and will give them to be agitated in fear and plundered.

47 And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and cut them down with their swords; they shall strike their sons and their daughters fatally, and burn their houses with fire.

48 And I will cause *their* evil plan to cease out of the land, and all women⁴⁸ shall be chastised, and not do after your *evil* schemes.

49 And they shall give your *evil* schemes upon you, and you shall bear the sins of your log idols; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

⁴⁸ **23:48 all women** in this verse refers to all ethnic groups as females, but includes both individual men and women, meaning all peoples of the world. Sometimes the people of Israel are described as a son, and sometimes as a daughter. In each case the designation means the entire people of both males and females.

EZEKIEL 24 *The king of Babylon takes hold of Jerusalem this day; Woe to the bloody city!*

CHAPTER 24

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me in the ninth year, in the tenth new moon, in the tenth *day* of the new moon, saying,

2 Son of man, write the name of the day, of this selfsame day; the king of Babylon takes hold of Jerusalem this selfsame day.

3 And use the figurative language of a parable to the bitter house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Set on a boiling pot; set it on, and also pour water into it;

4 Gather its pieces into it, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder; fill it with choice bones.

5 Take of the choice flock, and also pile the bones under it; boiling, make it boil; also let them boil its bones in its midst.

6 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose sickness is in it, and whose sickness has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; do not let a lot fall upon it,⁶

7 Because her blood is in her midst; she put it upon a shining lofty rock; she did not spill it upon the ground to cover it with dust;

8 That it might cause heat to come up to avenge with vengeance; I have given her blood upon the shining lofty rock, that it should not be covered.

⁶ 24:6 do not let a lot fall upon it. The meaning is, that everyone will be in the boiling pot of Jerusalem. They will all be brought out captured, piece by piece, that is, soul by soul. Not one will be allotted the fortune of escaping the capture.

9 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the bloody city! Also I will make the pile great for the fuel pile.

10 Increase the wood; set the flame of fire; complete the flesh, and season it with spices, and let the bones melt down.

11 And stand it upon its coals empty that its brass may be hot and may melt, and that its uncleanness may be poured out in it, that its sickness may be completed.

12 She has become weary with toilsome labor, and her great sickness did not go out of her; her sickness shall be in the fire.

13 The *evil* scheme *is* in your uncleanness; since I have purified you, and you were not purified, you shall not be purified from your uncleanness any more until I have caused my heat to rest in you.

14 I, Jehovah, have spoken; it shall come, and I will do *it*; I will not let *it* be stripped away, and I will not cover *it*, and I will not comfort myself; they shall judge you according to your ways, and according to your exploits - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

15 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take from you the delight of your eyes with a pestilence, and you shall not mourn and not weep, and you shall not let your tears come.

Ezekiel's wife dies and he is not allowed to mourn; I will profane my sanctuary **EZEKIEL 25**

17 Let shrieking be still; do not make a mourning for the dead; bind firmly the fancy head-dress upon yourself, and put your sandals on your feet, and do not cover your beard, and do not eat the food of men.¹⁷

18 And I spoke to the people in the dawn, and at dusk my wife died, and I did in the dawn what I was commanded.

19 And the people said to me, Will you not cause to stand out boldly what these *things mean* to us that you do?

20 And I said to them, The word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

21 Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the majesty of your strength, the delight of your eyes, and that which delights your soul, and your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And you shall do what I have done; you shall not cover *your* beard, and you shall not eat food of men.

23 And your fancy head-dress *shall be* upon your heads, and your sandals upon your feet, you shall not mourn and not weep, and you shall vanish away for your crookednesses, and a man shall moan to a brother.

24 And Ezekiel is to you a miracle; according to all that he has done, you shall do; when this comes, you shall know by seeing

that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

25 And you, son of man, *shall it not be* in the day I take from them their strength, the delight of their ornament, the delight of their eyes, and the burden of their souls, their sons and their daughters,

26 *That* in the day he shall come to you, he who is a refugee, to cause you to attentively hear it with your ears?

27 In that day your mouth shall be opened to the refugee, and you shall speak, and not be tongue-tied any more, and you shall be a miracle to them; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 25

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them;

3 And say to Ammon, Attentively hear the word of the Lord Jehovah; Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you said, Aha, against my sanctuary, because it was profaned, and against the soil of Israel, because it was a stunned devastation, and against the house of Judah, because they walked into captivity;

4 Therefore, behold, I will give you to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set down their walled fortresses in you, and give their residences in you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

¹⁷ **24:17 the food of men**, the type of distasteful food men customarily eat when mourning for the dead.

EZEKIEL 25 *Ammon given to the children of the east; Moab' Seir, Palestinians, Crete judged*

5 And I will give Rabbah to be a home for camels, and the children of Ammon a fold for flocks; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah;

6 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you clapped *your* hands, and stomped with *your* feet, and rejoiced with all contempt in your heart against the land of Israel,

7 Therefore, behold, I will stretch out my hand upon you, and will give you for plunder to the peoples; and I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to be lost out of the lands; I will make you desolate; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

8 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like all the peoples,

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities on his frontiers, the splendor of the land, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 To the children of the east with Ammon, and will give them in possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the peoples.

11 And I will do judgments upon Moab, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

12 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because that Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by

avenging with vengeance, and is guilty with guilt, and avenged himself upon them,

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and animal from him, and I will give him to be a desolation from Teman, and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will give my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people, Israel, and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my *burning* nostrils; and they shall know by seeing my vengeance - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

15 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because the Palestinians have dealt by revenge, and have avenged by vengeance with a spiteful soul, to destroy it for the old hostility,

16 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Palestinians, and I will cut off the Cherethims,¹⁶ and cause the remnant of the coves of the sea to be lost.

17 And I will do to them great vengeance with hot rebukes, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah when I shall give my vengeance upon them.

¹⁶ **25:16 Cherethims** is both a proper name referring to those who came from Crete, and also is a noun from the verb, to cut. In the Hebrew it is, **I will cut off Those Who Cut Off**, and refers specifically to those who came from Crete whose name means Those Who Cut Off. The Palestinians are supposed to have originated from Crete. This would be further evidenced by reference to the coves of the sea.

CHAPTER 26

1 And it was in the eleventh year, in the first of the new moon, that the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, because that Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken, the gates of the people, she has turned around to me; I shall be filled; she is a parched waste.

3 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I am against you, Oh Tyre, and I, causing to rise, will cause many peoples to rise up against you as the sea causes its waves to rise up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and pull down her towers, and I will sweep away her dust from her, and give her *to be* like the glaring lofty rock.

5 It shall be for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, because I have spoken - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - and it shall become plunder to the peoples.

6 And her daughters who *are* in the field shall be struck fatally by the sword, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

7 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will bring upon Tyre, Nebuchad-nezzar, king of Babylon, from the north, a king of kings, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and assemblies, and many people.

8 He shall strike your daughters fatally in the field with the sword, and he shall give a battering tower against you, and mound up a military mound against you, and raise up the shield against you.

9 And he shall give the stroke of the battering rams against your walls, and he shall tear down your towers with his cutting instruments.

10 Their dust shall cover you by the multitude of his horses; your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as an entrance into a city which is broken open.

11 He shall tread upon all your streets with the hoofs of his horses; he shall strike your people fatally by the sword, and your strong idolatrous memorial columns shall go down to the earth.

12 And they shall strip away your resources, and plunder your merchandise; and they shall pull down your walls, and tear down your pleasant houses; and they shall put your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

13 And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease, and the sound of your harps shall not be attentively heard any more.

14 And I will give you *to be* like the glaring lofty rock; you shall be a place to spread nets; you shall be built no more, because I, Jehovah, have spoken - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

EZEKIEL 27 *Babylon will strip away the resources of Tyre; a funeral wail for Tyre*

15 Thus says the Lord Jehovah to Tyre, At the sound of your fall, at the shriek of the polluted, at the fatal strike of the slaughter in your midst, shall not the habitable places shake?

16 And all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and put off their embroidered garments; they shall clothe themselves with fear; they shall sit down upon the earth, and shall tremble at every moment, and be stunned at you.

17 And they shall lift up a funeral wail for you, and say to you, How are you lost, you who are inhabited from the seas, the renowned city which was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants who give their fear on all her inhabitants!

18 Now the habitable places shall tremble at your fall in the day, and the habitable places that *are* in the sea shall tremble at your departure,

19 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, When I shall give you *to be* a parched city like the cities that are not inhabited, when I shall bring up the abyss upon you, and many waters shall cover you,

20 Then I shall bring you down with them who descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set you down in the depths of the earth, in desolate places of old, with them who go down to the pit so that you will not be inhabited, and I shall give splendor in the land of the living;

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21 I will give you terror, and you shall not be, and you shall be sought for, and you shall not be found again, ever - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 27

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, lift up against Tyre a funeral wail;

3 And say to Tyre, Oh you who dwells upon the entrance of the sea, who *is* a merchant of the people for many habitable places, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Oh Tyre, you have said, I am complete in beauty.

4 Your borders *are* in the midst of the seas; your builders have completed your beauty.

5 They have built all your boards of cypress trees of Senir⁵; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

6 They have made your oars of the oaks of Bashan; they have made your plank deck of ivory; the daughters of Assyria *brought them* out of the habitable places of Cyprus.

7 White linen with embroidered work from Egypt was the expanse to be your sail; blue and purple from the habitable places of Elishah⁷ were your covering.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were your travelers;⁸ your wise *men*, Oh Tyre, they

⁵ 27:5 **Senir**, a summit of Lebanon.

⁷ 27:7 **Elishah**, son of Javan, the Greeks, Gen 10:2,4. 1 Chr 1:5,7. Isa 66:19. Ezk 27:7,13,19.

⁸ 27:8 **travelers**, meaning mariners, travelers by ships, lashing the oars in the water.

who were in you *were* your sailors.

9 The ancients of Gebal^{9a} and her wise men were in you as your caulkers;^{9b} all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to give security for your merchandise.

10 Persia and Lud¹⁰ and Phut were in your resources, your men of war; they hanged the shield and helmet in you; they gave *you* your magnificence.

11 The children of Arvad¹¹ with your resources *were* upon your walls all around, and the warriors were in your towers; they hanged their shields upon your walls all around; they have completed your beauty.

12 Tarshish *was* your merchant by reason of the abundance of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they gave for your price.

13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech,¹³ they *were* your merchants; they gave the souls of men and vessels of brass in your trade.

^{9a} **27:9 Gebal**; its meaning is a chain of hills, and it is a place in Phoenicia.

^{9b} **27:9 Caulkers**, is two words, *chazaq bedeq*, to fasten up gaps, that is, plug up holes.

¹⁰ **27:10 Lud and Phut** cannot with certainty be identified, but were most likely Lydia and Libya.

¹¹ **27:11 Arvad**, an island city of Palestine.

¹³ **27:13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech.** **Java**, the Ionians or Greeks. **Meshech** is Moschi, in the Moschian mountains between Armenia, Iberia, and Colchis, a rough and warlike race. **Tubal**, Tiberani in Pontus; all from Greece. All were sons of Japheth, Gen 10:2.

14 They gave horses and horsemen and mules of the house of Togarmah for a price.

15 The children of Dedan *were* your merchants; many habitable places *were* the mart of your hand; they turned back to you horns of ivory and ebony as presents.

16 Syria *was* your mart for the abundance of your works; they gave garnets, purple, and embroidered work, and white linen, and coral, and ruby for a price.

