

## **The Book of the Prophet Isaiah / Yesha'yahu [Salvation of Yah]**

*Context: Isaiah is a contemporary of the Prophets Hosea and Amos and he ended right before Jeremiah who saw the exile and entrance to Babylon. Isaiah's account sets God apart as the Holy One of Israel. God's just judgments are coming, the Day of Yahweh. Prophecies pertain to both contemporary events and future events, the reader must determine. Still, God will have compassion on His people still and send forth the Messianic Servant and the Messianic King. God will again comfort and collect Israel to his own glory and praise. Israel will be purified and refined in this process, the remnant remains.*

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

<sup>2</sup> *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey·, heavens,  
and listen, earth; for ADONAI has spoken:  
“I have nourished and brought up children,  
and they have rebelled against me.

<sup>3</sup> The ox knows his owner,  
and the donkey his master's crib;  
but Israel [God prevails] does not know,

my people don't consider."

- <sup>4</sup> Ah sinful nation,  
a people loaded with iniquity,  
offspring of evildoers,  
children who deal corruptly!

They have forsaken ADONAI .

They have despised the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the  
Holy One of God prevails].

They are estranged and backward.

- <sup>5</sup> Why should you be beaten more,  
that you revolt more and more?

The whole head is sick,  
and the whole heart faint.

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

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

- <sup>8</sup> The daughter of Zion [Mountain ridge, Mark-  
ing] is left like a shelter in a vineyard,  
like a hut in a field of melons,  
like a besieged city.

- <sup>9</sup> *Unless ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of  
heaven's armies] had left to us a very small  
remnant,  
we would have been as Sodom [Burning];*

*we would have been like Gomorrah [Rebellious people, Tyrants]. \**

**10** *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· ADONAI 's word, you rulers of Sodom [Burning]!

Listen to the *Torah* ·Teaching· of our God, you people of Gomorrah [Rebellious people, Tyrants]!

**11** "What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?," says ADONAI .

"I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams,  
and the fat of fed animals.  
I don't delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs,  
or of male goats.

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

**13** Bring no more vain offerings.  
Incense is an abomination to me;  
new moons, Sabbaths, and convocations:  
I can't bear with evil assemblies.

**14** My soul hates your New Moons and your  
appointed feasts.

They are a burden to me.  
I am weary of bearing them.

**15** When you spread out your hands, I will hide  
my eyes from you.

Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not  
*sh'ma* ·hear obey·.

Your hands are full of blood.

**16** Wash yourselves, make yourself clean.

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\* **1:9** Quoted in Rom 9:29

- Put away the evil of your doings from before  
my eyes.  
Cease to do evil.  
17 Learn to do well.  
Seek *mishpat* ·justice·.  
Relieve the oppressed.  
Judge the orphan.  
Plead for the widow.”
- 18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” says  
ADONAI :  
“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall  
be as white as snow.  
Though they be red like crimson, they shall  
be as wool.  
19 If you are willing and *sh'ma* ·hearing obedi-  
ent·,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be  
devoured with the sword;  
for the mouth of ADONAI has spoken it.”
- 21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute!  
She was full of *mishpat* ·justice·; righteous-  
ness lodged in her,  
but now murderers.  
22 Your silver has become dross,  
your wine mixed with water.  
23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions  
of thieves.  
Everyone '*ahav* ·affectionately loves· bribes,  
and follows after rewards.  
They don't judge the orphan,  
neither does the cause of the widow come to  
them.

24 Therefore the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh  
Commander of heaven's armies],  
the Mighty One of Israel [God prevails], says:

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

25 and I will turn my hand on you,  
thoroughly purge away your dross,  
and will take away all your tin.

26 I will restore your judges as at the first,  
and your counselors as at the beginning.

Afterward you shall be called 'The city of righteousness,  
a faithful town.'

27 Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] shall be redeemed with *mishpat* ·justice·,  
and her converts with righteousness.

28 But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together,  
and those who forsake *ADONAI* shall be consumed.

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

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

31 The strong will be like tinder,  
and his work like a spark.

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

## 2

<sup>1</sup> This is what Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah [Praised] and Jerusalem [City of peace].

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

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

For out of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] *Torah*  
·Teaching· shall go forth,  
and ADONAI 's word from Jerusalem [City of peace].

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations,  
and will decide concerning many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

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\* **2:2** MP: Messiah establishes an ideal and everlasting kingdom in Jerusalem that brings world-wide rein and peace. The nations come to submit to King Messiah's authority and repent of war. (Luke 24:47; 1 Cor 15:24-28) (See also Ps 2:6-7, 2:12, 8:6; Is 9:6-7; Mic 4:1-3) † **2:2** Quoted in Luke 24:47

- <sup>5</sup> House of Jacob [Supplanter], come, and let us walk in the light of ADONAI .
- <sup>6</sup> For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob [Supplanter],  
because they are filled from the east,  
with those who practice divination like the Philistines [To roll in dust (As an insult)],  
and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners.
- <sup>7</sup> Their land is full of silver and gold,  
neither is there any end of their treasures.  
Their land also is full of horses,  
neither is there any end of their chariots.
- <sup>8</sup> Their land also is full of idols.  
They worship the work of their own hands,  
that which their own fingers have made.
- <sup>9</sup> *Man* is brought low,  
and mankind is humbled;  
therefore don't forgive them.
- <sup>10</sup> *Enter into the rock,*  
and hide in the dust,  
to escape *from the terror of ‡ ADONAI ,*  
and from *the glory of his majesty.* §
- <sup>11</sup> The lofty looks of man will be brought low,  
the haughtiness of men will be bowed down,  
and ADONAI alone will be exalted in that day.
- <sup>12</sup> For there will be a day of *ADONAI Tzva'ot*  
[Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]  
for all that is proud and haughty,  
and for all that is lifted up;  
and it shall be brought low:

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‡ 2:10 Quoted in Rev 6:15-16    § 2:10 Quoted in 2 Thes 1:9

- 13 For all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high  
and lifted up,  
for all the oaks of Bashan,  
14 For all the high mountains,  
for all the hills that are lifted up,  
15 For every lofty tower,  
for every fortified wall,  
16 For all the ships of Tarshish,  
and for all pleasant imagery.  
17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed down,  
and the haughtiness of men shall be brought  
low;  
and ADONAI alone shall be exalted in that  
day.  
18 The idols shall utterly pass away.  
19 *Men shall go into the caves of the rocks,  
and into the holes of the earth,  
to escape from the terror of \* ADONAI ,  
and from the glory of his majesty, †  
when he arises to shake the earth mightily.*  
20 In that day, men shall cast away their idols of  
silver,  
and their idols of gold,  
which have been made for themselves to  
worship,  
to the moles and to the bats;  
21 *To go into the caverns of the rocks,  
and into the clefts of the ragged rocks,  
to escape from the terror of ‡ ADONAI ,  
and from the glory of his majesty, §*

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\* 2:19 Quoted in Rev 6:15-16 † 2:19 Quoted in 2 Thes 1:9

‡ 2:21 Quoted in Rev 6:15-16 § 2:21 Quoted in 2 Thes 1:9

- when he arises to shake the earth mightily.  
<sup>22</sup> Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his nostrils;  
for of what account is he?

### 3

- <sup>1</sup> For, behold, *Adon, ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Lord, Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], takes away from Jerusalem [City of peace] and from Judah [Praised] supply and support,  
the whole supply of bread,  
and the whole supply of water;  
<sup>2</sup> the mighty man,  
the man of war,  
the judge,  
the prophet,  
the diviner,  
the elder,  
<sup>3</sup> the captain of fifty,  
the honorable man,  
the counselor,  
the skilled craftsman,  
and the clever enchanter.  
<sup>4</sup> I will give boys to be their princes,  
and children shall rule over them.  
<sup>5</sup> The people will be oppressed,  
everyone by another,  
and everyone by his neighbor.  
The child will behave himself proudly against the old man,  
and the base against the honorable.  
<sup>6</sup> Indeed a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying,

“You have clothing, you be our ruler,  
and let this ruin be under your hand.”

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

You shall not make me ruler of the people.”

<sup>8</sup> For Jerusalem [City of peace] is ruined, and  
Judah [Praised] is fallen;

because their tongue and their doings are  
against ADONAI ,

to provoke the eyes of his *kavod* ·weighty glory·.

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

They parade their sin like Sodom [Burning].  
They don't hide it.

Woe to their soul!

For they have brought disaster upon them-  
selves.

<sup>10</sup> Tell the upright “Good!”

For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

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

Disaster is upon them;

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

<sup>12</sup> As for my people, children are their oppres-  
sors,

and women rule over them.

My people, those who lead you cause you to  
err,

and destroy the way of your paths.

<sup>13</sup> ADONAI stands up to contend,

and stands to judge the peoples.

<sup>14</sup> ADONAI will enter into judgment with the  
elders of his people,

and their leaders:

"It is you who have eaten up the vineyard.

The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

<sup>15</sup> What do you mean that you crush my people,  
and grind the face of the poor?" says the  
Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Comman-  
der of heaven's armies].

<sup>16</sup> Moreover *ADONAI* said, "Because the daugh-  
ters of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] are  
haughty,  
and walk with outstretched necks and flirt-  
ing eyes,  
walking to trip as they go,  
jingling ornaments on their feet;

<sup>17</sup> therefore the Lord brings sores on the crown  
of the head of the women of Zion [Moun-  
tain ridge, Marking],  
and *ADONAI* will make their scalps bald."

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

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

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

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

## 4

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

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

## 5

- <sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my *yadid* ·beloved· a song of my  
    *dod* ·beloved lover· about his *vineyard*.<sup>\*</sup>  
    My *yadid* ·beloved· had a vineyard on a very  
    fruitful hill.
- <sup>2</sup> He dug it up,  
    gathered out its stones,  
    planted it with the choicest vine,  
    built a *tower* in the middle of it,  
    and also cut out a *wine press* †therein.
- He looked for it to yield grapes,  
    but it yielded wild grapes.
- <sup>3</sup> “Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem [City of peace]  
    and men of Judah [Praised],  
    please judge between me and my vineyard.
- <sup>4</sup> What could have been done more to my  
    vineyard, that I have not done in it?  
    Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did  
    it yield wild grapes?
- <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I will do to my  
    vineyard.  
    I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten  
    up.  
    I will break down its wall, and it will be  
    trampled down.
- <sup>6</sup> I will lay it a wasteland.  
    It won't be pruned nor hoed,  
    but it will grow briars and thorns.  
    I will also enjoin the clouds that they rain no  
    rain on it.”