17 Judah and the land of Israel, they *were* your merchants; wheat of Minnith,¹⁷ and they gave sweet pastries, and honey, and oil, and balsam in your trade.

18 Damascus *was* your merchant in the abundance of the works for the multitude of all riches in the wine of Helbon,¹⁸ and white wool.

19 Vedan and Javan from Uzal for your price gave bright iron, cassia, and calamus; they were trading with you.

20 Dedan *was* your merchant for coverings spread in chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were traders at your hand in lambs, and rams, and he goats; they *were* your merchants in these.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* your merchants; the head of all spices, and all precious stones, and gold they gave for a price.

¹⁷ **27:17 Minnith**, a place East of the Jordan.

¹⁸ **27:18 Helbon**, a place in Syria.

EZEKIEL 28*Tyre described as a ship with great merchandise fallen in the sea*

23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, Chilmad, *were* your merchants.

24 These were your merchants in splendid garments, in blue clothing, and embroidered work, and in chests of variegated garments, wrapped with cords, and of cedar in your mart.

25 The ships of Tarshish traveled to your market, and you were filled, and made very heavy in honor in the midst of the seas.

26 Your travelers have brought you into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas.

27 Your riches, and your trading, your merchandise, your mariners, and your sailors, your caulkers, and those giving security for merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, and in all your assembly which *is* in your midst, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of your fall.

28 At the sound of the outcry of your sailors the open countryside shall shake.

29 And all who handle the oar, the mariners, and all the sailors of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand upon the land;

30 And shall cause their voice to be attentively heard against you, and shall shriek bitterly, and shall throw dust upon their heads; they shall roll themselves in the ashes;

31 And making bald, they shall make themselves bald for you, and gird themselves with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you with bitter lamentation in bitterness of heart.

32 And they shall lift up their wailing funeral dirge for you, and lament over you, *saying*, Who *is* like Tyre, like a stunned desolation in the midst of the sea?

33 When your trading went out upon the seas you filled many people to satisfaction; you enriched the kings of the earth with the abundance of your riches and of your trading.

34 Your trading and all your assembly in your midst shall fall in the time of your being broken by the seas in the depths of the waters.

35 All the inhabitants of the habitable places shall be stunned at you, and their kings shall fear; terrorized, they shall be violently agitated *in their faces*.

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at you; you shall be a terror, and shall not be any more.

CHAPTER 28

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, say to the commander of Tyre, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because your heart *is* lifted up, and you have said, *I am* God; I dwell in the seat of God, in the heart of the seas. And you *are* a man, and not God, and you have given your heart *to be* as the heart of God;

The commander of Tyre thinks he is God; Satan embodied in the king of Tyre **EZEKIEL 28**

3 Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel; *there is* no secret hid from you;

4 With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made resources for yourself, and have made gold and silver into your treasures;

5 By the abundance of your wisdom in your trade you have increased your resources, and your heart is lifted up because of your resources;

6 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have given your heart *to be* as the heart of God,

7 Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon you, the ruthless peoples, and they shall pour out their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall profane your splendor.

8 They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of them *who are* polluted in the midst of the seas.

9 Saying, will you say, I am God, before the face of him who fatally strikes you? And you *are* a man, and not God, in the hand of him who profanes you.

10 You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers because I have spoken - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

11 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

12 Son of man, lift up a funeral wail upon the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and complete in beauty.

13 You have been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone *was* your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the chrysolite, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the garnet and the emerald, and gold; the service of your tambourines and of your pipes¹³ were set up in you in the day that you were created.

14 You *were* the anointed cherub who entwines *the mercy seat*¹⁴, and I gave *it* to you; you were upon the holy mountain of

¹³ **28:13 pipes, neqeb.** This is the only place in the Bible this word appears. Most everyone agrees that the basic meaning of the word is that it is something with holes in it. So after reading all the opinions of the ancient authorities we have concluded that musical pipes is the logical meaning. Some have tried to make this word mean female attendants who played instruments at the birth of the king of Tyre, but the word of Jehovah has moved beyond the king of Tyre, to the supernatural being motivating the king of Tyre. Verses 11-19 are a separate word from Jehovah upon the supernatural being who lives in and motivates the king of Tyre. In 28:1-10 the subject is the king or commander of Tyre who desires to be God. In that section the king of Tyre is told two times (verses 2 and 9) that he is a man and not God. Not once in verses 11-19 is he told that he is a man. The king of Tyre was not in Eden, the garden of God, and the king of Tyre is definitely not the anointed cherub who covers, nor did the King of Tyre walk in the midst of the stones of fire upon the holy mountain of God. The king of Tyre was not complete in the day he was created. In addition to this the word create is never used of a human after God created and made Adam and Eve. Ever thereafter all humans are made by their parents, not created by God. All humans are created by God in the sense that they are made by the original man and woman who were created by God. The creative act of God in these verses describes a supernatural individual creation, who, of course, was Lucifer, Bright Star, who became Satan, the adversary, when he fell from his complete state by his free choice. Crookedness was found in him when he made the choice to try to replace God. See Note Isa 14:12.

¹⁴ **28:14 the mercy seat** is understood, because it is the same word consistently used to describe the position of the cherubs entwining the mercy seat in the most holy place

EZEKIEL 28 *The words describing the pride of the king of Tyre can only be true of Satan; Zidon God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire.*

15 You *were* complete in your ways from the day that you were created, until crookedness was found in you.

16 By the abundance of your trade, they¹⁶ have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned; and I will profane you out of the mountain of God; and I will cause you to be lost, Oh entwining cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor; I will throw you upon the earth; I will give you before the face of kings that they may see you.

18 By the abundance of your crookednesses, by the moral distortion of your trade, you have profaned your sanctuaries, and I will bring out a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will give you *to be* ashes upon the earth in the eyes of all them who see you.

19 All they who know you among the people shall be stunned at you; you shall be a terror, and you shall not be any more.

20 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

in the tabernacle God commanded Moses to make, Exo 25:20; 37:9. used also in Solomon's day in building the temple, 1Chr 28:18.

¹⁶ **28:16 they.** The subject of this sentence is **they**, so **they** must refer to others and not to the anointed cherub. The last part of the compound sentence says that the anointed cherub has sinned. The **they** must refer to the human race who followed Satan in trying to be God, and has filled the earth with violence.

21 Son of man, put your face toward Zidon, and prophesy against it,

22 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, Oh Zidon; and I will be heavily glorified in your midst, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I have done judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 And I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets, and the polluted shall fall in her midst by the sword upon her all around, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

24 And there shall be no more a brier making the house of Israel bitter, nor a thorn making them sore all around, who despised them, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

25 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because I will gather the house of Israel out of the people there where they are dashed to pieces, and I shall be sanctified in them in the eyes of the peoples, and they shall dwell upon the soil that I gave to my servant Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell in it safely, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; and they shall dwell safely when I have done judgments upon all those who despise them all around them; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah their God.

CHAPTER 29

1 In the tenth year, in the tenth *new moon*, in the twelfth day of the new moon, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt;

3 Speak, and say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers who has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.

4 And I will give rings in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to cling to your scales, and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall cling to your scales.

5 And I will thrust you out into the desert, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall upon the face of the fields; you shall not be gathered, and not collected; I have given you to the living creatures of the field and to the birds of the heavens for food.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, because they have been a supporting reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of you by your palm you were crushed in pieces and tore all their shoulder; and when they leaned upon you you broke and caused all their loins to shake.

8 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and cut off man and animal out of you.

9 And the land of Egypt shall be a stunned devastation and desolation, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made *it*.

10 Therefore, behold, I *am* against you, and against your rivers, and I will give the land of Egypt *to be* a desolating desolation, a stunned devastation, from the tower of Syene¹⁰ even to the border of Ethiopia.

11 No foot of man shall cross over through it, nor foot of animal shall cross over through it, and it shall not be inhabited forty years.

12 And I will give the land of Egypt *to be* a stunned devastation in the midst of the devastated lands, and her cities shall be a stunned devastation among the cut off cities forty years; and I will dash Egypt to pieces among the peoples, and will disperse them through the lands.

13 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, At the end of forty years I will gather Egypt from the peoples there where they were dashed to pieces;

14 And I will turn back the captivity of Egypt, and will turn them back into the land of Pathros,¹⁴ into the land out of which they were dug; and they shall be there a depressed kingdom.

¹⁰ 29:10 Syene, a place in Upper Egypt.

¹⁴ 29:14 Pathros, denotes Upper Egypt; No or No-Ammon was one of the chief cities.

EZEKIEL 30 *Egypt gathered after forty years, then given to Nebuchadnezzar, with Ethiopia*

15 It shall be the most depressed of the kingdoms, and it shall not lift itself any more above the peoples, because I will diminish them, and they shall not tread down peoples.

16 And it shall not be a refuge any more to the house of Israel which causes them to remember their crookedness by facing about after them, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

17 And it was in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *new moon*, in the first *day* of the new moon, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, caused his resources to work a great work against Tyre; every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* galled; and there were no wages to him and to his resources from Tyre for the work that he worked against it;

19 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he shall lift her tumultuous crowd, and strip away her spoil, and plunder her plunder, and it shall be wages for his resources.

20 *For* his work with which he served against it I have given him the land of Egypt, because they did *it* for me - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

21 In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to sprout, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in their midst, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 30

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Howl, Alas for the day!

3 Because the day is near, even the day of Jehovah is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the peoples.

4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and there shall be writhing pain in Ethiopia because of the falling of the polluted in Egypt, and they shall take away her tumultuous crowd, and shall pull down her foundations.

5 Ethiopia, and Phut, and Lud, and all the mixed races, and Chub, and the children of the land of the covenant,⁵ they shall fall by the sword with them.

6 Thus says Jehovah, And they who take hold on Egypt shall fall; and the majesty of her power shall come down; they shall fall in it by the sword from the tower of Syene - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

7 And they shall be a stunned devastation in the midst of the lands *that are* a stunned devastation, and his cities shall be in the midst of parched cities.

⁵ 30:5 the children of the land of the covenant, the Jews who migrated to Egypt and forced Jeremiah to go with them, shall also perish with all the others.

8 And they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I have given fire in Egypt, and destroyed all those who surround her with help.

9 In that day messengers shall go out from before my face in ships to make the secure Ethiopians tremble, and writhing pain shall be upon them in the day of Egypt because lo, it comes.

10 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will also cause the tumultuous crowd of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, the ruthless of the peoples, shall be brought to destroy the land, and they shall pour out their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the polluted.

12 And I will give the rivers to be desert, and sell the land into the hand of the evil; and I will make the land, and its fullness, a stunned devastation by the hand of strangers; I, Jehovah, have spoken.

13 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will also cause the log idols to be lost, and I will cause *their* good for nothing idols to cease out of Noph,¹³ and there shall not be a prince of the land of Egypt any more, and I will give fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will cause Pathros to be a stunned devastation, and will give fire in Zoan,^{14a} and will do

¹³ **30:13 Noph**, the Hebrew name for Memphis, an ancient Egyptian city on the western bank of the Nile, south of Cairo. Hos 9:6.

^{14a} **30:14 Zoan**, an ancient city of Egypt that dates back to Abraham, built seven years after Hebron, Num 13:22. Zoan may be identified with Tanis, a royal city, Exo 1:11.

judgments in No.^{14b}

15 And I will pour out my heat upon Ciyn,¹⁵ the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the tumultuous crowd of No.

16 And I will give fire in Egypt; twisting *in pain shall be* to Ciyn, and No shall be torn open, and oppression *shall be* to Noph daily.

17 The youth of Aven^{17a} and of Pibeseth^{17b} shall fall by the sword, and they shall walk into captivity.

18 And at Tehaphnehes the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt; and the majesty of her strength shall cease in her; *as for* her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall walk into captivity.

19 And will I do judgments in Egypt; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

20 And it was in the eleventh year, in the first *new moon*, in the seventh *day* of the new moon, the word of Jehovah *was* to me, saying,

^{14b} **30:14 No**, the royal city of southern Egypt at Luxor, 350 miles south of Cairo. The New American Standard, the New International, and the Revised Standard versions translate No as Thebes.

¹⁵ **30:15 Ciyn**, a city of Egypt on the eastern side of the Nile; in KJV and Bible dictionaries spelled Sin. We have given the word its Hebrew spelling to avoid confusion with the word sin.

^{17a} **30:17 Aven**, means idolatry, and is a contemptuous name for the city of On in Egypt, one of the great centers of Idolatry in Egypt. Gen 41:45, 50; 46:20; Heliopolis of Lower Egypt. Aven is its actual name, and *aven* is also the Hebrew word for crookedness.

^{17b} **30:17 Pibeseth**, a city of Lower Egypt, celebrated for its worship of Bubastis, the same as Diana or Artemis, Acts 19:28, of the Greeks (in Ephesus).

EZEKIEL 31 *Jehovah will dash Egypt in pieces; Egypt warned to note what God did to the Assyrians*

21 Son of man, I have broken the outstretched arm of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and lo, it shall not be bound up to give *it* healing, to put a bandage to bind it, to strengthen it to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and will break his outstretched arms, *both* the strong and the broken, and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will dash in pieces the Egyptians among the peoples, and will disperse them through the lands.

24 And I will strengthen the outstretched arms of the king of Babylon, and give my sword in his hand, and I will break Pharaoh's outstretched arms, and he shall groan with the groanings of the polluted before his face.

25 And I will strengthen the outstretched arms of the king of Babylon, and the outstretched arms of Pharaoh shall fall; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I give my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out towards the land of Egypt.

26 And I will dash Egypt in pieces among the peoples and disperse them among the lands, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 31

1 And it was in the eleventh year, in the third *new moon*, in the first *day* of the new moon, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, say to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and to his tumultuous crowd, To whom are you like in your greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a shading forest, and lofty in height, and his foliage was among the thick foliage.

4 The waters made him great, the deep raised him up on high with her rivers walking all around his plants, and sent out her little rivers to all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his limbs were increased, and his foliage became long because of the multitude of waters as he sent out *branches*.

6 All the birds of the heavens set up their nests in his limbs, and all the living creatures of the field gave birth to their young under his foliage, and all great peoples dwelt under his shade.

7 Thus he was beautiful in his greatness in the length of his branches because his root was by abundant waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not overshadow him; the cypress trees were not comparable to his limbs, and the plane trees were not like his foli-

age; not any tree in the garden of God was comparable to him in his beauty.

9 I have made him beautiful by the abundance of his branches, and all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God envied him.

10 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because that you have lifted up yourself in height, and he has given his foliage among the thick foliage, and his heart is exalted in his arrogance,

11 Then I have given him into the hand of the mighty one of the peoples; dealing, he shall deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12 And strangers, the ruthless of the peoples, have cut him off, and have thrust him away; his branches are fallen upon the mountains and in all the valleys, and his boughs are broken by all the channels of the land, and all the people of the earth have gone down from his shade, and have thrust him away.

13 All the birds of the heavens shall lodge upon his ruin, and all the living creatures of the field shall be upon his foliage,

14 So that all the trees by the waters may not exalt themselves for their height, and not give their foliage among the thick boughs, and their trees not stand up in their arrogance, all that drink water, because they are all given to death, to the depths of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them who go down to the pit.

15 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, In the day when he went down to the world of the dead I caused a mourning; I covered the abyss against him, and I held back its floods, and the abundant waters were shut off; and I caused Lebanon to be darkened for him, and all the trees of the field languished for him.

16 I caused the peoples to shake at the sound of his fall, when I threw him down to the world of the dead with them who descend into the pit, and they shall sigh deeply in the depths of the earth, all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water.

17 Also they went down with him into the world of the dead to the polluted by the sword, and they who were his outstretched arm, dwelling under his shade in the midst of the peoples.

18 To whom are you so exactly like in heavy glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden, and brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest parts of the earth, in the midst of the uncircumcised lying down with those polluted by the sword? Him! Pharaoh, and all his tumultuous crowd! - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 32

1 And it was in the twelfth year, in the twelfth new moon, in the first *day* of the new moon, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, lift up a funeral wail for Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say to him, You are like a young lion of the peoples, and you are as a monster in the seas; and you gushed with your rivers, and disturbed the waters with your feet, and trampled their rivers.

3 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, And I will spread out my net over you with an assembly of many people; and they shall bring you up in my net.

4 And I will thrust you upon the land; I will throw you upon the face of the field, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to reside upon you, and I will fill the living creatures of the whole earth with you.

5 And I will give your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the gorges with your pile *of carcasses*.

6 And I will water the earth with the flowing of your blood to the mountains, and the channels shall be filled from you.

7 And I will cover the heavens when I extinguish you, and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not shine her light.

8 I will make all the shining lights of the heavens dark over you, and give darkness *to*

be upon your land - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

9 And I will provoke the hearts of many people when I shall bring your break up among the peoples into lands which you have not known.

10 And I will cause many people to be stunned at you and their kings shall fear you, when I shall cause my sword to fly against their face, and they shall shudder at every wink, every man for his own soul, in the day of your fall,

11 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

12 I will cause your tumultuous crowd to fall by the swords of the mighty, the ruthless of the peoples, all of them; and they shall ravage the majesty of Egypt, and all the tumultuous crowd shall be desolate.

13 And I will cause all their animals to be lost from beside the great waters; and the foot of man shall not disturb them any more, and the hoofs of animals shall not disturb them.

14 Then I will make their waters overflow, and cause their rivers to walk like oil - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah -

15 When I shall give the land of Egypt *to be* a stunned devastation, and the land shall be devastated of that which was its fullness when I strike all them who dwell in it; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

A funeral wail for Pharaoh: Like Assyria, others, Egypt will fall into the world of the dead **EZEKIEL 32**

16 They shall wail over her; and this *is* the funeral wail: the daughters of the peoples shall wail over her, for Egypt, and for all her tumultuous crowd; they shall wail for her - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

17 And it was in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth of the new moon, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the tumultuous crowd of Egypt, and bring them down, her and the daughters of the powerful peoples to the lowest parts of the earth with them who go down into the pit.

19 You are more pleasant than whom? Descend, and be laid down with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of those polluted by the sword; she is given to the sword; draw her and all her tumultuous crowd.

21 The mighty among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of the world of the dead; they are descended with them who surround him with help; they lie down, the uncircumcised, polluted by the sword.

22 There *is* Asshur and all her assembly; all around him *are* his graves; all of them polluted, fallen by the sword,

23 Whose graves are given *to be* in the sides of the pit, and her assembly is all around her grave; all of them polluted, fallen by the sword, who have given terror in the land of the living.

24 There *is* Elam and all her tumultuous crowd all around her grave, all of them polluted, fallen by the sword, who have descended uncircumcised into the lowest parts of the earth, who gave their terror in the land of the living, and they have borne their disgrace with them who descend into the pit.

25 They have given her a bed with all her tumultuous crowd in the midst of the polluted; her graves *are* all around him; all of them uncircumcised, polluted by the sword because their fear was given in the land of the living, and they have borne their disgrace with them who descend into the pit; he is given in the midst of the polluted.

26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her tumultuous crowd; all around him *are* her graves; all of them uncircumcised, pierced to death by the sword because they gave their fear in the land of the living.

27 And they shall not lie down with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who have descended into the world of the dead with their weapons of war, and they have given their swords under their heads, and their crookedness shall be upon their bones, because *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie down with those polluted by the sword.

EZEKIEL 33 *Egypt will fall into the world of the dead; Ezekiel is to blow the trumpet of warning*

29 There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who are given with their might by those polluted by the sword; they shall lie down with the uncircumcised and with them who descend into the pit.

30 There *are* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, who have descended with the polluted; with their fear they pale in shame of their might, and they lie down uncircumcised with those polluted by the sword, and bear their disgrace with them who descend into the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his tumultuous crowd polluted by the sword, Pharaoh and all his resources - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah -

32 Because I have given my fear in the land of the living, and he shall be laid down in the midst of the uncircumcised with those polluted by the sword, Pharaoh and all his tumultuous crowd - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 33

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, Because I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man of their borders, and give him to them to lean out and peer into the distance,

3 And he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he blows the trumpet, and enlightens the people,

4 Then whoever attentively hears the sound of the trumpet, and is not enlightened, and the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He attentively heard the sound of the trumpet, and was not enlightened; his blood shall be upon him. And he who was enlightened shall cause his soul to escape.

6 And the one leaning out to peer into the distance, when he sees the sword coming, and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not enlightened, and the sword comes, and takes a soul from among them, he is taken away in his crookedness, and I will tread seeking his blood at the hand of the one leaning out to peer into the distance.

7 And you, son of man, I have given you to lean out peering into the distance for the house of Israel, and you shall attentively hear the word at my mouth, and enlighten them from me.

8 When I say to the wicked, Wicked one, dying, you shall die, and you do not speak to enlighten the wicked from his way, he, the wicked, shall die in his crookedness, and I will tread seeking his blood at your hand.

9 And because you enlighten the wicked of his way to turn *him* back from it, and he does not turn back from his way, he shall die in his crookedness, and you have snatched out your soul.

10 And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus you say, saying, Since moral rebellions and our sins *are* upon us, and we melt away in them, how then shall we live?

11 Say to them, As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn back from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, Oh house of Israel?

12 And you, son of man, say to the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not snatch him out in the day of his transgression, and the wickedness of the wicked shall not cause him to totter weak legged by it in the day he turns back from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his *righteousness* in the day that he sins.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, Living, he shall live; if he trusts upon his own righteousness, and does crookedness, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered, and he shall die in his moral distortion that he has done.

14 And when I say to the wicked, Dying, you shall die, and he turns back from his sin, and does *my* pronounced judgment and righteousness -

15 The wicked turns back the pawn, what he robbed he makes complete, he walks in the statutes of life without doing crookedness - living, he shall live; he shall not die.

16 And all of his sins that he has sinned shall not be remembered against him; he has done *my* pronounced judgment and righteousness; living, he shall live.

17 And the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal. And as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turns back from his righteousness, and does moral distortions, even he shall die in them.

19 And if the wicked turns back from his wickedness, and does *my* pronounced judgment and righteousness, by it he shall live.

20 And you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. I will judge you every man according to his ways, *Oh* house of Israel.

21 And it was in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *new moon*, in the fifth *day* of the new moon, *one* of the exiles came to me, a refugee out of Jerusalem, saying, The city is struck.

22 And the hand of Jehovah was upon me in the dusk before the refugee came. And he had opened my mouth until he came to me in the dawn. And my mouth was opened, and I was not tonguetied any more.