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<sup>\*</sup> 5:1 Quoted in Luke 20:9    † 5:2 Quoted in Matt 21:33; Mark 12:1

- <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] is the house of Israel [God prevails], and the men of Judah [Praised] his pleasant plant:  
and he looked for *mishpat* 'justice', but, behold, oppression;  
for righteousness, but, behold, a cry of distress.
- <sup>8</sup> Woe to those who join house to house,  
who lay field to field, until there is no room,  
and you are made to dwell alone in the middle of the land!
- <sup>9</sup> In my ears, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] says: "Surely many houses will be desolate,  
even great and beautiful, unoccupied.
- <sup>10</sup> For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath [6 hins; 5.9 gal; 22 L],  
and a homer [6.33 bushels; 59 gal; 220 L] of seed shall yield an ephah [0.63 bushels; 5.9 gal; 22 L]."
- <sup>11</sup> Woe to those who rise up early in the morning,  
that they may follow strong drink;  
who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them!
- <sup>12</sup> The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts;  
but they don't respect the work of *ADONAI* ,  
neither have they considered the operation of his hands.
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge.

- Their honorable men are famished,  
and their multitudes are parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore *Sheol* ·Place of the dead· has enlarged its desire,  
and opened its mouth without *chok* ·portion·;  
and their glory, their multitude, their pomp,  
and he who rejoices among them, descend into it.
- 15 So man is brought low,  
mankind is humbled,  
and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled;
- 16 but *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] is exalted in *mishpat* ·justice·,  
and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.
- 17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture,  
and strangers will eat the ruins of the rich.
- 18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood,  
and wickedness as with cart rope;
- 19 Who say, "Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it;  
and let the counsel of the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails] draw near and come,  
that we may know it!"
- 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;  
who put darkness for light,  
and light for darkness;  
who put bitter for sweet,  
and sweet for bitter!

- 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,  
and prudent in their own sight!
- 22 Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine,  
and champions at mixing strong drink;
- 23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe,  
but deny justice for the innocent!
- 24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the  
stubble,  
and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame,  
so their root shall be as rottenness,  
and their blossom shall go up as dust;  
because they have rejected the *Torah* ·Teaching·  
of *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander  
of heaven's armies],  
and despised the word of the *haKadosh  
Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails].
- 25 Therefore *ADONAI* 's anger burns against his  
people,  
and he has stretched out his hand against  
them, and has struck them.
- The mountains tremble,  
and their dead bodies are as refuse in the  
middle of the streets.
- For all this, his anger is not turned away,  
but his hand is still stretched out.
- 26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from far,  
and he will whistle for them from the end of  
the earth.  
Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.
- 27 No one shall be weary nor stumble among  
them;  
no one shall slumber nor sleep;  
neither shall the belt of their waist be untied,  
nor the strap of their sandals be broken:

28 whose arrows are sharp,  
     and all their bows bent.  
 Their horses' hoofs will be like flint,  
     and their wheels like a whirlwind.  
 29 Their roaring will be like a lioness.  
     They will roar like young lions.  
 Yes, they shall roar,  
     and seize their prey and carry it off,  
     and there will be no one to deliver.  
 30 They will roar against them in that day like the  
     roaring of the sea.  
     If one looks to the land behold, darkness and  
     distress.  
     The light is darkened in its clouds.

## 6

1 In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the  
 Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and  
 his train filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the  
 seraphim. Each one *had six wings*. \* With two  
 he covered his face. With two he covered his  
 feet. With two he flew. 3 One called to another,  
 and said,

*"More holy than the holiest holiness is ADONAI  
 Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of heaven's  
 armies]!" †*

The whole earth is full of his *kavod* ·weighty  
 glory·!"

4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at  
 the voice of him who called, and *the house was  
 filled with smoke*. ‡ 5 Then I said, "Woe is me!  
 For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean

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\* 6:2 Quoted in Rev 4:8 † 6:3 Quoted in Rev 4:8 ‡ 6:4 Quoted  
 in Rev 15:8

lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]!"

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

<sup>8</sup> I *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

<sup>9</sup> § \* *He said, 'Go, and tell this people,  
"You sh'ma ·hear obey· sh'ma ·hear obey·  
yet still don't understand;  
and you indeed see,  
but don't perceive." †*

<sup>10</sup> *Make the heart of this people fat.  
Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and sh'ma ·hear obey· with their ears,  
and understand with their heart,  
and turn again, and be healed.' ‡ §*

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "Lord, how long?"  
He answered,  
"Until cities are waste without inhabitant,

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§ 6:9 MP: Seeing the glory of Messiah, Israel still hardens her heart and refuses to acknowledge him. (John 12:37-41)

\* 6:9 MP: Messiah speaks in parables so people hear but never understand; see but never perceive. (Matt 13:13-17) † 6:9

Quoted in Luke 8:10 ‡ 6:10 Quoted in John 12:40 § 6:10  
Quoted in Acts 28:26-27

and houses without man,  
and the land becomes utterly waste,

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

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

## 7

<sup>1</sup> In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah [Praised], Rezin the king of Syria [Elevated], and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel [God prevails], went up to Jerusalem [City of peace] to war against it, but could not prevail against it. <sup>2</sup> David [Beloved]'s house was told, "Syria [Elevated] is allied with Ephraim [Fruit]." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. <sup>3</sup> Then ADONAI said to Isaiah [Salvation of Yah], "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field. <sup>4</sup> Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria [Elevated], and of the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Because Syria [Elevated], Ephraim [Fruit], and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Let's go up against Judah [Praised], and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set

up a king within it, even the son of Tabeel.” <sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord ADONAI says: “It shall not stand, neither shall it happen.” <sup>8</sup> For the head of Syria [Elevated] is Damascus [Bucket of blood], and the head of Damascus [Bucket of blood] is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim [Fruit] shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people; <sup>9</sup> and the head of Ephraim [Fruit] is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.’ ”

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

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, neither will I tempt ADONAI .”

<sup>13</sup> He said, “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· now, house of David [Beloved]. Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> \* **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.** † **Behold,**

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\* **7:14** MP: A virgin female will conceive and bear a son, (combined with Gen 3:15, seed of a woman). Note on textual variations: Why a virgin female as compared to young female? In the Hebrew *Masoretic* text, the prophecy in Isaiah uses the Hebrew word *almah* [a woman of marriageable age] whereas the verse in Matthew uses the Greek word *parthenos* [a pure virgin or woman of marriageable age]. However the translators of the Greek *Septuagint*, which is older than any existing Hebrew text, used *parthenos* in their translation of the verse in Isaiah. Therefore the translators understood the verse in Isaiah as referring to a literal virgin birth. (Luke 1:27, 1:30-31) † **7:14** Quoted in Luke 2:34

*the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, ‡ and shall call his name § 'Immanu El [God is with us].*

\* 15 He shall eat butter and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken. 17 ADONAI will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim [Fruit] departed from Judah [Praised]; even the king of Assyria [Level plain]. 18 It will happen in that day that ADONAI will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt [Abode of slavery], and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria [Level plain]. 19 They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures. 20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria [Level plain], the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21 It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22 and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter and honey that is

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‡ 7:14 MP: The name *Immanu'el*, meaning [God with us]. This is an attributed title, not his literal name. Consider (Is 8:7-8) also uses the Hebrew *Immanu'el*. (Matt 1:21-23; Col 2:9; Rev 21:3)

§ 7:14 MP: Messiah is equal to God who sent him; Immanu'el, God with us. (John 12:45; Col 2:9) \* 7:14 Quoted in Matt 1:23; Rev 21:3

left within the land. <sup>23</sup> It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver shekels [25 lb; 11.34 kg], shall be for briers and thorns. <sup>24</sup> People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns. <sup>25</sup> All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending out of oxen, and for the treading of sheep."

## 8

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

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

<sup>5</sup> ADONAI spoke to me yet again, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; <sup>7</sup> now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria [Level plain] and all his glory. It will come up over

all its channels, and go over all its banks. <sup>8</sup> It will sweep onward into Judah [Praised]. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the width of your land, *'Immanu El [God is with us]*. \* <sup>9</sup> Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Listen, all you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress for battle, and be shattered!

<sup>10</sup> Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for *God is with us*." † <sup>11</sup> For ADONAI spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Don't say, 'A conspiracy!' concerning all about which this people say, 'A conspiracy!' *neither fear* their threats, *nor be terrorized*. <sup>13</sup> ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] is who you must *respect as holy*. ‡ He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread. <sup>14</sup> § *He will be a sanctuary, but for both houses of Israel [God prevails], he will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.*

\* *And a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem [City of peace]. <sup>15</sup> Many will *stumble over it, fall, be broken, † be snared, and be captured*."* <sup>16</sup> Wrap up the testimony. Seal the *Torah* ·Teaching· among my disciples. <sup>17</sup> I will

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\* **8:8** Quoted in Rev 21:3 † **8:10** Quoted in Rev 21:3 ‡ **8:13**

Quoted in 1 Pet 3:14-15 § **8:14** MP: Messiah is a "stumbling stone, a rock of offense" for Israel. (Matt 21:43-44; 1 Peter 2:8)

\* **8:14** Quoted in Rom 9:32-33; 1 Pet 2:8 † **8:15** Quoted in Matt 21:44; Luke 2:34; 20:18

wait for ADONAI , who hides his face from the house of Jacob [Supplanter], and *I will trust in him.* ‡ <sup>18</sup> Behold, *I and the children whom ADONAI has given me* § are for signs and for wonders in Israel [God prevails] from ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], who dwells in Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking].

<sup>19</sup> When they tell you, "Consult with those who have familiar spirits and with the wizards, who chirp and who mutter:" should not a people consult with their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> Turn to the *Torah* ·Teaching· and to the testimony! If they don't speak according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. <sup>21</sup> They will pass through it, very distressed and hungry; and it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, and curse by their king and by their God. They will turn their faces upward, <sup>22</sup> and look to the earth, and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

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<sup>1</sup> But there shall be no more gloom for her who

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‡ **8:17** Quoted in Heb 2:13 (Greek *Septuagint* rendering is given; the Hebrew word used means "to look for") § **8:18** Quoted in Heb 2:13

was in anguish. \* † In the former time, he brought into contempt *the land of Zebulun [Living together] and the land of Naphtali [My wrestling];* but in the latter time he has made it glorious, *by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan [Descender], Galilee [District, Circuit] of the nations.*

<sup>2</sup> *The people living in darkness have seen a great light.*

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

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

You have increased their joy.

They rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the plunder. <sup>4</sup>

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as in the day of Midian [Strife].

<sup>5</sup> For all the armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the garments rolled in blood, will be

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\* **9:1** MP: Messiah comes from Galilee and shines upon the Galil-of-the-Goyim. Meaning his ministry begins in the Galilee and the region includes Gentiles living there. (Mark explains although Yeshua had traveled previously, He did not begin His ministry until entering Galilee, his hometown region.) (Matt 4:12-13; Mark 1:14) † **9:1** MP: Messiah is a light to the Gentiles and this causes Israel to increase and have joy as in harvest. Combined: Messiah bears spiritual light in the darkness of those born outside Torah covenant, counting them as increasing the nation of Israel. (See also Is 42:6, 49:6). (Luke 2:31-32; 1 Cor 9:19-21; Rom 3:1-2, 3:29-31; Eph 2:14-19) ‡ **9:2** Quoted in Matt 4:15-16 § **9:2** Quoted in Luke 1:79 \* **9:3** MP: The light that comes to the Gentiles also enlarges Israel. (See also context of Is 9:1-2, and Is 42:6, 49:6). (John 10:16; Rom 11:25; Eph 2:14)

for burning, fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us † ‡ a child is born. To us § a son is given; and \* the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called † *Peleh-Yo 'etz* [Wonderful-Counselor], ‡ *El Gibbor* [Mighty God], § *Avi-Ad* [Everlasting Father], \* *Sar-Shalom* [Prince of

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† 9:6 MP: "a child is born," Messiah is born as a human being, a man-child. (Luke 2:11-12) ‡ 9:6 MP: "a child is born," Messiah has a human body of flesh and bone. (Luke 2:11; John 1:14) § 9:6 MP: Messiah is the Son of God, "a son is given". Hence Messiah has divine origins. (Luke 1:32, 1:35; John 1:34; Col 2:9) \* 9:6 MP: Messiah comes to bear the responsibility as the prophesied heir who establishes the everlasting kingdom as the heir to the throne of David. (Luke 1:32) † 9:6 Messiah is called Wonderful Counselor, by Christian interpretation this is one name. Judaism sees this as two names. "Wonderful" as in (Judges 13:18) by the Angel of Yahweh to Judge Manoah. Also "Counselor," one who brings wisdom from God like Moses and Aaron did (Num 11:16-17). (Luke 4:22; John 7:46) ‡ 9:6 MP: Messiah is called "Mighty God," for he is mighty and strong, able to save. Hebrew *Gibbor* means Mighty or Strong. (Matt 14:27; Acts 4:12) § 9:6 MP: Messiah is everlasting with the authority of his father (Yahweh and ancestor David). Now the Hebrew idiom "Eternal Father" in the context of a ruler on David's throne (Is 9:7). Eternal father could mean "The ruler with authority to pass on or deny access to eternal life". (John 5:19, 5:30, 12:49-50; Rev 1:18) \* 9:6 MP: Messiah is the "Prince of Peace". This role can be understood as "The chief leader of the people establishing a peaceful covenant relationship with God". (John 12:49-50; Col 1:19-20)

Peace]. <sup>7</sup> † ‡ The increase of his government and of peace *there shall be no end,* on David [Beloved]'s throne, and on his kingdom, § to establish it, and to uphold it with *mishpat* justice and with righteousness from that time on, *even forever.* \* The zeal of ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will perform this.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord sent a word into Jacob [Supplanter], and it falls on Israel [God prevails].

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

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

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

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† **9:7** MP: Messiah son of David [Beloved] establishes a kingdom and rule that is over all and establishes righteousness and justice in accordance with Adonai, God of heaven's Armies. (Also see Is 16:5; Dan 2:44). (Luke 1:32-33, 17:20-21; Eph 1:21) Note: In the Blessing of Aaron (Num 6:26), "God will give you peace," this is called the peace of the Kingdom of David. (See also Is 16:5).

‡ **9:7** MPr: The promise of peace in the Aaronic Blessing (Num 6:26) is referred to as the peace of the Kingdom of David. Linked to (Is 9:7), "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." (Is 9:7 in Siphre on Numbers Parasha 42: Num 30:1-32:42). (John 14:27; Rev 21:22-27, 22:1-5) § **9:7** Quoted in Luke 1:32-33 \* **9:7** Quoted in John 12:34

12 The Syrians in front,  
and the Philistines [To roll in dust (As an  
insult)] behind;  
and they will devour Israel [God prevails]  
with open mouth.

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

13 Yet the people have not turned to him who  
struck them,  
neither have they sought *ADONAI Tzva'ot*  
[Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies].

14 Therefore *ADONAI* will cut off from Israel [God  
prevails] head and tail,  
palm branch and reed, in one day.

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

16 For those who lead this people lead them  
astray;  
and those who are led by them are de-  
stroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their  
young men,  
neither will he have *racham* ·compassionate  
merciful love· on their orphans and wid-  
ows;

for everyone is profane and an evildoer,  
and every mouth speaks folly.

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

18 For wickedness burns like a fire.  
It devours the briars and thorns;  
yes, it kindles in the thickets of the forest,  
and they roll upward in a column of smoke.

19 Through *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]' wrath, the land is burned up;  
and the people are the fuel for the fire.  
No one spares his brother.

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

Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh [Causing to forget], Ephraim [Fruit]; and Ephraim [Fruit], Manasseh [Causing to forget]; and they together shall be against Judah [Praised].

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

## 10

1 Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who write oppressive decrees; 2 to deprive the needy of their rights, and to rob the poor among my people of *mishpat* 'justice', that widows may be their plunder, and that they may make the orphans their prey!

3 What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your *kavod* 'weighty glory'?

4 They will only bow down under the prisoners,

and will fall under the slain.

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

<sup>5</sup> Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation! <sup>6</sup> I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me will I give him a enjoin to take the plunder and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. <sup>7</sup> However he does not mean so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. <sup>8</sup> For he says, "Are not all of my princes kings? <sup>9</sup> Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus [Bucket of blood]?" <sup>10</sup> As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those of Jerusalem [City of peace] and of Samaria; <sup>11</sup> shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem [City of peace] and her idols? <sup>12</sup> Therefore it will happen that, when the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] and on Jerusalem [City of peace], I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria [Level plain], and the insolence of his haughty looks. <sup>13</sup> For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers. <sup>14</sup> My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped."

<sup>15</sup> Should an ax brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood. <sup>16</sup> Therefore the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his *kavod* ·weighty glory· a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire. <sup>17</sup> The light of Israel [God prevails] will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day. <sup>18</sup> He will consume the *kavod* ·weighty glory· of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints. <sup>19</sup> The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.

<sup>20</sup> It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel [God prevails], and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob [Supplanter] will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on ADONAI , the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails], in truth. <sup>21</sup> A remnant will make *teshuvah* ·complete return·, even the remnant of Jacob [Supplanter], to the mighty God. <sup>22</sup> *For though your people, Israel [God prevails], are like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return.* A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness. <sup>23</sup> *For the Lord, ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], will make a full end, and that determined, throughout all the*

*earth.* \* <sup>24</sup> Therefore the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], says "My people who dwell in Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], don't be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against you, as Egypt [Abode of slavery] did. <sup>25</sup> For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his destruction."

<sup>26</sup> *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will stir up a scourge against him, as in the slaughter of Midian [Strife] at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Egypt [Abode of slavery]. <sup>27</sup> It will happen in that day, that his burden will depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

<sup>28</sup> He has come to Aiath. He has passed through Migron. At Michmash he stores his baggage.

<sup>29</sup> They have gone over the pass. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah trembles.

Gibeah of Saul [Asked for] has fled. <sup>30</sup> Cry aloud with your voice, daughter of Gallim! Listen,

Laishah! You poor Anathoth! <sup>31</sup> Madmenah is a fugitive. The inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety.

<sup>32</sup> This very day he will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the

daughter of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], the hill of Jerusalem [City of peace]. <sup>33</sup> Behold, the

Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], will lop the boughs with terror.

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\* **10:23** Quoted in Rom 9:27-28

The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low. <sup>34</sup> He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> \* A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse [My husband],  
and a † *netzer* ·branch· out of ‡ his roots §  
will bear fruit.

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\* **11:1** MP: Messiah is a descendant of Jesse. (This is one specific family within the entire tribe of Judah). (See also Is 11:10). (Luke 3:32) † **11:1** MP: Messiah will grow up in Nazareth [Branch, Separated one]. This is known because the Hebrew word *netzer* ·branch· is used here. This is the only prophecy that says Messiah will come from Nazareth [Branch, Separated one]. (Consider illusion in Is 53:2). In the parallel fulfillment verse, the Greek word for Nazarene is *Nazaphnoe*, coming from the Aramaic word for twig or branch. Note on the Greek: The Greek word for a citizen of Nazareth [Branch, Separated one] is *Nazarethaios*. But Matthew uses *Nazaphnoe* ·branch·, not *Nazarethaios* [a person from Nazareth]. The King James Version of the Bible, published in 1611, translates the original Greek word as “a person from Nazareth [Branch, Separated one]” regional but modern scholars now believe this translation to be incorrect. The Bible and Matthew both make it clear Yeshua was a “citizen of Nazareth,” of Galilee, in Judea. (Matt 2:22-23) ‡ **11:1** MP: “Stump of Jesse” alludes to the household exists but is not in former glory. Therefore Messiah will grow up in a poor family. In Luke 2, the offering described is detailed in (Lev 12:6-8) for the poor woman’s purification after giving birth. (See also Is 11:10; Ps 132:17). (Luke 2:22-24; Rom 15:12) § **11:1** Quoted in Rom 15:12; Rev 2:16

- 2 \* *Ruach Yahweh* [Spirit of He sustains breathing] will rest on him:  
 † the spirit of wisdom and ‡ understanding,  
 § the spirit of counsel and \* might,  
 † the spirit of knowledge and of ‡ the fear of  
 ADONAI .
- 3 § His delight will be in the fear of ADONAI .  
 He will not judge by the sight of his eyes,  
 neither decide by the hearing of his ears;  
 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor,  
 and decide with equity for the humble of the  
 earth.