23 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

24 Son of man, they who inhabit these desolate places of the soil of Israel say, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land; and we are many;

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the land is given to us for an inheritance.

25 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your log idols, and spill blood. And you shall possess the land?

26 You stand upon your sword, you work that which is morally disgusting, and every man makes his neighbor's wife unclean. And you shall possess the land?

27 Say thus to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, As I live, surely they who are in the desolate places shall fall by the sword, and I will give him who is upon the face of the field to the living creatures to be eaten, and they who *are* in the forts and in the caves shall die from the pestilence.

28 And I will give the land *to be* a stunned devastation, a stunned waste, and the majesty of her strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be a stunned devastation that none shall cross through.

29 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have given the land *to be* a stunned devastation and a stunned waste because of all their morally disgusting things which they have done.

30 And you, son of man, the children of your people still are speaking against you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every man to his brother, saying, Come, please, and attentively hear what

the word *is* that comes out from Jehovah.

31 And they come to you like people come, and they sit down before your face as my people, and they attentively hear your words, and they will not do them, because they make pleasing words with their mouth; their heart walks after their unjust gain.

32 And lo, you *are* to them as a song of pleasant words, a pleasant voice, and a good musician, and they attentively hear your words, and they do not do them.

33 And when it comes, lo, it will come, then they shall know by seeing that a prophet has been among them.

CHAPTER 34

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, To the shepherds, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the shepherds of Israel who shepherd themselves! Should not the shepherds shepherd the flocks?

3 You eat the fat, and you put the wool on yourself; you slaughter them that are choice; you do not shepherd the flock.

4 You have not strengthened those worn *out*, and you have not healed those worn *out*, and you have not bound up the broken; and you have not turned back those driven away, and you have not sought the lost, and you have treaded them down with violence

The shepherds did not shepherd my flock; I will shepherd my flock
and with crushing oppression.

5 And they were dashed in pieces, because there is no shepherd, and they became food to all the living creatures of the field, and they were dashed to pieces.

6 My sheep strayed through all the mountains, and upon every high hill, and upon all the face of the earth my flock was dashed to pieces, and none treaded seeking, and none searched for *them*.

7 Therefore, you shepherds, attentively hear the word of Jehovah;

8 As I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became food to every living creature of the field, because there did not exist a shepherd, and my shepherds did not tread seeking for my flock, and the shepherds shepherded themselves, and did not shepherd my flock,

9 Therefore, you shepherds, attentively hear the word of Jehovah:

10 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will tread seeking my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from shepherding the flock; and the shepherds shall not shepherd themselves any more, and I will snatch my flock out from their mouth, and they shall not be food for them;

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11 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I, *even I*, will both tread seeking my flock, and will break them out.¹¹

12 As a shepherd breaks out his flock in the day that he is among his flock *that is* dispersed, so I will break out my flock, and will snatch them out of all places there where they have been dashed to pieces in the cloudy and day of thick darkness.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the lands, and will bring them to their own soil, and shepherd them upon the mountains of Israel by the channels, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

14 I will shepherd them in a good pasture, and their home shall be on the high mountains of Israel; there they shall lie down in a good home, and they shall be shepherded in a robust pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I will shepherd my flock, and I will cause them to lie down - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will turn back the driven away, and I will bind up the broken, and I will strengthen those worn *out*; and I will desolate the robust and the strong; I will shepherd them with judgment.

17 And you, my flock, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I judge between an individual

¹¹ 34:11 break them out, *baqar*, to break open, to break them out from whomever and whatever is holding them captive.

EZEKIEL 34 *I will raise up over them one shepherd and a covenant of peace; judgment on Mt. Seir*
member of the flock and *another*
individual member,¹⁷ between the
rams and he goats.

18 *Is it* a small thing to you to have been shepherded in good pasture, and must you tread down with your feet that left of your pastures? And have you drunk of the ponds of waters, and the rest you must muddy up with your feet?

19 And my flock! They are shepherded on what you have trampled down with your feet, and they drink the water muddied by your feet.

20 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah to them, Behold, I, *even* I, will pronounce judgment between the choice fed member and between the emaciated member,

21 Because you have pushed *them* away with side and with shoulder, and you have butted all those worn *out* with your horns, until you have dashed them to pieces abroad;

22 And I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will pronounce judgment between individual member and individual member.

23 And I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he shall shepherd them, my servant David; he shall shepherd them, and he shall be to them a shepherd.

24 And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and my servant David *shall be* a prince among them. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

¹⁷ 34:17 individual member, *seh*, an individual sheep or individual goat, an individual member of a flock, sheep or goat.

25 And I will cut a covenant of peace with them, and will cause the evil living creatures to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the desert, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will give a blessing to them, and to the places all around my hill, and I will cause the rain to come down in its time; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall give her fruit, and the earth shall give her produce, and they shall be upon their soil in safety, and shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah when I have broken the poles of their yoke, and snatched them out of the hand of those who caused them to serve.

28 And they shall not be plunder any more for the peoples, and the living creatures of the earth shall not eat them, and they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them tremble in fear.

29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall not be any more consumed with hunger in the land, and shall not any more bear the disgrace of the peoples.

30 And they shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, their God, *am* with them, and they *are* my people, the house of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

31 And you my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men; I *am* your God - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

I will give Mount Seir (Edom) to be a stunned devastation; the Mount of Israel **EZEKIEL 35**

CHAPTER 35

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 And say to it, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, *I am* against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will give you *to be* a stunned devastation, and a stunned waste.

4 I will put your cities to be a desolation, and you shall be a stunned devastation, and you shall know by seeing that *I am* Jehovah.

5 Because there exists to you an eternal hostility to me, and you have poured out the children of Israel upon the hands of the sword in the time of their bending under oppression, in the time crookedness *was* at its end,

6 Therefore, *as* I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - because I will deal with you in blood, and blood shall run after you; lo, you have not hated blood, and blood shall run after you.

7 And I will give Mount Seir *to be* a stunned devastation and a stunned waste, and will cut off from it him who is crossing over *to it* and him who is turning back *to it*.

8 And I will fill his mountains with his polluted; those polluted by the sword shall fall in you, in your hills, and in your gorges, and in all your channels.

9 I will give you *to be* perpetual stunned devastations, and your cities shall not turn back, and you shall know by seeing that *I am* Jehovah.

10 Because you have said, Two peoples and two lands shall be mine, and we will possess it! And Jehovah was there!

11 Therefore, I live - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - and I will do according to your *burning* nostrils, and according to your envy which you have done out of your hating them, and I will make myself known among them when I have pronounced judgment upon you.

12 And you shall know by seeing that *I am* Jehovah; I have attentively heard all your scorn which you have said against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are a stunned devastation; they are given to us for food.

13 And you have made yourself great against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me; I have attentively heard.

14 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, While the whole earth rejoices I will make you a stunned devastation.

15 As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was a stunned devastation, so I will do to you; you shall be a stunned devastation, Mount Seir, and all Idumea, all of it, and they shall know by seeing that *I am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 36

1 And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, attentively hear the word of Jehovah!

2 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because the one hating *you* has said against you, Aha, and the ancient high places are ours in possession!

3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because, because they have made you a stunned devastation, and eagerly inhaled you all around that you might be a possession to the rest of the peoples, and you are taken up in the lips of *people wagging their* tongue, and are a slander of the people;

4 Therefore, you mountains of Israel, attentively hear the word of the Lord Jehovah; Thus says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the channels, and to the gorges, to the desolate places, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a plunder and derision to the rest of the peoples who are all around;

5 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Surely I have spoken against the rest of the peoples in the fire of my jealousy, and against Idumea, all of it, who have given my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of the whole heart, with spiteful souls, in order to make it open country for plunder.

6 Therefore, prophesy concerning the soil of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the channels, and to the gorges, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my heat because you have borne the disgrace of the peoples;

7 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, I have lifted up my hand, Surely the peoples who *are* around you shall bear their disgrace.

8 And you, mountains of Israel, you shall give your branches, and lift up your fruit to my people, Israel, because they are near to come;

9 Because, behold, I am for you, and I will face about to you, and you shall be worked and sown;

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it, and the cities shall be inhabited, and the desolate places shall be built;

11 And I will multiply upon you man and animal, and they shall increase and bear fruit, and I will hedge you as before, and will make *you* better than at your beginnings; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

12 And I will cause men to walk upon you, my people, Israel, and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no more ever cause them to miscarry.

13 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because they say to you, You eat up men, and have been

You mountains of Israel, I will make you better than at your beginnings **EZEKIEL 36**
causing your peoples to miscarry,

14 Therefore you shall not eat up men any more, and you shall not cause your peoples to miscarry any more - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

15 And I will not cause men to attentively hear the disgrace of the peoples in you any more, and you shall not bear the disgrace of the people any more, and you shall not cause your peoples to totter weak legged any more - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

16 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

17 Son of man, the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, and they made it unclean by their own way and by their exploits; their way was as the uncleanness of an unclean woman before my face.

18 And I poured my heat upon them for the blood that they had spilled upon the land, and because they had made it unclean with their log idols;

19 And I dashed them to pieces among the peoples, and they were tossed about through the lands; I pronounced judgment upon them according to their way and according to their exploits.

20 And they entered into the peoples, there where they went, and they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, The people of Jehovah *are* these, and they have gone out from his land.

21 And I spared *you* in pity for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the peoples, there where they went.

22 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I do not do *this* for your sakes, house of Israel, but for my holy name which you have profaned among the peoples there where you went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name which was profaned among the peoples, which you have profaned in their midst, and the peoples shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24 And I will take you from among the peoples, and gather you out of all lands, and will bring you to your own soil.

25 And will I sprinkle pure water upon you, and you shall be pure; I will purify you from all your uncleanness, and from all your log idols.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will give a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will give my Spirit within you, and will make²⁷ you *so that you* walk in my enactments, and you shall hedge about and do my pronounced judgments.

²⁷ **36:27 will make you so that you walk in my statutes.** The word **make** in this sentence is *asah*, the same word used when Jehovah God made the heavens and the earth from the raw materials He had created. Jehovah God took the raw materials of creation and constituted them into orderly heavenly bodies and the earth into an ordered earth so that it functions in a specific ordered manner. So Jehovah God when He gives a new heart and a

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28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 And I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call out for the grain, and will increase it, and not give hunger upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field so that you shall not take any more disgrace of hunger among the peoples.

31 And you shall remember your own evil ways and your doings that *were* not good, and are detestable before your faces because of your crookednesses and because of your morally disgusting things.

32 Be it known to you *that* I do not do *this* for your sakes - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - pale in shame and be reproached because of your own ways, house of Israel.

33 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I will also cause you to dwell in the cities in the day of my purifying you from all your crookednesses, and the desolate places shall be built.

new spirit within you, constitutes you so that now you walk in His statutes. The word make here is not used as when one human says to another, "I will make you do something," the one giving the order forcing the other, and the other having to do what is said out of his own strength. Here the word made is used to mean constitute and enable. When God gives a new heart and new spirit within you, God constitutes and arranges you so that now you can and will walk in His statutes. It is not that God will force you to walk in His statutes and force you to hedge about His pronounced judgments. It is that God has constituted you and enabled you so that you walk in His statutes and so that you hedge about His pronounced judgments

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34 And the stunned land shall be worked, whereas it was a stunned devastation in the eyes of all who crossed by.

35 And they shall say, That land that was a stunned devastation has become like the garden of Eden, and the parched and stunned and pulled down cities sit fortified.

36 Then the peoples who are left all around you shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, build the ruined *places*, I plant the stunned devastation; I, Jehovah, have spoken, and I will do *it*.

37 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Still this, I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do *this* for them; I will increase them like a flock of men.

38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed meetings, so shall the parched cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 37

1 The hand of Jehovah was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of Jehovah, and set me down in the midst of the valley, and it *was* full of bones;

2 And he caused me to cross over them, around *and* around, and behold, *there were* very many upon the face of the valley, and lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I said, Lord Jehovah, you know.

Valley of dry bones; Israel's return to their land in unbelief (dead) then later receive the Holy Spirit **EZEKIEL 37**

4 And he said to me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say to them, You dry bones, attentively hear the word of Jehovah.

5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah to these bones, Behold, I will cause Spirit to come into you, and you shall live;

6 And I will give tendons upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and give Spirit in you, and you shall live; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

7 And I prophesied what I was commanded, and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And I saw, and lo, and the flesh ascended upon the tendons, and the skin covered them over from the top; and there was no Spirit in them.

9 And he said to me, Prophecy to the Spirit, prophecy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Come from the four winds,⁹ Oh Spirit, and

⁹ 37:9 Wind and Spirit in this verse are the same word. See Note Isa 42:5. See also 42:16-20 where "side" is the translation of the word *ruwach*, spirit, and Daniel 7:2 and 8:8, and Zec 6:5,8 (and other places) where *ruwach* is translated winds referring to directions of the compass. I think it is significant that the word here translated, from the four winds, and in 42:16-20 is translated side. Both verses are referring to the four directions of the compass. It seems to me that the significance here is that it is the Holy Spirit who maintains direction and orientation for the entire universe. He maintains the earth oriented to its poles and its equatorial circumference, controlling the direction from which the wind blows. Since the Holy Spirit is the One who maintains direction in the universe and on earth, we certainly should trust Him to lead us and maintain our direction and righteous orientation.

breathe upon these fatally struck, and they shall live.

10 And I prophesied what he commanded me, and the Spirit came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, great resources, exceeding, exceeding.

11 And he said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel! Behold, they say, Our bones are dried up confusion, and our cord of hope is lost; we are cut off to ourselves.

12 Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to ascend out of your graves, Oh my people, and bring you to the soil of Israel.

13 And you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, because I have opened your graves, and caused you to ascend out of your graves, Oh my people;

14 And I shall give my Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall deposit you upon your own soil; and you shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, have spoken, and done it - An oracle of Jehovah.

15 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

16 And you, son of man, take to yourself one stick, and write upon it, For Judah and for his companions of the children of Israel, and take one stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all his companions of the house of Israel;

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17 And bring them near, one to one, into one stick, and they shall become one in your hand.

18 And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not cause what these *mean* to you to stand out boldly to us?

19 Speak to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions, and will give them with him, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.

20 And the sticks upon which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

21 And speak to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the peoples there where they have walked, and will gather them all around, and bring them to their own soil;

22 And I will make them one people in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all, and they shall not be any more two peoples, and they shall not be divided any more into two kingdoms ever;

23 And they shall not make themselves unclean any more with their log idols, and with their disgustingly filthy things, and not with any of their transgressions, but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces in which they have sinned, and will purify them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

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24 And David, my servant, *shall be* king over them, and one shepherd *shall be* to all; and they shall walk in my pronounced judgments, and hedge about my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob, my servant, in which your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell upon it, they, and their children, and their children's children forever, and my servant David *shall be* their prince forever.

26 And I will cut a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will give to them, and multiply them, and will give my sanctuary in the midst of them forever.

27 And my Temple shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the peoples shall know by seeing that I, Jehovah, sanctify Israel when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forever.

CHAPTER 38

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put your face against Gog, the land of Magog, prince of Rosh,² Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

² 38:2 **Rosh** is the Hebrew word for head, and others translate the passage as the head or chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. However it seems to me that Rosh is a proper name, and there is the strong likelihood that Rosh is the same as Russi from which the Russians obtained their name. See Ezk 39:2. According to Gen 10:2 Magog is the name of a people and a land area. The people are descendants of Japheth. Ma in Magog in Coptic means place, and in Sanskrit means land. Its location is the extreme north from Israel.

3 And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

Gog is probably a title like Pharaoh or Caesar. Chakan was the name given by northern Asiatics to their king, and was a title for Turkish Sultans. Gog may be a contraction of Chakan. Meshech and Tubal are the same names as Moscow and Tobolsk. The original kingdom of Gog was Ma-gog, and he acquired Meshech and Tubal. The location of Magog has to be Russia and the nations between Russia, India, and Iran/Iraq, because it is described as the backsides of the north, 38:15; 39:2.

The nations that are involved with Gog and Magog in this war against Israel are: Gog and Magog are the area of the former Soviet Union, especially Kazakhstan, Kirghiza, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan (the ancient land of the Scythians); some authorities identify Meshech and Tubal as territories in Turkey; I think they are more likely Moscow and Tobolsk. Persia includes Iran and Iraq because the ancient empire of Persia conquered Babylon and included the territories from India to Ethiopia, Est 1:1; Ethiopia would include Sudan and other African areas. Libya is Libya; Gomer is Germany; Togermah is Turkey. "Many peoples with you" indicates other peoples not named, indicating some others will join with them. Sheba and Dedan in 38:13 are Arabia, and Tarshish is on the southern tip of Spain near Gibraltar. There are other young lions, meaning rulers, involved but not named. In the battle of Armageddon all the kings of the inhabited earth are gathered at Armageddon to attack Jerusalem, Rev 16:14-16, whereas in the war against Israel by Gog and Magog only certain peoples around the Mediterranean and east and north of Israel are involved.

The time of this war is not given but is a time when Israel dwells safely, all of them, 38:8. This could not be the battle of Armageddon at the end of the Great Tribulation, Rev 16:16, 19:11-21, because at that time Israel has fled to the wasteland to hide for the duration of the Tribulation, Mat 24:16; Rev 12:14. Also at the end of the war with Gog and Magog Israel will be burning the weapons of war for a period of seven years, Ezk 39:9, which is twice as long as the entire period of three and one-half years of the Tribulation and as long as the seven year reign of the AntiChrist. As in so many prophecies of the Bible we shall have to wait and see.

Gog and Magog are also the names given to the final attackers upon the holy city at the end of the one thousand years reign of Christ upon the earth, Rev 20:8. Names do survive from one time in history to another, as Babel or Babylon has from right after the world wide flood.

4 And I will turn you back, and give hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your resources, horses and horsemen, clothed perfectly, all of them a great assembly with large shields and small shields, handling swords, all of them;

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them with body armor and helmet;

6 Gomer, and all his troops; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his troops; many peoples with you.

7 Be set up, and set up for yourself, you, and all your assembly who are assembled to you, and you be to them a guard.

8 After many days you shall be visited; in the last years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been desolate places constantly; and it is brought out of the peoples, and they shall dwell safely, all of them.

9 You shall ascend like a tempest coming; you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your troops, and many peoples with you.

10 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, And it shall be, at the selfsame day words shall ascend into your heart, and you shall calculate an evil device;

11 And you shall say, I will go up to the land of open country; I will go to them who are at rest, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling

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without walls, and bolts and doors do not exist to them,

12 To strip away spoil, and to plunder for plunder, to turn back your hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *who are* gathered out of the peoples, who have made livestock and possessions, who dwell upon the summit of the land.

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to strip away spoil? Have you gathered your assembly to plunder a plunder? To lift silver and gold, to take away livestock and possessions, to strip away a great spoil?

14 Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, In that day when my people, Israel, dwells safely, shall you not know?

15 And you shall come from your place out of the backsides of the north, you and many peoples with you, riding upon horses, all of them, a great assembly, and many resources;

16 And you shall ascend against my people, Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the last days, and I will bring you against my land that the peoples may know me when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes, Oh Gog.

17 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, *Are* you he of whom I have spoken in previous days by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in

those days for years that I would bring you against them?

18 And it shall be at that day, the day Gog shall come upon the soil of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - that my heat shall ascend in my nostrils.

19 And I have spoken in my jealousy, in the fire of my outburst, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking upon the soil of Israel,

20 And the fishes of the sea shall shake before my face, and the birds of the heavens, and the living creatures of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the soil, and all the men who *are* upon the face of the earth, and the mountains shall be pulled down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the earth.

21 And I will call out a sword against him throughout all my mountains - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will pronounce judgment against him with pestilence and with blood, and flushing rain and hail stones; I will rain fire and sulphur upon him, and upon his troops, and upon the many peoples who are with him.

23 And I will make myself great, and sanctify myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many peoples, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people, Israel; Gog buried in Israel **EZEKIEL 39**

CHAPTER 39

1 And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal;

2 And I will turn you back, and lead you, and will cause you to ascend from the backsides of the north, and will bring you upon the mountains of Israel;

3 And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.

4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your troops, and the peoples who *are* with you, to the vultures, to the little birds of every wing, and I will give you for food to the living creatures of the field.

5 You shall fall upon the face of the field, because I have spoken - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them who dwell securely in the habitable places, and they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

7 And I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people, Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned any more; and the peoples shall know that I *am* Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.

8 Behold, it has come, and it is - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - it is the day of which I have spoken.

9 And they who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go out, and shall set on fire, and burn the weapons, both the small shields and the large shields, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years;

10 And they shall not lift wood out of the field, and shall not cut down any out of the forests because they shall burn the weapons with fire; and they shall strip those who stripped them, and plunder those who plundered them - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

11 And it shall be in that day, I will give to Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the gorge of those who cross over on the east of the sea, and it shall stop the noses of those who cross over; and there they shall bury Gog and all his tumultuous crowd; and they shall call it The Gorge of The Multitude of Gog.

12 And the house of Israel shall be burying them, so that they may purify the land seven new moons.¹²

13 And all the people of the land shall bury them, and it shall be to them for a name, the day that I am heavily glorified - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

¹² **39:12** JFB Commentary has this note: Supposing a million of Israelites to bury each two corpses a day, the aggregate buried in the 180 working days of the seven months would be 360 million corpses! [Translator's Note: This is only a guess, but an intelligent guess, that shows the magnitude of the slaughter in that yet future battle against Israel.]

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14 And they shall constantly separate out men, who cross through the land, burying those who crossed over, who are left upon the face of the earth to purify it; at the end of seven new moons they shall make a penetrating search.

15 And they crossing over, cross over the land, and see a man's bone, then he shall build a sign by it until those burying have buried it in The Gorge of The Multitude of Gog.

16 And also the name of the city *shall be* Multitude, and they shall purify the earth.

17 And you, son of man, thus says the Lord Jehovah, Speak to every little bird of wing, and to every living creature of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves all around upon my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, all of them rams, young rams, and he-goats, bullocks, fatlings of Bashan.

19 And you shall eat fat until you are satiated, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 And you shall be satiated upon my table *with* horses and chariots, *with* mighty men, and with all men of war - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

21 And I will give my heavy glory among the peoples, and all the peoples shall see my pronounced judgment that I have done, and my hand that I have put upon them.

22 And the house of Israel shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah their God from that day and forward.

23 And the peoples shall know by seeing that for their crookednesses the house of Israel was stripped exiles, because they treacherously covered up against me, and I covered up my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their oppressors, and they fell by the sword, all of them.