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\* **11:2** MP: The Messiah possesses the complete (seven) anointing of the Spirit of God upon him. (Consider the purpose of the Spirit, Is 11:2). Special Considerations: Considerations: Seven is the number of complete fullness. (John 1:32-33; Acts 10:38; Col 2:9; Rev 3:1) Note: This phrase is repeated in (Rev 1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6). All attributes listed are associated with “the Spirit of God” in Old Covenant working with humans, therefore we can liken this to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant because of the sameness. † **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of Wisdom (Ex 31:3). (Luke 2:40) ‡ **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of Understanding (Ex 31:3). (Luke 2:46-47) § **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of Counsel (Ex 18:10-14, 19, 23-24). (Matt 7:28-29) \* **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of Might (Judges 7:18-22). (Matt 8:26-27) † **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of Knowledge of God (Ex 31:3; John 16:13). (Luke 4:14-15; John 7:15-16) ‡ **11:2** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of the Fear of God. (Deut 6:24, 10:12; Jer 32:38 context of Jer 31:31-33 covenant with a new spirit and a new heart.) (John 5:19, 5:30) § **11:3** MP: Messiah has spiritual quickening, meaning discernment, to fear God rather than people, thus making right judgments based on God’s instructions (Lev 19:15). (Consider also Is 42:1, 42:1). (Mark 12:41-44)

He will *strike the* earth with the rod of his mouth;

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and with the *breath* of his lips he will kill †  
the wicked.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> It will happen in that day that *the nations*

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\* **11:4** Quoted in Rev 19:15 † **11:4** Quoted in 1 Thes 2:8 ‡ **11:5**  
Quoted in Eph 6:14 (The Greek word used here is *aletheia* ·truth·)

will seek § \* the root of Jesse [My husband],  
 † who stands as a banner of the peoples; ‡  
 and his resting place will be *kavod* ·weighty  
 glorious·. <sup>11</sup> It will happen in that day that

the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria [Level plain], from Egypt [Abode of slavery], from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup> He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel [God prevails], and gather together the dispersed of Judah [Praised] from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup> The envy also of Ephraim [Fruit] will depart, and those who persecute Judah [Praised] will be cut off. Ephraim [Fruit] won't envy Judah [Praised], and Judah [Praised] won't persecute Ephraim [Fruit]. <sup>14</sup> They will fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines [To roll in dust (As an insult)] on the west. Together they will plunder the children of the east. They will extend their power over Edom [Red] and Moab [From father], and the children of Ammon [Tribal people] will obey

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§ **11:10** MP: "Stump of Jesse" alludes to the household exists but is not in former glory. (See also Is 11:a). Therefore Messiah will grow up in a poor family. In Luke 2, the offering described is detailed in (Lev 12:6-8) for the poor woman's purification after giving birth. (See also Is 11:1; Ps 132:17). (Luke 2:22-24; Rom 15:12) \* **11:10** MP: Messiah is from Jesse's household and is a banner and rallying point to the nations, the Gentiles. (See also Is 11:1, 49:6, 60:1-3). (John 3:14-15; Acts 13:47-48, 26:23; Rom 15:8-9) † **11:10** Quoted in Rev 22:16 ‡ **11:10** Quoted in Rom 15:12

them. <sup>15</sup> ADONAI will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt [Abode of slavery]; and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the River, and will split it into seven streams, and cause men to march over in sandals. <sup>16</sup> There will be a highway for the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria [Level plain], like there was for Israel [God prevails] in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery].

## 12

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, ADONAI ; for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you comfort me. <sup>2</sup> Behold, God is my *yishu'ah* ·salvation·. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Yah, ADONAI , is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy you will draw *water* out of the *wells* \* of *yishu'ah* ·salvation·. <sup>4</sup> In that day you will say, "*Yadah* ·Extend hands in thankful praise· to ADONAI ! Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim that his name is exalted! <sup>5</sup> Sing *zahmar* ·musical praise· to ADONAI , for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth! <sup>6</sup> Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]; for the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails] is great among you!"

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\* **12:3** Quoted in John 7:38

## 13

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Babylon [Confusion], which Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] the son of Amoz saw:  
<sup>2</sup> Set up a banner on the bare mountain! Lift up your voice to them! Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup> I have enjoined my consecrated ones; yes, I have called my mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones. <sup>4</sup> The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] is mustering the army for the battle. <sup>5</sup> They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even *ADONAI*, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. <sup>6</sup> Wail; for the day of *ADONAI* is at hand! It will come as destruction from *Shaddai* [Almighty]. <sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone's heart will melt. <sup>8</sup> They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at another. Their faces will be faces of flame. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of *ADONAI* comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out of it. <sup>10</sup> *For the stars of the sky and its constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened in its going out, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.* \* <sup>11</sup> I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance

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\* **13:10** Quoted in Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24-25

of the proud to cease, and will humble the haughtiness of the terrible. <sup>12</sup> I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of Ophir. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth *will be shaken out of its place* † in *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]' *wrath*, and in *the day of his fierce anger*: ‡ <sup>14</sup> It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup> Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped. <sup>17</sup> Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Middle-land] against them, who will not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in it. <sup>18</sup> Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no *racham* ·compassionate love· on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children. <sup>19</sup> Babylon [Confusion], the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' [Descendants of Loving-kindness] pride, will be like when God overthrew Sodom [Burning] and Gomorrah [Rebellious people, Tyrants]. <sup>20</sup> It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. <sup>21</sup> But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their

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† 13:13 Quoted in Rev 6:14    ‡ 13:13 Quoted in Rev 6:16-17

houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there. <sup>22</sup> Wolves will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> For ADONAI will have *racham* ·compassionate love· on Jacob [Supplanter], and will yet choose Israel [God prevails], and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob [Supplanter]. <sup>2</sup> The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel [God prevails] will possess them in ADONAI's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. <sup>3</sup> It will happen in the day that ADONAI will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup> that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon [Confusion], and say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The golden city has ceased!" <sup>5</sup> ADONAI has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, <sup>6</sup> who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that no one restrained. <sup>7</sup> The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out song. <sup>8</sup> Yes, the cypress trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us." <sup>9</sup> *Sheol*

·Place of the dead· from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the departed spirits for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. <sup>10</sup> They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?" <sup>11</sup> Your pomp is brought down to *Sheol* ·Place of the dead·, with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.

<sup>12</sup> How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, "*I will ascend into heaven!*" \* I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like *haElyon* [the Most High]!" <sup>15</sup> Yet you *shall be brought down to Sheol* ·Place of the dead·, † to the depths of the pit (of *Abbadon*, the unrighteous side of *Sheol*). <sup>16</sup> Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms; <sup>17</sup> who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who didn't release his prisoners to their home?"

<sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. <sup>19</sup> But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust

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\* <sup>14:13</sup> Quoted in Luke 10:15    † <sup>14:15</sup> Quoted in Luke 10:15

through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit (of *Abbadon*, the unrighteous side of *Sheol*); like a dead body trodden under foot. <sup>20</sup> You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The offspring of evildoers will not be named forever. <sup>21</sup> Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities. <sup>22</sup> "I will rise up against them," says *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], "and cut off from Babylon [Confusion] name and remnant, and son and son's son," says *ADONAI*. <sup>23</sup> "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]. <sup>24</sup> *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: <sup>25</sup> that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders. <sup>26</sup> This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. <sup>27</sup> For *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] has planned, and who can stop it? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?"

<sup>28</sup> This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died. <sup>29</sup> Don't rejoice, O Philistia, all of you,

because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent. <sup>30</sup> The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed.

<sup>31</sup> Howl, gate! Cry, city! You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. <sup>32</sup> What will they answer the messengers of the nation? That ADONAI has founded Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Moab [From father]: for in a night, Ar of Moab [From father] is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab [From father] is laid waste, and brought to nothing. <sup>2</sup> They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep. Moab [From father] wails over Nebo and over Medeba. Baldness is on all of their heads. Every beard is cut off. <sup>3</sup> In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth. In their streets and on their housetops, everyone wails, weeping abundantly. <sup>4</sup> Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab [From father] cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them. <sup>5</sup> My heart cries out for Moab [From father]! Her nobles flee to Zoar [Small], to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for on the way to Horonaim, they raise up a cry

of destruction. <sup>6</sup> For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing. <sup>7</sup> Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the brook of the willows. <sup>8</sup> For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab [From father]; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer Elim. <sup>9</sup> For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on those of Moab [From father] who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah ·contemplation with musical interlude· to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]. <sup>2</sup> For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab [From father] be at the fords of the Arnon. <sup>3</sup> Give counsel! Execute justice! Make your shade like the night in the middle of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't betray the fugitive! <sup>4</sup> \* **Let my outcasts dwell with you! As for Moab [From father], be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortionist is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land.** <sup>5</sup> **A throne will be established in *cheshed* ·loving-kindness·.**

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\* **16:4** MP: In the last days, Moab will seek Israel for refuge and the throne of the honest judge from David's line will be established. (See also Is 9:7). (Luke 1:71, 1:74-75)

One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David [Beloved], judging, seeking *mishpat* justice, and swift to do righteousness.

<sup>6</sup> We have *sh'ma* heard obeyed of the pride of Moab [From father], that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are nothing. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Moab [From father] will wail for Moab [From father]. Everyone will wail. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken. <sup>8</sup> For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad. They passed over the sea. <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle shout has fallen. <sup>10</sup> Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop. <sup>11</sup> Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab [From father], and my inward parts for Kir Heres. <sup>12</sup> It will happen that when Moab [From father] presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail. <sup>13</sup> This is the word that ADONAI spoke concerning Moab [From father] in time past. <sup>14</sup> But now ADONAI has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as a worker bound

by contract would count them, the glory of Moab [From father] shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant will be very small and feeble.”