24 I have done to them according to their uncleanness, and according to their transgression, and covered my face from them.

25 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Now I will turn back the captivity of Jacob, and be compassionate upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 And they have borne their disgrace, and all their treacherous cover ups which they treacherously covered up against me, when they dwell upon their soil safely, and none causes them to tremble.

27 When I have turned them back out from the peoples, and gathered them out of the lands of those hating them, and I shall be sanctified in them in the eyes of many peoples;

28 And they shall know by seeing that I am Jehovah their God, who caused them to be stripped captives among the peoples, but I have enfolded them upon their own soil, and have left none of them there any more.

29 And I will not any more cover my face from them because I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 40

1 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the head of the year, in the tenth of the new moon, in the fourteenth year after that the city was struck, in this self-same day the hand of Jehovah was upon me, and brought me there.

2 He brought me into the land of Israel in the visions of God, and caused me to rest upon a very high mountain, and upon it *was* as a building of a city in the Negev.

3 And he brought me there, and behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of linen in his hand and a measuring reed, and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man spoke to me, Son of man, see with your eyes, and attentively hear with your ears, and put your heart upon all that I shall cause you to see, because you are brought here for the purpose that you might see; cause all that you see to stand out boldly to the house of Israel.

5 And behold, a wall *was* on the outside of the house⁵, around *and* around, and in the man's hand *was* a measuring reed of six cubits by the cubit and a hand width; and he measured the width of the building *which was* one reed, and the height *was* one reed.

5 40:5 The measurements of the future Temple and City of Jerusalem:

The details here given are for the "house," *bayith*, the regular word for any house. In 41:1 the house is called "the Temple," *heykal*. The measurements and detailed instructions for this Temple are just as specific in detail as the instructions God gave Moses in the Mount for the original Tabernacle.

In 43:7 Jehovah says to Ezekiel,

Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, there where I will reside in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and the house of Israel shall not make my holy name unclean any more, they and their kings by their adultery and by the carcasses of their kings - their high places.

In 43:11 God says,

And if they reproach themselves for all that they have done, cause them to know by seeing, and write it before their eyes, the form of the house, and its structure, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, that they may hedge about its whole form, and all its statutes, and do them. In 43:12 God says, **This is the law of the house: ...its whole boundary...shall be holy.**

In 43:13 God says, **And these are the measurements of the altar...**Then follow specific instructions for certain burnt offerings and sin offerings for a specific number of days.

In 44:2-3 God instructs that the east gate will be shut because Jehovah, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, and that the prince shall sit in it and eat food before the face of Jehovah.

In 44:5 God commands Ezekiel to put upon his heart, his eyes, and his ears, all the statutes of the house (which statutes included the measurements) and its laws, with the entrance and every exit. In the next verse He contrasts their past sinful practices in His house with the ministry He is commanding be done in the future.

Beginning in 44:10 God excludes the Levites who practiced idolatry, and includes those in the ministry who have been true to Jehovah God, and God makes the normal provisions for their support. Beginning in 45:1 God specifies the land given for the Temple

and for the housing of the priests and Levites, 1-5, and for the city and its inhabitants, 6, the land allotted to the prince and the obligations of the prince and the people, 9-17, and instructions for a new feast cycle, the Passover, 18-24, and the Feast of Tabernacles, 25. All of these measurements and instructions are very specific.

Chapter 46 gives additional instructions for worship, and chapter 47 describes the pure waters that will issue out from under the Temple to flow into the entire earth to purify the waters of the earth that will be entirely polluted during the great tribulation.

Beginning in 47:13 and continuing through chapter 48, God gives instructions for the placement of each of the twelve tribes in the land, from north to south, with the temple and city in the middle.

The following note is taken from the JFB Commentary in the introductory section to Ezekiel, chapter 40:

"The square of the temple, in ch. xlii.20, is six times as large as the circuit of the wall enclosing the old temple, and larger than all the earthly Jerusalem. Ezekiel gives three and a half miles and 140 yards to this temple square. The boundaries of the ancient city were about two and a half miles. Again, the city in Ezekiel has an area of between three and four thousand square miles, including the holy ground set apart for the prince, priests, and Levites. This is nearly as large as the whole of Judea west of Jordan. As Zion lay in the centre of the ideal city, the one-half of the sacred portion extended to nearly thirty miles south of Jerusalem - i. e., covered nearly the whole southern territory, which reached on to the Dead Sea (ch. xlii. 19), and yet five tribes were to have their inheritance on that side of Jerusalem, *beyond* the sacred portion (ch. xliii.23-28)."

So with this survey of Ezekiel 40-48 I wish to draw some conclusions.

As to the question whether this temple, this city, and the location of the twelve tribes is to be taken literally or symbolically, I give the following:

(1) Everywhere in the Bible something is to be taken symbolically it is clearly stated that it is symbolical language and the symbols are explained as to what literal things they represent. No where are these words declared to be symbolical, nor are they ever explained as to other literal things that they represent. There is absolutely no application of these statements as symbolical, and there are no statements giving some spiritual significance or application that they are to represent. Making these instructions symbolical or ideal leaves you with no solid application of any kind. So I take every word clearly literal as stated.

(2) All the instructions God gave to Ezekiel as to what to do with this vision are clear,

6 And he came to the gate which faces toward the east, and ascended its stairs, and measured the threshold of the gate *which was* one reed wide; even the one threshold of the gate *was* one reed wide.

literal instructions that Ezekiel was to carry out exactly.

(3) As to the size of the Temple, the city, and the land for the tribes, please remember that at the second coming of the Lord Jesus mountains will be leveled and islands will disappear, thus changing and arranging the surface of the earth to fit God's plans.

(4) As to the parts we do not clearly understand, let me give you the following: I do not understand the instructions about the sacrificial offerings commanded in this future temple during the thousand years reign of Christ. But since I cannot understand it, I must leave it until its fulfillment, at which time I will understand it clearly. Let me give you two examples.

Example One: No one understood Isaiah 7:14 that the virgin would conceive the Messiah by the Holy Spirit without a human father until the heavenly messenger so explained it to Mary, Luke 1:35, and Joseph did not believe it until the heavenly messenger explained it to him, Matt 1:20. This is a prophecy that not one single person understood, including Isaiah who gave it, until it was explained by the heavenly messenger. This is another proof that God gave every word of the Bible, word by word, because if Isaiah had been giving his idea he would have had no idea as to what to say, because he did not understand how it was to happen!

Example Two: No one understood that the Messiah would be sacrificed for us. John the Baptist called Jesus the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, John 1:29, but that does not mean that he understood it. None of the twelve apostles understood it until after it happened.

I want to further add that the Apostles continued to worship God in the Temple with its sacrifices after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. They saw no conflict between the sacrifice of the animals and keeping the Law as fulfilled by Christ. All you have to do is read the Acts of the Apostles, and you find that all the Apostles including Paul continued to observe the Law fully while trusting the full substitutionary atonement of Christ, and they continued to do so until their death or until the temple was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70. So I see no conflict anywhere noted in the Bible with their being practiced again in the rebuilt Temple during the One Thousand Years Reign of Christ on earth.

7 And every little room *was* one reed long and one reed wide, and between the little rooms were five cubits, and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.

8 And he measured the porch of the gate inside, one reed.

9 And measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and its posts, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* within.

10 And the little rooms of the gate on the way east *were* three on this side and three on that side; the three were of one measure, and *there was* one measure to the posts on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the width of the entry of the gate, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 And the space before the face of the little rooms *was* one cubit on this side, and the space *was* one cubit on that side; and the room *was* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the room to the roof of another; the width *was* twenty-five cubits, door to door.

14 And he made posts, sixty cubits, even to the post of the court, from the gate, around *and* around.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance to the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* narrow windows to the rooms, and to their posts within the gate, around *and* around, and thus for

porches and windows *were* around *and* around, inside, and upon *each* post *were* palm trees.

17 And he brought me into the exterior court, and lo, *there were* rooms, and a pavement made for the court, around *and* around; *there were* thirty rooms upon the pavement.

18 And the lower pavement *was* equal to the length of the gates of the pavement by the side of the gates.

19 And he measured the width from the face of the lower gate to the face of the inner court to the outside, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the exterior court that faced the way of the north, he measured its length, and its width.

21 And its rooms *were* three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its arches were after the measure of the first gate; its length *was* fifty cubits, and the width *was* twenty-five cubits.

22 And their windows, and their porches, and their palm trees *were* after the measure of the gate that faces the way of the east; and they ascended to it by seven steps, and its arches *were* before their face.

23 And the gate of the inner court was opposite the gate toward the north and toward the east, and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 And he walked me the way of the south, and behold *there was* a gate the way of the south, and he

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measured its posts and its arches according to these measures.

25 And there were windows in it and in its arches, around *and* around, like those windows; the length *was* fifty cubits, and the width *was* twenty-five cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and its arches *were* facing them; and *there were* palm trees on it, one on this side, and another on that side, upon its posts.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court the way of the south, and he measured from gate to gate the way of the south a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate, and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And its rooms, and its posts, and its arches, according to these measures; and *there were* windows in it, and in its arches, around *and* around; it *was* fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And the arches around *and* around *were* twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its arches *were* toward the exterior court, and palm trees *were* upon its posts, and *there were* eight steps of risers.

32 And he brought me into the inner court of the way of the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures;

33 And its rooms, and its posts, and its arches, *were* according to these measures; and

there were windows in them and in its arches, around *and* around; it *was* fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its arches *were* toward the exterior court, and palm trees *were* upon its posts, on this side, and on that side, and *there were* eight steps to its risers.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 Its rooms, its posts, and its arches, and the windows to it around *and* around; the length *was* fifty cubits, and the width *was* twenty-five cubits.

37 And its posts *were* toward the exterior court, and palm trees *were* upon its posts, on this side, and on that side, and *there were* eight steps to its risers.

38 And the rooms and its entries *were* by the posts of the gates where they cleansed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, upon which to slaughter the burnt offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side outside, as one ascends to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables, and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate, eight tables, on which they slaughtered *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables for the burnt offering *were of* cut stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; and they deposited the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice on them.

43 And *there were* hooks one hand width set up inside, around *and* around, and the flesh of the offering *was* upon the tables.

44 And outside the inner gate *were* the rooms of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and they faced the way of the south, one at the side of the east gate facing the way of the north.

45 And he spoke to me, This room, which faces the way of the south, *is* for the priests, those who hedge about the guard duty of the house.

46 And the room which faced the way of the north *is* for the priests, those who hedge about the guard duty of the altar; they *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi who come near to Jehovah to minister to him.

47 And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, square, and the altar *was* before the face of the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and he brought me up by the steps by which they ascended to it; and there were columns by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAPTER 41

1 And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits wide on the one side, and six cubits wide on the other side, *which was* the width of the tent.

2 And the width of the door *was* ten cubits, and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side, and he measured its length, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

3 And he went inside, and measured the post of the door, two cubits, and the door, six cubits, and the width of the door, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, to the face of the temple; and he said to me, This is the holy of holies.

5 Afterward he measured the wall of the house, six cubits, and the width of every side room *was* four cubits around *and* around the house, all around.

6 And the side rooms *were* a side room over a side room, three *stories*, and thirty times; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house for the side rooms, around *and* around, that they might be fastened, and they

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were not fastened in the wall of the house.

7 And *there was* a widening and a winding about upward, upward to the side rooms, because the winding about of the house went upward, upward, around *and* around the house; therefore the width of the house *was* upward, and so from the lowest room they ascended to the highest by the middle story.

8 And I saw the height of the house, around *and* around; the foundations of the side rooms were a full reed of six cubits joining.

9 The width of the wall which *was* for the side room to the outside *was* five cubits, and what *was* left between the side rooms that *were* of the house.

10 And between the rooms *was* a width of twenty cubits circling the house, around *and* around.

11 And the door of the side room to the open space *were*: one door the way of the north, and one door the way of the south; and the width of the place of the open space *was* five cubits, around *and* around.

12 And the building that *was* toward the face of the separate area at the end of the way of the west *was* seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits wide, around *and* around, and its length ninety cubits.

13 And he measured the house; its length, a hundred cubits: and the separate area, and the building's length with its walls *was* a hundred cubits;

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14 And the width of the face of the house, and of the separate area toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building to the face of the separate area which *was* behind it, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, and the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The thresholds, and the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on their three stories, in front of the door, circled with wood, around *and* around, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered,

17 To above the door, and to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall, around *and* around, within and without, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubs and palm trees, and a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub, and two faces *were* to every cherub;

19 And the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side, made to all the house, around *and* around.

20 From the earth to above the door *were* cherubs and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The temple door posts were squared, and the face of the sanctuary *was* the appearance as its appearance.

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls, *were* of wood; and he spoke to me, This is the table that *is* before the face of Jehovah.

23 And *there were* two doors to the temple and the sanctuary.

24 And to *each of* the two doors *were* two doors, turning doors, two doors for the one, and two doors for the other.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubs and palm trees, like those made on the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch on the outside.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side rooms of the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 42

1 And he brought me out into the exterior court, the way toward the north, and he brought me into the room that *was* in front of the separate area, and which *was* in front of the building to the north,

2 To the face of its length *was* a hundred cubits, the north door, and the width *was* fifty cubits.

3 In front of the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and in front of the pavement which *was* for the exterior court, was gallery upon the face of gallery in three *stories*.

4 And opposite the face of the rooms *was* a walk ten cubits wide to the inside, a way of one cubit, and their doors toward the north.

5 And the upper rooms *were* cut down, because the galleries took away from them, above the lower, and the middle parts of the building.

6 Because they *were* three *stories*, and there did not exist to them columns as the columns of the courts; therefore *it was* more narrow than the lowest and the middle from the earth.

7 And *the* length of the wall that *was* outside beside the rooms, the way of the exterior court toward the face of the rooms, *was* fifty cubits,

8 Because the length of the rooms that *were* in the exterior court *was* fifty cubits, and lo, upon the face of the temple were a hundred cubits.

9 And from below these rooms *was* the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the exterior court.

10 The rooms *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court the way of the east, toward the face of the separate area, and toward the face of the building.

11 And the way before their face was like the appearance of the rooms which were on the way of the north, as their length so *was* their width; and all their *places* to go out *were* both according to their pronounced judgment, and according to their doors.

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12 And as the doors of the rooms that *were* the way of the south, *there was* a door in the head of the way, the way before the face of the wall directly the way of the east, as one enters into them.

13 And he said to me, The north rooms *and* the south rooms, which *are* toward the face of the separate area, they *are* holy rooms, there where the priests who come near to Jehovah shall eat the holiest of the holy things; there they shall deposit the holiest of the holy things, even the food offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering because the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the exterior court, and there they shall deposit their garments in which they minister for they *are* holy, and shall put on other garments, and shall come near to that which *is* for the people.

15 And he ended measuring the inner house, and he brought me out the way of the gate which faced the east, and measured it, around *and* around.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around. *See Note Ezk 37:9*

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides; a wall *was* to it around *and* around, the length five hundred reeds, and the width five hundred, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

CHAPTER 43

1 And he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces the way of the east;

2 And behold, the heavy glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east, and his voice *was* like a voice of many waters, and the earth shined with his heavy glory.

3 And it was according to the seeing of the vision which I saw, according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the heavy glory of Jehovah came into the house the way of the gate whose face *is* the way of the east.

5 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the heavy glory of Jehovah filled the house.

6 And I attentively heard *one* speaking to me out of the house, and the man was standing by me.

7 And he said to me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my

feet, there where I will reside in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and the house of Israel shall not make my holy name unclean any more, they and their kings by their adultery and by the carcasses of their kings⁷ - their high places.

8 In their giving their vestibules by my vestibules, and their door posts by my door posts, and the wall between me and them, and they have made my holy name unclean by their morally disgusting things that they have done; and I have devoured them with my *burning* nostrils.

9 Now let them widely distance themselves from their adultery, and the carcasses of their kings, and I will reside in the midst of them forever.

10 You, son of man, cause to stand out boldly to the house of Israel that they and the house may be reproached for their crookednesses, and let them measure the structure.

11 And if they reproach themselves for all that they have done, cause them to know by seeing, and write it before their eyes, the form of the house, and its structure, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, that they may hedge about its whole form, and all its statutes, and do them.

⁷ 43:7 the carcasses of their kings here identified with the high places of idol worship, apparently means the carcasses of their idols which they called upon as their kings instead of Jehovah God, who was and is their true king. They had built these high places for idols in the very court of the Temple.

12 This *is* the law of the house: Upon the head of the mountain its whole boundary around *and* around *shall be* holy, holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 And these *are* the measurements of the altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit and a hand width, and the base *shall be* a cubit, and a cubit the width, and its border on its edge all around *shall be* one span, and this shall be the arch of the altar.

14 And from the base on the earth to the lower ledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge even to the greater ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width a cubit.

15 And the altar *shall be* four cubits, and from the altar and upward *shall be* four horns.

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve wide, square in its four parts.

17 And the ledge *shall be* fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen wide in its four parts; and the border around it shall be a half cubit; and its base *shall be* a cubit around; and its stairs shall face the east.

18 And he said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord Jehovah, These *are* the statutes of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer up burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it.

19 And you shall give to the priests of the Levites, they who *are* of the seed of Zadok, who

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come near to me - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - to minister to me, a bullock, a son of a cow, for a sin offering.

20 And you shall take of its blood, and give *it* on the its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border all around, and you shall make sin offering, and cover it.

21 And you shall take the bullock of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day you shall bring near a goat of the goats without blemish for a sin offering, and they shall make sacrifice for sin for the altar as they made sacrifice for sin with the bullock.

23 When you have ended making sacrifice for sin, you shall bring near a bullock, a son of a cow, without blemish, and a ram out of the flock animals without blemish.

24 And you shall bring them near the face of Jehovah, and the priests shall throw salt upon them, and they shall offer them up a burnt offering to Jehovah.

25 You shall do a goat sin offering every day for seven days, and they shall do a bullock, a son of a cow, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

26 They shall cover the altar seven days, and purify it, and they shall fill their hands.

27 And these days are ended, then it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make upon the altar your burnt of-

ferings, and your peace offerings, and I will be satisfied of your debt - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 44

1 And he turned me back the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary facing the east, and it *was* shut.

2 And Jehovah said to me; This gate shall be shut; it will not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it, because Jehovah, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, and it shall be shut.

3 *As to* the prince *as* prince, he shall sit down in it to eat food before the face of Jehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the same way.

4 And he brought me the way of the north gate to the face of the house; and I saw, and behold, the heavy glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah, and I fell upon my face.

5 And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, put it upon your heart, and see with your eyes, and hear attentively with your ears all that I speak to you concerning all the statutes of the house of Jehovah, and all its laws, and put it upon your heart, the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary.

6 And you shall say to the bitter *house*, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, All your morally disgusting things *are* enough to you, house of Israel,

7 In that you have brought in children of foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane my house when you bring near my food, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant with all your morally disgusting things.

8 And you have not hedged about the guard duty of my holy things, and you have put those who hedge about my guard duty in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, No son of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of any son of a foreigner who is among the children of Israel shall enter into my sanctuary.

10 But the Levites who widely distanced themselves from me when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their log idols - then they shall bear their crookednesses.

11 And they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, visiting at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slaughter the burnt offering, and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before their face to minister to them.

12 Because that they ministered to them before the face of their log idols, and were to the house of Israel a stumbling block of crookedness, therefore I have lifted up my hand against them - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - and they shall bear their crookednesses.

13 And they shall not come near to me to officiate as priests to me, nor come near to any of my holy things, in the holy of holies; and they shall bear their disgrace, and their morally disgusting things which they have done.

14 And I will give them those who hedge about the guard duty of the house for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

15 And the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who hedged about the guard duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray against me, they shall come near to me to minister to me, and they shall stand before my face to bring near to me the fat and the blood - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah;

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table to minister to me, and they shall hedge about my guard duty.

17 And it shall be, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments, and no wool shall come upon them while they minister in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

18 Turbans of linen shall be upon their heads, and linen underwear shall be upon their loins; they shall not be girded with any thing that causes sweat.

19 And when they go out into the exterior court, into the exterior court to the people, they shall take

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off their garments in which they ministered, and deposit them in the holy rooms, and they shall put on other garments, and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 And they shall not shave their heads, and their hair shall not grow long; shearing, they shall shear their heads.

21 And every priest shall not drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 And they shall not take a widow and her who is divorced for their wives, but virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, and they shall take a widow who has been the widow of a priest.

23 And they shall cause *the difference* between the holy and profane to flow to my people; and they shall cause them to know by seeing *the difference* between the unclean and the pure.

24 And they shall stand in pronounced judgment in a controversy; they shall pronounce sentence upon it according to my pronounced judgments, and they shall hedge about my laws and my statutes in all my appointed meetings, and they shall sanctify my Sabbaths.

25 And they shall not come to a dead man to make themselves unclean, but they may make themselves unclean for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister to whom has been no man.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall tally up seven days to him.

27 And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall bring near his sin offering - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

28 And it shall be to them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and you shall not give them a possession in Israel; I *am* their possession.

29 Then they shall eat the food offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering, and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and all lifted up offering of all *things* - of all your lifted up offerings - shall be the priest's, and you shall give the first of your meal to the priest, that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house.

31 The priests shall not eat anything of a torn carcass of birds or animal.

CHAPTER 45

1 And when you shall divide the land for inheritance by lot, you shall raise up a lifted up offering to Jehovah, a holy portion of the land; the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and the width *shall be* ten thousand. It *shall be* holy in all its borders all around.

2 There shall be of this for the sanctuary five hundred by five hundred, square all around, and fifty cubits for its open area all around.

3 And of this measurement you shall measure the length of twenty-five thousand, and the width of ten thousand, and the sanctuary shall be in it, the holy of holies.

4 It is the holy *portion* of the land for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who shall be near to minister to Jehovah; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And *it shall be* twenty-five thousand in length, and the ten thousand in width, and shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, for themselves, for a possession, twenty rooms.

6 And you shall give the possession of the city five thousand in width, and the length, twenty-five thousand, beside the holy lifted up offering; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And for the prince on this *side* and on *that* side of the holy lifted up offering, and of the possession of the city, toward the face of the holy lifted up offering, and toward the face of the possession of the city, from the mouth of the west, westward, and from the mouth of the east, eastward; and the length shall be beside one of the allotments, from the west boundary to the east boundary.