## 17

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Damascus [Bucket of blood]: “Behold, Damascus [Bucket of blood] is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. <sup>2</sup> The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. <sup>3</sup> The fortress shall cease from Ephraim [Fruit], and the kingdom from Damascus [Bucket of blood], and the remnant of Syria [Elevated]. They will be as the glory of the children of Israel [God prevails],” says *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]. <sup>4</sup> “It will happen in that day that the glory of Jacob [Supplanter] will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean. <sup>5</sup> It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleans grain in the valley of Rephaim [Descendants of Terrible one]. <sup>6</sup> Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree,” says *Yahweh, Elohim Isra'el* [He sustains breathing, God of God prevails]. <sup>7</sup> In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails]. <sup>8</sup> They will not look to the altars, the

work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherah poles, or the incense altars. <sup>9</sup> In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel [God prevails]; and it will be a desolation. <sup>10</sup> For you have forgotten the God of your *yesha'* ·salvation·, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings. <sup>11</sup> In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. <sup>12</sup> Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! <sup>13</sup> The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. <sup>14</sup> At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; <sup>2</sup> that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in papyrus-reed boats on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation

that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!" <sup>3</sup> All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the *shofar* ·ram horn· is blown, *sh'ma* ·hear obey·! <sup>4</sup> For ADONAI said to me, "I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." <sup>5</sup> For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches. <sup>6</sup> They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them. <sup>7</sup> In that time, a present will be brought to ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] from a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking].

## 19

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Egypt [Abode of slavery]: "*Behold, ADONAI rides on a swift cloud,* \* and comes to Egypt [Abode of slavery]. The idols of Egypt [Abode of slavery] will tremble at

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\* 19:1 Quoted in Rev 14:14

his presence; and the heart of Egypt [Abode of slavery] will melt within it. <sup>2</sup> I will stir up the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] against the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery], and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>3</sup> The spirit of Egypt [Abode of slavery] will fail within it. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards. <sup>4</sup> I will give over the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]. <sup>5</sup> The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry. <sup>6</sup> The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt [Abode of slavery] will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away. <sup>7</sup> The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more. <sup>8</sup> The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish. <sup>9</sup> Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded. <sup>10</sup> The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul. <sup>11</sup> The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son

of ancient kings?" <sup>12</sup> Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] has purposed concerning Egypt [Abode of slavery]. <sup>13</sup> The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt [Abode of slavery] to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes. <sup>14</sup> *ADONAI* has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the middle of her; and they have caused Egypt [Abode of slavery] to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. <sup>15</sup> Neither shall there be any work for Egypt [Abode of slavery], which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do. <sup>16</sup> In that day the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]'s hand, which he shakes over them. <sup>17</sup> The land of Judah [Praised] will become a terror to Egypt [Abode of slavery]. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], which he determines against it. <sup>18</sup> In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery] that speak the language of Canaan [Humbled], and swear to *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies]. One will be called "The city of destruction." <sup>19</sup> In that day, there will be an altar to *ADONAI* in the middle of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], and a pillar to

ADONAI at its border. <sup>20</sup> It will be for a sign and for a witness to ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery]; for they will cry to ADONAI because of oppressors, and he will send them one to save and defend them, and he will deliver them. <sup>21</sup> ADONAI will be known to Egypt [Abode of slavery], and the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] will know ADONAI in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to ADONAI, and will perform it. <sup>22</sup> ADONAI will strike Egypt [Abode of slavery], striking and healing. They will make *teshuvah* ·complete return· to ADONAI, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them. <sup>23</sup> In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt [Abode of slavery] to Assyria [Level plain], and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt [Abode of slavery], and the Egyptian [person from Abode of slavery] into Assyria [Level plain]; and the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] will worship with the Assyrians. <sup>24</sup> In that day, Israel [God prevails] will be the third with Egypt [Abode of slavery] and with Assyria [Level plain], a blessing within the earth; <sup>25</sup> because ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] has blessed them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt [Abode of slavery] my people, Assyria [Level plain] the work of my hands, and Israel [God prevails] my inheritance."

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<sup>1</sup> In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria [Level plain] sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it; <sup>2</sup> at that time ADONAI spoke by Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your shoes from off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup> ADONAI said, "As my servant Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt [Abode of slavery] and concerning Ethiopia, <sup>4</sup> so the king of Assyria [Level plain] will lead away the captives of Egypt [Abode of slavery] and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt [Abode of slavery]. <sup>5</sup> They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt [Abode of slavery] their glory. <sup>6</sup> The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria [Level plain]. And we, how will we escape?' "

## 21

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land. <sup>2</sup> A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack! I have

stopped all of Media [Middle-land]'s sighing. <sup>3</sup> Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't *sh'ma* ·hear obey·. I so am dismayed that I can't see. <sup>4</sup> My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me. <sup>5</sup> They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield! <sup>6</sup> For the Lord said to me, "Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees. <sup>7</sup> When he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great attentiveness." <sup>8</sup> He cried like a lion: "Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at my post. <sup>9</sup> Behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "*Fallen, fallen is Babylon [Confusion];* \* and all the engraved images of her deities are broken to the ground. <sup>10</sup> You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor!" That which I have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· from *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], the God of Israel [God prevails], I have declared to you.

<sup>11</sup> The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" <sup>12</sup> The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again."

<sup>13</sup> The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites.

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\* **21:9** Quoted in Rev 14:8

<sup>14</sup> They brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread. <sup>15</sup> For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail, <sup>17</sup> and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for *Yahweh, Elohim Isra'el* [He sustains breathing, God of God prevails], has spoken it."

## 22

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops? <sup>2</sup> You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. <sup>3</sup> All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away. <sup>4</sup> Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people. <sup>5</sup> For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains." <sup>6</sup> Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. <sup>7</sup> Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen

set themselves in array at the gate. <sup>8</sup> He took away the covering of Judah [Praised]; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. <sup>9</sup> You saw the breaches of David [Beloved]'s city, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. <sup>10</sup> You counted the houses of Jerusalem [City of peace], and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup> You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago. <sup>12</sup> In that day, the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to dressing in sackcloth: <sup>13</sup> and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: *"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die."* \*

<sup>14</sup> *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies].

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say, <sup>16</sup> 'What are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?' Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!" <sup>17</sup> Behold, *ADONAI* will overcome you and hurl

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\* **22:13** Quoted in 1 Cor 15:32

you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly.  
<sup>18</sup> He will surely wind you around and around,  
 and throw you like a ball into a large country.  
 There you will die, and there the chariots of your  
 glory will be, you shame of your lord's house.  
<sup>19</sup> I will thrust you from your office. You will be  
 pulled down from your station.

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

## 23

<sup>1</sup> The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of

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† **22:22** MP: Messiah has the key of David (Is 9:7) and final  
 authority to open or close based on his own governing decisions.  
 (Matt 16:19; Rev 3:7) ‡ **22:22** Quoted in Rev 3:7

Tarshish! For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. <sup>2</sup> Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. <sup>3</sup> On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the market of nations. <sup>4</sup> Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not travailed, nor given birth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins." <sup>5</sup> When the report comes to Egypt [Abode of slavery], they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre. <sup>6</sup> Pass over to Tarshish! Wail, you inhabitants of the coast! <sup>7</sup> Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far away to travel? <sup>8</sup> Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth? <sup>9</sup> *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] has planned it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no restraint any more. <sup>11</sup> He has stretched out his hand over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. *ADONAI* has enjoined the destruction of Canaan [Humbled]'s strongholds. <sup>12</sup> He said, "You shall rejoice no more, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. Even there you will have no rest."

<sup>13</sup> Behold, the land of the Chaldeans [Descen-

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

## 24

<sup>1</sup> Behold, ADONAI makes the earth empty, makes it waste, turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants. <sup>2</sup> It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest. <sup>3</sup> The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste;

for ADONAI has spoken this word. <sup>4</sup> The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. The lofty people of the earth languish. <sup>5</sup> The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the *torot* ·teachings·, changed the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant. <sup>6</sup> Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell therein are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. <sup>7</sup> The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh. <sup>8</sup> The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases. <sup>9</sup> They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it. <sup>10</sup> The confused city is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in. <sup>11</sup> There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone. <sup>12</sup> The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck with destruction. <sup>13</sup> For it will be so within the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done. <sup>14</sup> These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of ADONAI . They cry aloud from the sea. <sup>15</sup> Therefore glorify ADONAI in the east, even the name of *Yahweh*, *Elohim Isra'el* [He sustains breathing, God of God prevails], in the islands of the sea! <sup>16</sup> From the uttermost part of the earth have we *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· songs. Glory to the upright! But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! woe is me!" The treacherous

have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. <sup>17</sup> Fear, the pit, and the snare, are on you who inhabitant the earth. <sup>18</sup> It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are opened, and the *foundations of the earth tremble*. <sup>19</sup> The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The *earth is shaken violently*.  
\* <sup>20</sup> The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again. <sup>21</sup> It shall happen in that day that ADONAI will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. <sup>22</sup> They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit (of *Abbadon*, the unrighteous side of *Sheol*), and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited. <sup>23</sup> Then *the moon shall be* confounded, and *the sun ashamed*; † for ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will reign on Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], and in Jerusalem [City of peace]; and before his elders will be *kavod* ·weighty glory·.

## 25

<sup>1</sup> ADONAI , you are my God. I will exalt you! I will *yadah* ·extend hands in thankful praise· to your name, for you have done wonderful things,

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\* **24:19** Quoted in Rev 6:12 † **24:23** Quoted in Rev 6:12, 22:5

things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth. <sup>2</sup> For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city. It will never be built. <sup>3</sup> Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall. <sup>5</sup> As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low. <sup>6</sup> In this mountain, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will make all peoples a feast of choice meat, a feast of choice wines, of choice meat full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. <sup>7</sup> He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> \* *He has swallowed up death forever! † The Lord ADONAI will wipe away tears from off all faces. ‡ He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for ADONAI has spoken it.* <sup>9</sup> It shall be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God! We have waited for him, and he will save us! This is ADONAI ! We have waited for him. We will be glad and

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\* **25:8** MP: Messiah defeats and overcomes death; His resurrection is foretold. Also this action removes the reproach of God's people, that is their sins. (Matt 28:5-7; Luke 24:45-47; Rev 1:18)

† **25:8** Quoted in 1 Cor 15:54    ‡ **25:8** Quoted in Rev 7:17, 21:4

rejoice in his *yishu'ah* ·salvation·!" <sup>10</sup> For in this mountain ADONAI 's hand will rest.

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

## 26

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

"We have a strong city.

God appoints *yishu'ah* ·salvation· for walls and bulwarks.

<sup>2</sup> Open the gates, that the upright nation may enter:

the one which keeps faith.

<sup>3</sup> You will keep whoever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace,

because he trusts in you.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in ADONAI forever;

for in Yah, ADONAI , is an everlasting Rock.

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

He lays it low.

He lays it low even to the ground.

He brings it even to the dust.

<sup>6</sup> The foot shall tread it down;

Even the feet of the poor,

and the steps of the needy."

<sup>7</sup> The way of the just is uprightness.

You who are upright make the path of the upright level.

<sup>8</sup> Yes, in the way of your judgments, ADONAI, have we waited for you. Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul. <sup>9</sup> With my soul have I desired you in the night. Yes, with my spirit within me will I seek you earnestly; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. <sup>10</sup> Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not see ADONAI's majesty. <sup>11</sup> ADONAI, your hand is lifted up, yet they don't see; but they will see your zeal for the people, and be disappointed. Yes, *fire will consume your adversaries.* \* <sup>12</sup> ADONAI, you will ordain peace for us, for you have also done all our work for us. <sup>13</sup> *Yahweh Eloheikhem* [Yahweh our God], other lords besides you have had dominion over us, but by you only will we make mention of your name. <sup>14</sup> The dead shall not live. The departed spirits shall not rise. Therefore you have visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish. <sup>15</sup> You have increased the nation, O ADONAI. You have increased the nation! You are glorified! You have enlarged all the borders of the land. <sup>16</sup> ADONAI, in trouble

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\* **26:11** Quoted in Heb 10:27

they have visited you. They poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them. <sup>17</sup> Like as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in her pangs; so we have been before you, ADONAI. <sup>18</sup> We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, it seems, only to wind. We have not worked any *yishu'ah* ·deliverance· in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. <sup>19</sup> † *Your dead shall live. My dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth will cast out the departed spirits.* ‡

<sup>20</sup> Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation is past. <sup>21</sup> For, behold, ADONAI comes out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

## 27

<sup>1</sup> In that day, ADONAI with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent; and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea. <sup>2</sup> In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant

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† **26:19** MP: The dead in Messiah will bodily resurrect at the same time Messiah is resurrected from the dead. (Fulfillment is shown in three different contexts. Matt 27:52-53; John 11:25; 1 Thes 4:16-17) ‡ **26:19** Quoted in Matt 11:5; Luke 7:22

vineyard! <sup>3</sup> I, ADONAI , am its keeper. I will water it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it night and day. <sup>4</sup> Wrath is not in me, but if I should find briers and thorns, I would do battle! I would march on them and I would burn them together. <sup>5</sup> Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me. Let him make peace with me."

<sup>6</sup> In days to come, Jacob [Supplanter] will take root. Israel [God prevails] will blossom and bud. They will fill the surface of the world with fruit.

<sup>7</sup> Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or are they killed like those who killed them were killed? <sup>8</sup> In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them. He has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob [Supplanter] will be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of *taking away his sin*: \* that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in pieces, so that the Asherah poles and the incense altars shall rise no more.

<sup>10</sup> For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. The calf will feed there, and there he will lie down, and consume its branches.

<sup>11</sup> When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women will come and set them on fire, for they are a people of no understanding. Therefore he who made them will not have *racham* ·compassionate love· on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor.

<sup>12</sup> It will happen in that day, that

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\* 27:9 Quoted in Rom 11:27

ADONAI will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates [Fruitful] to the brook of Egypt [Abode of slavery]; and you will be gathered one by one, children of Israel [God prevails]. <sup>13</sup> It will happen in that day that a *great shofar ·ram horn·* † will be blown; and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria [Level plain], and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], shall come; and they will worship ADONAI in the holy mountain at Jerusalem [City of peace].

## 28

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

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† 27:13 Quoted in Matt 24:31

who turn back the battle at the gate. <sup>7</sup> They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment. <sup>8</sup> For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness. <sup>9</sup> Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? <sup>10</sup> For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little. <sup>11</sup> But *he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and in another language;* <sup>12</sup> *to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not sh'ma ·hear obey·.* \* <sup>13</sup> Therefore ADONAI 's word will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken. <sup>14</sup> Therefore *sh'ma ·hear obey·* ADONAI 's word, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem [City of peace]: <sup>15</sup> "Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· with death, and with *Sheol* ·Place of the dead· are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden

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\* **28:12** Quoted in 1 Cor 14:21

ourselves under falsehood.' " <sup>16</sup> † Therefore thus says the Lord ADONAI , "*Behold, I lay in Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not act hastily.*" ‡ <sup>17</sup> I will make *mishpat*

·justice· the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. <sup>18</sup> Your covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with *Sheol* ·Place of the dead· shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. <sup>19</sup> As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to understand the message." <sup>20</sup> For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in. <sup>21</sup> For ADONAI will rise up as on Mount Perazim. He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act. <sup>22</sup> Now therefore don't be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· a decree of destruction from the Lord, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], on the whole earth.

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† **28:16** MP: Messiah is the foundation stone and cornerstone set in opposition to darkness and death. (See also Is 25:8; Ps 118:26). (1 Peter 2:4-6) ‡ **28:16** Quoted in Rom 9:33, 10:11; 1 Pet 2:6

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

## 29

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

the dust. <sup>5</sup> But the multitude of your foes will be like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly. <sup>6</sup> She will be visited by *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire. <sup>7</sup> The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night. <sup>8</sup> It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger is not satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] will be like that. <sup>9</sup> Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. <sup>10</sup> For *ADONAI* has poured out on you a *spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes,* \* the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers. <sup>11</sup> All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed:" <sup>12</sup> and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't read."

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\* **29:10** Quoted in Rom 11:8

<sup>13</sup> The Lord said, “Because *this people draws near with their mouth and with their lips to honor me, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their ‘fear of me’ is a mitzvah ·instruction· of human origin—* † <sup>14</sup> therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and *the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will be hidden.*” ‡

<sup>15</sup> Woe to those who deeply hide their counsel from ADONAI, and whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us?” and “Who knows us?” <sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, “He didn’t make me;” or the *thing formed* say of him *who formed it*, “He has no understanding?” §

<sup>17</sup> Is not it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup> \* **In that day, the deaf will *sh'ma* ·hear obey· the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness.** <sup>19</sup> The humble also will increase their joy in ADONAI, and the poor among men will rejoice in the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails]. <sup>20</sup> For the ruthless is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who are alert

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† **29:13** Quoted in Matt 15:8-9; Mark 7:6-7; Col 2:22 ‡ **29:14** Quoted in 1 Cor 1:19 § **29:16** Quoted in Rom 9:20 \* **29:18** MP: Messiah will heal deaf and blind. (See also Is 35:5). (Mark 7:32-35, 10:46, 10:49-52)

to do evil are cut off— <sup>21</sup> who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and lay a snare for the arbiter in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony. <sup>22</sup> Therefore ADONAI, who redeemed Abraham [Father of a multitude], says concerning the house of Jacob [Supplanter]: “Jacob [Supplanter] shall no longer be ashamed, neither shall his face grow pale. <sup>23</sup> But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the middle of him, they will sanctify my name. Yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob [Supplanter], and will stand in awe of the God of Israel [God prevails]. <sup>24</sup> They also who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction.”

## 30

<sup>1</sup> “Woe to the rebellious children,” says ADONAI, “who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin, <sup>2</sup> who set out to go down into Egypt [Abode of slavery], and have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt [Abode of slavery]! <sup>3</sup> Therefore the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt [Abode of slavery] your confusion. <sup>4</sup> For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes. <sup>5</sup> They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can’t profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.”

<sup>6</sup> The burden of the animals of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people. <sup>7</sup> For Egypt [Abode of slavery] helps in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her Rahab who sits still. <sup>8</sup> Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. <sup>9</sup> For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not *sh'ma* ·hear obey· ADONAI 's *Torah* ·Teaching·; <sup>10</sup> who tell the seers, "Don't see!" and to the prophets, "Don't prophesy to us right things. Tell us pleasant things. Prophecy deceits. <sup>11</sup> Get out of the way. Turn aside from the path. Cause the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails] to cease from before us." <sup>12</sup> Therefore thus says the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails], "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it; <sup>13</sup> therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. <sup>14</sup> He will break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing, so that there won't be found among the broken piece a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." <sup>15</sup> For thus said the Lord ADONAI , the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails], "You will be saved in making *teshuvah* ·complete return·

and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence." You refused, <sup>16</sup> but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore those who pursue you will be swift. <sup>17</sup> One thousand will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill. <sup>18</sup> Therefore ADONAI will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have *racham* ·merciful love· on you, for ADONAI is a God of *mishpat* ·justice·. Blessed are all those who wait for him. <sup>19</sup> For the people will dwell in Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] at Jerusalem [City of peace]. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· you, he will answer you. <sup>20</sup> Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden any more, but your eyes will see your teachers; <sup>21</sup> and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will *sh'ma* ·hear obey· a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way. Walk in it." <sup>22</sup> You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, "Go away!" <sup>23</sup> He will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will

feed in large pastures. <sup>24</sup> The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory feed, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. <sup>25</sup> There shall be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. <sup>26</sup> Moreover the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that ADONAI binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they were struck with.

<sup>27</sup> Behold, ADONAI's name comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire. <sup>28</sup> His breath is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the peoples. <sup>29</sup> You will have a song, as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to ADONAI's mountain, to Israel [God prevails]'s Rock. <sup>30</sup> ADONAI will cause his glorious voice to be *sh'ma* 'heard obeyed', and will show the descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones. <sup>31</sup> For through ADONAI's voice the Assyrian will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod. <sup>32</sup> Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which ADONAI will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines and harps.

He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons. <sup>33</sup> For *Tophet* (Place of fiery torment for the dead, located in *Gehenna*), his *burning* place, has long been ready. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made its pyre deep and large with fire and much wood. ADONAI 's breath, like a stream of *sulfur*, \* kindles it.