8 His possession shall be in the land in Israel, and my princes shall no more rage violently against my people, and they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Let it be enough to you, princes of Israel; turn off violence and ravaging, and do pronounced judgment and righteousness; lift off your possessing⁹ from my people - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

10 Right balances, and a right ephah, and a right bath shall be to you.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be one fixed quantity; the bath shall be taking up a tenth of the homer, and the tenth of the homer *shall be* the ephah; its measurement shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your amounts.

13 This is the lifted up offering that you shall raise up: the sixth of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and the sixth of an ephah of a homer of barley;

14 And the enactment of oil, the bath of oil: the tenth of the bath out of the cor, ten baths to a homer, because ten baths *are* a homer;

15 And one flock animal out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the well watered pastures of Israel, for a food offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to cover over them - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

⁹ 45:9 lift off your possessing from my people, meaning, stop your possessing their possession by driving my people from their possession.

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16 This lifted up offering for the prince in Israel shall be from all the people of the land.

17 And upon the prince shall be burnt offerings, and food offerings, and drink offerings, in the festivals, and in the new moons, and in the Sabbaths, in all appointed meetings of the house of Israel; he shall do the sin offering, and the food offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to cover over the house of Israel.

18 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, In the first *new moon*, on the first *day* of the new moon, you shall take a bullock, a son of a cow, without blemish, and make a sin offering for the sanctuary;

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and give it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the border of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And thus you shall do the seventh of the new moon for every man who strays, and for him who is open, and you shall cover *sin for* the house.

21 The Passover shall be to you in the first *new moon*, in the fourteenth day of the new moon, a festival of seven days; unleavened food shall be eaten.

22 And the prince shall make a bullock *for* a sin offering that day for himself and for all the people of the land.

23 And he shall make a burnt offering to Jehovah seven days of the festival, seven bullocks, and seven rams complete, daily the

seven days, and a sin offering of a he-goat of the goats daily.

24 And he shall make a food offering of an ephah for a bullock and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

25 He shall make these seven days *beginning* in the seventh *new moon*, in the fifteenth day of the new moon in the festival, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the food offering, and according to the oil.

CHAPTER 46

1 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, The gate of the inner court facing the east shall be shut the six working days, and on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter the way of the porch of the gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall make his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall prostrate himself upon the threshold of the gate, and he shall go out, and the gate shall not be shut until the dusk.

3 And the people of the land shall prostrate themselves at the door of this gate in the Sabbaths and in the new moons before the face of Jehovah.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall bring near to Jehovah in the Sabbath day shall be six young rams complete, and a *grown* ram complete.

5 And the food offering *shall be* an ephah for a *grown* ram, and for the young rams the food offering *shall be* as his hand may give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a bullock, a son of a cow, complete, and six young rams, and a *grown* ram; they shall be complete.

7 And he shall make a food offering, of an ephah for a bullock, and of an ephah for a *grown* ram, and for the young rams what his hand may reach, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall enter the way of the porch of the gate, and by its way he shall go out.

9 And when the people of the land shall come in before the face of Jehovah in the appointed meetings, he who enters in the way of the north gate to prostrate himself shall go out the way of the south gate, and he who enters the way of the south gate shall go out the way of the north gate; he shall not turn back the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out opposite it.

10 And when they go in the prince shall go in, in the midst of them, and shall go out when they go out.

11 And the food offering in the festivals and in the appointed meetings shall be an ephah to a bullock, and ephah to a *grown* ram, and to the young rams what his hand may give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 And when the prince shall make a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to Jehovah, and one shall open to him the gate facing the east, and he shall make his burnt offering and his peace offerings, what he did on the Sabbath day, and he shall go out, and *one* shall shut the gate after his going out.

13 You shall make a complete young ram of the first year a burnt offering daily to Jehovah; you shall make it dawn by dawn;

14 And you shall make for it a food offering dawn by dawn, the sixth of an ephah, and the third of an hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a food offering to Jehovah, a statute always, constantly.

15 Thus shall they do the young ram, and the food offering, and the oil, a burnt offering dawn by dawn always.

16 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, If the prince gives a gift to any man of his sons, its inheritance shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 And if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty, then it shall return to the prince; his inheritance *is* only his sons'.

18 And the prince shall not take the inheritance of the people, from their possession by raging violence; he shall bequeath from his own possession to his sons, so that my people are not dashed to pieces every man from his possession.

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19 And he brought me through the entrance, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms of the priests, facing the north, and behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

20 And he said to me, This is the place there where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the food offering, that they not bring them out into the exterior court to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me out into the exterior court, and caused me to cross by the four corners of the court; and behold, a court in *every* corner of the court, a court in *every* corner of the court.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* courts enclosed of forty cubits length and thirty, width; one measure *was* to the four corners.

23 And there was a row around in them, around the four of them, and cooking hearths made under the walled fortresses all around.

24 And he said to me, These *are* the places of them who boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 47

1 And he turned me back to the door of the house, and behold, waters came out from under the threshold of the house eastward, because the face of the house *was* eastward, and the waters came down from under the side of the house at the right, from the south of the altar.

2 And he brought me out the way of the gate northward, and circled me around the way outside to the exterior gate the way facing eastward, and behold, waters bubbling out from the right side.

3 And when the man went out eastward and the measuring line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he crossed me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and crossed me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees; and he measured a thousand, and crossed me through; the waters *were* to the loins.

5 And he measured a thousand, *and there was* a stream that I could not cross over, because the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a stream that could not be crossed over.

6 And he said to me, Have you seen, son of man? And he walked me, and turned me back to the lip of the stream.

7 Then I turned back, and behold, at the lip of the stream *were* very many trees on this *side* and on that *side*.

8 And he said to me, These waters came out toward the eastern circuit, and descend into the desert, and go into the sea; they shall go out into the sea, and the waters shall be healed.⁸

9 And it shall be, every soul that lives, which swarms, to all there where the streams shall come, shall live, and there shall be fish exceedingly abundant because these waters shall come there, and they shall be healed, and everything shall live where the stream comes. *Zec 14:8*

10 And it shall be, fishers shall stand upon it from En Gedi even to En Eglaim; they shall be a spreading-place for nets; their kinds of fish shall be as the fish of the great sea, exceedingly abundant.

11 Its swamps and its marshes shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And all trees for food shall ascend upon the lip of the stream, on this *side* and on that *side*, whose leaf shall not fade, and its fruit shall not be ended; it shall bear new fruit

⁸ **47:8** The waters flowing from the temple eastward flow down into desert below the circuit of Jordan, and heal the Dead Sea. En Gedi is at the south or lower end of the Dead Sea, and En Eglaim is at the upper or north end where the Jordan flows into the Dead Sea, thus encompassing the entire Dead Sea. See *Zec 14:8* where we are told that half of the waters flow into the Mediterranean Sea and half into the Dead Sea. My interpretation is that this occurs at the end of the Great Tribulation to heal all the bloody waters, both salt and fresh, *Rev 16:3-4*, after the end of the plagues of the Book of Revelation, at the beginning of the One Thousand Years Reign of Christ on earth.

according to its new moons, because its waters come out from the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for a remedy.

13 Thus says the Lord Jehovah, This *shall be* the border by which you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph *shall have two* districts.

14 And you shall inherit it, each man as his brother, as I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you for an inheritance.

15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the mouth of the north, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar Hatticon, which *is* by the border of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this *is* the mouth of the north.

18 And you shall measure the mouth of the east from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And this *is* the mouth of the east.

19 And the mouth of the south southward, *is* from Tamar to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the stream to the great sea. And this *is* the mouth of the south, southward.

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20 And the mouth of the west shall be the great sea from the border, until one comes opposite Hamath. This is the mouth of the west.

21 And you shall allot this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And it shall be, you shall cause it to fall for an inheritance to you, and to the foreigners who lodge among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be to you as native born among the children of Israel; an inheritance among the tribes of Israel shall fall to them with you.

23 And it shall be, in the tribe where the stranger lodges, there you shall give him his inheritance - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 48

1 And these are the names of the tribes. From the north extremity to the hand of the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the hand of Hamath; and these are its mouths east to west - for Dan, one.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Asher, one.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Naphtali, one.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Manasseh, one.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Ephraim, one.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east mouth even to the west mouth, for Reuben, one.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Judah, one.

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east mouth to the west mouth, shall be the lifted up offering which you shall raise up, twenty-five thousand cubits in width, and in length as one of the other allotments, from the east mouth to the west mouth, and the sanctuary shall be in its midst.

9 The lifted up offering that you shall raise up to Jehovah shall be twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width.

10 And these shall be a holy lifted up offering for the priests; northward twenty-five thousand, and westward in width ten thousand, and eastward, in width ten thousand, and southward in length, twenty-five thousand; and the sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in its midst.

11 For the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have hedged about my guard duty, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray as the Levites went astray.

12 And the lifted up offering that is offered up of the land shall be to them a holy of holies by the border of the Levites.

13 And the Levites beside the border of the priests *shall be* twenty-five thousand in length, and in width, ten thousand; all the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand, and the width, ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell any part of it, and shall not exchange *it*, and shall not cross the firstfruits of the land over *for any other use*, because *it is* holy to Jehovah.

15 And the five thousand, that are left in the width against the face of the twenty-five thousand, *shall be* profaned; *it is* for the city, for dwelling, and for open country, and the city shall be in its midst.

16 And these *shall be* its measures; the north mouth, four thousand and five hundred, and the south mouth, four thousand and five hundred, and on the east mouth, four thousand and five hundred, and the west mouth, four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the open area of the city shall be northward two hundred and fifty, and southward, two hundred and fifty, and eastward, two hundred and fifty, and westward, two hundred and fifty.

18 And the rest in length beside the holy lifted up offering shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward, and it shall be beside the holy lifted up offering, and its produce shall be for food to them who serve the city.

19 And they who serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the lifted up offering shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand square; you shall raise up the holy lifted up offering to the possession of the city.

21 And the rest *shall be* for the prince, on this *side* and that *side* of the holy lifted up offering, and of the possession of the city, toward the face of the twenty-five thousand of the lifted up offering toward the east border, and westward against the face of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, beside the allotment for the prince, and it shall be the holy lifted up offering, and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in its midst.

22 And from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, in the midst of that which *is* the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 And those left of the tribes, from the east mouth to the west mouth, for Benjamin, one.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east mouth to the west mouth, Simeon, one.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east mouth to the west mouth, Issachar, one.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east mouth to the west mouth, Zebulun, one.

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27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east mouth to the west mouth, Gad, one.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south mouth, southward, and the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the stream toward the great sea.

29 This *is* the land which you shall cause to fall *by lot* for inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these *are* their allotments - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

30 And these *are* the exits of the city on the north mouth, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; the gate of Reuben, one, the gate of Judah, one, the gate of Levi, one.

32 And at the east mouth, four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; and the gate of Joseph, one, the gate of Benjamin, one, the gate of Dan, one.

33 And at the south mouth, four thousand, five hundred measures; and three gates; *the* gate of Simeon, one, *the* gate of Issachar, one, *the* gate of Zebulun, one.

34 The west mouth, four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; *the* gate of Gad, one, *the* gate of Asher, one, *the* gate of Naphtali, one.

35 It *shall be* all around eighteen thousand measures; and the name of the city from that day *shall be* JEHOVAH SHAAMAAH.³⁵

³⁵ 48:35 JEHOVAH SHAAMAAH, Jehovah Is There!