### 31

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to those who go down to Egypt [Abode of slavery] for help,  
and rely on horses,  
and trust in chariots because they are many,  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
but they don't look to the *haKadosh Isra'el*  
[the Holy One of God prevails],  
and they don't seek ADONAI !
- <sup>2</sup> Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster,  
and will not call back his words, but will  
arise against the house of the evildoers,  
and against the help of those who work iniquity.
- <sup>3</sup> Now the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] are men, and not God;  
and their horses flesh, and not spirit.  
When ADONAI stretches out his hand, both he  
who helps shall stumble,  
and he who is helped shall fall,  
and they all shall be consumed together.
- <sup>4</sup> For ADONAI says to me,

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\* **30:33** Quoted in Rev 19:20

“As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey,  
if a multitude of shepherds is called together against him,  
will not be dismayed at their voice,  
nor abase himself for their noise,  
so *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will come down to fight on Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] and on its heights.

<sup>5</sup> As birds hovering, so *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will protect Jerusalem [City of peace].

He will protect and deliver it.

He will pass over and preserve it.”

<sup>6</sup> Make *teshuvah* ·complete return· to him from whom you have deeply revolted, children of Israel [God prevails]. <sup>7</sup> For in that day everyone shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold— sin which your own hands have made for you.

<sup>8</sup> “The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man;

and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour him.

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

<sup>9</sup> His rock will pass away by reason of terror,  
and his princes will be afraid of the banner,”  
says *ADONAI* , whose fire is in Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking],  
and his furnace in Jerusalem [City of peace].

## 32

- <sup>1</sup> Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,  
and princes shall rule in *mishpat* ·justice·.
- <sup>2</sup> A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind,  
and a covert from the storm,  
as streams of water in a dry place,  
as the shade of a large rock in a weary land.
- <sup>3</sup> The eyes of those who see will not be dim,  
and the ears of those who *sh'ma* ·hear obey·  
will listen.
- <sup>4</sup> The heart of the rash will understand knowl-  
edge,  
and the tongue of the stammerers will be  
ready to speak plainly.
- <sup>5</sup> The fool will no longer be called noble,  
nor the scoundrel be highly respected.
- <sup>6</sup> For the fool will speak folly,  
and his heart will work iniquity,  
to practice profanity,  
and to utter error against ADONAI ,  
To make empty the soul of the hungry,  
and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
- <sup>7</sup> The ways of the scoundrel are evil.  
He devises wicked devices to destroy the  
humble with lying words,  
even when the needy speaks of *mishpat* ·just  
judgement·.
- <sup>8</sup> But the noble devises noble things;  
and he will continue in noble things.
- <sup>9</sup> Rise up, you women who are at ease! *Sh'ma*  
·Hear obey· my voice!  
You careless daughters, give ear to my  
speech!

- 10 For days beyond a year you will be troubled,  
    you careless women;  
    for the vintage shall fail.  
    The harvest won't come.
- 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease!  
    Be troubled, you careless ones!  
    Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked,  
    and put sackcloth on your waist.
- 12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,  
    for the fruitful vine.
- 13 Thorns and briers will come up on my people's  
    land;  
    yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city.
- 14 For the palace will be forsaken.  
    The populous city will be deserted.  
    The hill and the watchtower will be for dens  
    forever,  
    a delight for wild donkeys,  
    a pasture of flocks;
- 15 Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high,  
    and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,  
    and the fruitful field is considered a forest.
- 16 Then *mishpat* 'justice' will dwell in the wilder-  
    ness;  
    and righteousness will remain in the fruitful  
    field.
- 17 The work of righteousness will be peace;  
    and the effect of righteousness, quietness  
    and confidence forever.
- 18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation,  
    in safe dwellings,  
    and in quiet resting places.
- 19 Though hail flattens the forest,  
    and the city is leveled completely.

- 20 \* Blessed are you who sow beside all waters,  
who send out the feet of the ox and the  
donkey.

### 33

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to you who destroy, but you were not  
destroyed;  
and who betray, but nobody betrayed you!  
When you have finished destroying, you will be  
destroyed;  
and when you have finished betrayal, you  
will be betrayed.
- <sup>2</sup> ADONAI , be gracious to us. We have waited for  
you.  
Be our strength every morning,  
our *yishu'ah* ·salvation· also in the time of  
trouble.
- <sup>3</sup> At the noise of the thunder, the peoples have  
fled.  
When you lift yourself up, the nations are  
scattered.
- <sup>4</sup> Your plunder will be gathered as the caterpillar  
gathers.  
Men will leap on it as locusts leap.
- <sup>5</sup> ADONAI is exalted, for he dwells on high.

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\* **32:20** MPr: The first clause applies to the study of Torah. The second clause applies to the two Messiahs. The first Messiah son of Joseph, is likened to the ox, and the second Messiah son of David to the donkey, with reference to (Zech 9:9 in Tanchuma, Parasha 1). (Messiah as an Ox - Matt 21:12; John 2:15; Rev 19:14 Messiah as a donkey - Matt 21:1-9; John 13:1-5; Messiah as both beast of burden and humble combined - Matt 21:12-15)

- He has filled Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]  
with *mishpat* ·justice· and righteousness.
- 6 There will be stability in your times, abundance of *yishu'ah* ·salvation·, wisdom, and knowledge.
- The fear of ADONAI is your treasure.
- 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry outside;  
the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways are desolate.  
The traveling man ceases.  
The covenant is broken.  
He has despised the cities.  
He does not respect man.
- 9 The land mourns and languishes.  
Lebanon is confounded and withers away.  
Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.
- 10 "Now I will arise," says ADONAI ;  
"Now I will lift myself up.  
Now I will be exalted.
- 11 You will conceive chaff.  
You will give birth to stubble.  
Your breath is a fire that will devour you.
- 12 The peoples will be like the burning of lime,  
like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire.
- 13 *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey·, you who are far off, what I have done;  
and, you who are near, acknowledge my might."
- 14 The sinners in Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] are afraid.  
Trembling has seized the godless ones.  
Who among us can live with the devouring fire?

- Who among us can live with everlasting  
burning?
- 15 He who walks righteously,  
and speaks blamelessly;  
He who despises the gain of oppressions,  
who gestures with his hands, refusing to take  
a bribe,  
who stops his ears from *sh'ma* ·hearing  
obeying· plots of blood, \*  
and shuts his eyes from looking at evil—
- 16 he will dwell on high.  
His place of defense will be the fortress of  
rocks.  
His bread will be supplied.  
His waters will be sure.
- 17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty.  
They will see a distant land.
- 18 Your heart will meditate on the terror.  
Where is he who counted?  
Where is he who weighed?  
Where is he who counted the towers?
- 19 You will no longer see the fierce people,  
a people of a deep speech that you can't  
*sh'ma* ·hear understand obey·,  
with a strange language that you can't un-  
derstand.
- 20 Look at Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], the  
city of our appointed festivals.  
Your eyes will see Jerusalem [City of peace],  
a quiet habitation,  
a tent that won't be removed.  
Its stakes will never be plucked up,

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\* 33:15 Note: Blood figuratively means murder.

nor will any of its cords be broken.

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

<sup>22</sup> For ADONAI is our judge.  
ADONAI is our lawgiver.  
ADONAI is our king.  
He will save us.

<sup>23</sup> Your rigging is untied.  
They couldn't strengthen the foot of their  
mast.  
They couldn't spread the sail.  
Then the prey of a great plunder was divided.  
The lame took the prey.

<sup>24</sup> The inhabitant won't say, "I am sick."  
The people who dwell therein will be for-  
given their iniquity.

## 34

<sup>1</sup> Come near, you nations, to *sh'ma* ·hear obey·!  
Listen, you peoples.  
Let the earth and all it contains *sh'ma* ·hear  
obey·;  
the world, and everything that comes from  
it.

<sup>2</sup> For ADONAI is enraged against all the nations,  
and angry with all their armies.  
He has utterly destroyed them.

He has given them over for slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> Their slain will also be cast out,

- and the stench of their dead bodies will come  
up;  
and the mountains will melt in their blood.  
4 All of the army of the *sky will be dissolved.* \*  
*The sky will be rolled up like a scroll,* †  
and all its armies will fade away,  
as a leaf fades from *off* a vine or a *fig tree.*  
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5 For my sword has drunk its fill in the sky.  
Behold, it will come down on Edom [Red],  
and on the people of my curse, for judgment.  
6 ADONAI 's sword is filled with blood.  
It is covered with fat, with the blood of lambs  
and goats,  
with the fat of the kidneys of rams;  
for ADONAI has a sacrifice in Bozrah,  
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom  
[Red].  
7 The wild oxen will come down with them,  
and the young bulls with the mighty bulls;  
and their land will be drunken with blood,  
and their dust made greasy with fat.  
8 For ADONAI has a day of vengeance,  
a year of recompense for the cause of Zion  
[Mountain ridge, Marking].  
9 Its streams will be turned into pitch,  
its dust into *sulfur*,  
And its land will become *burning* pitch.  
10 *It won't be quenched night nor day.*  
*Its smoke will go up forever.* §

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\* 34:4 Quoted in Matt 24:29; Mark 13:25 † 34:4 Quoted in  
Rev 6:14 ‡ 34:4 Quoted in Rev 6:13 § 34:10 Quoted in Rev  
14:10-11, 18:18, 19:3

From generation to generation, it will lie waste.

No one will pass through it forever and ever.

11 But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it.

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

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

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

14 The wild animals of the desert will meet with the wolves,  
and the wild goat will cry to his fellow.

Yes, the night creature shall settle there,  
and shall find herself a place of rest.

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

16 Search in the book of ADONAI, and read:  
not one of these will be missing.  
None will lack her mate.  
For my mouth has enjoined,  
and his Spirit has gathered them.

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

They shall possess it forever.

From generation to generation they will dwell in it.

## 35

- <sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land will be glad.  
The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.
- <sup>2</sup> It will blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice even with joy and singing.  
Lebanon's *kavod* ·weighty glory· will be given to it,  
the excellence of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see the *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing·,  
the excellence of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> *Strengthen the weak hands,*  
*and make firm the feeble knees.* \*
- <sup>4</sup> † Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong.  
Don't be afraid.  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
God's retribution.  
He will come and save you.
- <sup>5</sup> ‡ Then § the eyes of *the blind* will be opened,  
and \* the ears of *the deaf* will be unstopped.
- <sup>6</sup> Then † *the lame* ‡ man will leap like a deer,

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\* **35:3** Quoted in Heb 12:12 † **35:4** MP: With the glory and splendor of God, Messiah brings vengeance and retribution on some and he will save others. (2 Thes 1:6-8; Rev 22:11-12 (8-12))  
‡ **35:5** MP: Signs of the Messiah include physical healing and restoration. (This is a broad brush statement). (Matt 11:3-5; Luke 7:19-21) § **35:5** MP: Blind eyes are opened. (See also Is 29:18-19). (Matt 9:27-30; Mark 8:22-25) \* **35:5** MP: Deaf ears are opened. (Examples includes speech). (See also Is 29:18-19). (Mark 7:32-35, 9:24-27) † **35:6** MP: Lame legs healed. (In the example, this man was lame for 38 years). (John 5:5-9; Acts 3:2-9)  
‡ **35:6** Quoted in Matt 11:5; Luke 7:22

- and § the tongue of the mute will sing;  
 for waters will break out in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert.
- 7 The burning sand will become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water.  
 Grass with reeds and rushes will be in the  
 habitation of jackals, where they lay.
- 8 \* A highway will be there, a road,  
 and it will be called The Holy Way.  
 The unclean shall not pass over it,  
 but it will be for those who walk in the Way.  
 Wicked fools will not go there.
- 9 No lion will be there,  
 nor will any ravenous animal go up on it.  
 They will not be found there;  
 but the redeemed will walk there.
- 10 The ADONAI 's ransomed ones will *teshuvah*  
 ·completely return·,  
 and come with singing to Zion [Mountain  
 ridge, Marking];  
 and everlasting joy will be on their heads.  
 They will obtain gladness and joy,  
 and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

## 36

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah,  
 Sennacherib king of Assyria [Level plain] at-  
 tacked all of the fortified cities of Judah [Praised],  
 and captured them. <sup>2</sup> The king of Assyria [Level

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§ 35:6 MP: Mute mouth speaks praise. (See also Is 29:18-19).  
 (Matt 9:32-33; Luke 11:14) \* 35:8 MP: Pathway for the upright,  
 those who are clean, to walk in, (waters in the desert Is 35:7) and  
 not for those unclean. (See also Is 29:18-19). (Matt 7:13-14; Luke  
 13:23-24)

plain] sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem [City of peace] to king Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool in the fuller's field highway. <sup>3</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him. <sup>4</sup> Rabshakeh said to them, "Now tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria [Level plain], "What confidence is this in which you trust? <sup>5</sup> I say that your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words. Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? <sup>6</sup> Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt [Abode of slavery], which if a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt [Abode of slavery] to all who trust in him. <sup>7</sup> But if you tell me, 'We trust in *Yahweh Eloheikhem* [Yahweh our God],' is not that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah [Praised] and to Jerusalem [City of peace], 'You shall worship before this altar?' " <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, please make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria [Level plain], and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. <sup>9</sup> How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt [Abode of slavery] for chariots and for horsemen? <sup>10</sup> Have I come up now without ADONAI against this land to destroy it? ADONAI said to me, "Go up against this land, and destroy

it." ' "

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

<sup>12</sup> But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you, to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?" <sup>13</sup> Then Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, "*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· the words of the great king, the king of Assyria [Level plain]! <sup>14</sup> Thus says the king, 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup> Don't let Hezekiah make you trust in ADONAI, saying, "ADONAI will surely deliver us. This city won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria [Level plain]." ' <sup>16</sup> Don't *sh'ma* ·hear obey· Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria [Level plain], 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and each of you eat from his vine, and each one from his fig tree, and each one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; <sup>17</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. <sup>18</sup> Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "ADONAI will deliver us." Have any of the deities of the nations delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria [Level plain]?"

<sup>19</sup> Where are the deities of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the deities of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand? <sup>20</sup> Who are they among all the deities of these countries that have delivered their country out of my hand, that ADONAI should deliver Jerusalem [City of peace] out of my hand?' "

<sup>21</sup> But they remained silent, and said nothing in reply, for the king's order was, "Don't answer him."

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

## 37

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

remnant that is left.' " <sup>5</sup> So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah [Salvation of Yah].

<sup>6</sup> Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] said to them, "Tell your master, 'ADONAI says, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed·, with which the servants of the king of Assyria [Level plain] have blasphemed me. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I will put a spirit in him and he will *sh'ma* ·hear obey· news, and will *teshuvah* ·completely return· to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." ' "

<sup>8</sup> So Rabshakeh make *teshuvah* ·complete return·, and found the king of Assyria [Level plain] warring against Libnah, for he had *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· that he was departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup> He *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· news concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." When he *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, <sup>10</sup> "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah [Praised], saying, 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem [City of peace] won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria [Level plain]." <sup>11</sup> Behold, you have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· what the kings of Assyria [Level plain] have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered? <sup>12</sup> Have the deities of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran [Mountaineer], Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? <sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?" "

<sup>14</sup> Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to ADONAI 's house, and spread it before ADONAI . <sup>15</sup> Hezekiah prayed to ADONAI , saying, <sup>16</sup> “ ADONAI *Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies], the God of Israel [God prevails], who is enthroned among the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. <sup>17</sup> Turn your ear, ADONAI , and *sh'ma* ·hear obey·. Open your eyes, ADONAI , and behold. *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· all of the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the *Elohim Chayim* [Living God]. <sup>18</sup> Truly, ADONAI , the kings of Assyria [Level plain] have destroyed all the countries and their land, <sup>19</sup> and have cast their deities into the fire; for they were no *elohim* ·deities, judges·, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. <sup>20</sup> Now therefore, *Yahweh Eloheikhem* [Yahweh our God], save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are ADONAI , even you only.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “*Yahweh, Elohim Isra'el* [He sustains breathing, God of God prevails] says, ‘Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria [Level plain], <sup>22</sup> this is the word which ADONAI has spoken concerning him. The virgin daughter of Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem [City of peace] has shaken her head at you. <sup>23</sup> Whom

have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails]. <sup>24</sup> By your servants, have you defied the Lord, and have said, "With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. <sup>25</sup> I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt [Abode of slavery]." <sup>26</sup> Have you not *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. <sup>27</sup> Therefore their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, and like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops, and like a field before its crop has grown. <sup>28</sup> But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me. <sup>29</sup> Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into my ears, therefore will I put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came. <sup>30</sup> This shall be the sign to you. You will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same; and in the third year sow and reap

and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. <sup>31</sup> The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah [Praised] will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. <sup>32</sup> For out of Jerusalem [City of peace] a remnant will go out, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]. The zeal of *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] will perform this.' <sup>33</sup> Therefore *ADONAI* says concerning the king of Assyria [Level plain], 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. <sup>34</sup> By the way that he came, by the same he shall *teshuvah* ·completely return·, and he shall not come to this city,' says *ADONAI* . <sup>35</sup> 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David [Beloved]'s sake.' "

<sup>36</sup> *Ha mal'ak Yahweh* [The Angel of He sustains breathing] went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. <sup>37</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria [Level plain] departed, went away, *teshuvah* ·completely returned· to Nineveh [Offspring's Habitation], and stayed there. <sup>38</sup> As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his deity, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.

## 38

<sup>1</sup> In those days was Hezekiah sick and near death. Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "ADONAI says, 'Enjoin your house, set it in order, for you will die, and not live.' "

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

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

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

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

I am deprived of the residue of my years."

- 11 I said, "I won't see Yah,  
Yah in the land of the living.  
I will see man no more with the inhabitants  
of the world.
- 12 My dwelling is removed,  
and is carried away from me like a shepherd's tent.  
I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life.  
He will cut me off from the loom.  
From day even to night you will make an end  
of me.
- 13 I waited patiently until morning.  
He breaks all my bones like a lion.  
From day even to night you will make an end  
of me.
- 14 I chattered like a swallow or a crane.  
I moaned like a dove.  
My eyes weaken looking upward.  
Lord, I am oppressed.  
Be my security."
- 15 What will I say?  
He has both spoken to me, and himself has  
done it.  
I will walk carefully all my years because of  
the anguish of my soul.
- 16 Lord, men live by these things;  
and my spirit finds life in all of them:  
you restore me, and cause me to live.
- 17 Behold, for peace I had great anguish,  
but you have in *chasak* ·desire, to make  
bands· for my soul delivered it from the  
pit of corruption;  
for you have cast all my sins behind your  
back.

18 For *Sheol* ·Place of the dead· can't *yadah* ·extend hands in thankful praise· unto you.

Death can't celebrate you.

Those who go down into the pit (of *Abbadon*, the unrighteous side of *Sheol*) can't hope for your truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall *yadah* ·extend hands in thankful praise· to you, as I do today.

The father shall make known your truth to the children.

20 ADONAI will save me.

Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life in ADONAI 's house.

21 Now Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover." 22 Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I will go up to ADONAI 's house?"

## 39

1 At that time, Merodach Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon [Confusion], sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· that he had been sick, and had recovered. 2 Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them. 3 Then Isaiah

[Salvation of Yah] the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and asked him, "What did these men say? Where did they come from to you?"

Hezekiah said, "They have come from a country far from me, even from Babylon [Confusion]."

<sup>4</sup> Then he asked, "What have they seen in your house?"

Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

<sup>5</sup> Then Isaiah [Salvation of Yah] said to Hezekiah, "*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· the *Davar Yahweh Tzva'ot* [Word of He sustains breathing Commander of heaven's armies]: <sup>6</sup> 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up until today, will be carried to Babylon [Confusion]. Nothing will be left,' says ADONAI . <sup>7</sup> 'They will take away your sons who will issue from you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon [Confusion]'s palace.' "

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

## 40

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

- 3 \* *The voice of one who calls out,*  
 † *"Prepare the way of ADONAI in the wilderness!*  
*Make a level highway in the desert for ‡ our*  
*God.*
- 4 *Every valley shall be exalted,*  
*and every mountain and hill shall be made*  
*low.*  
*The uneven shall be made level,*  
*and the rough places a plain.*
- 5 *ADONAI 's kavod ·weighty glory· shall be*  
*revealed,*  
*and all flesh shall see it § together;*  
*for the mouth of ADONAI has spoken it."*  
 6 *The voice of one saying, "Cry!"*  
*One said, "What shall I cry?"*  
*"All flesh is like grass,*  
*and all its cheshed ·loving-kindness· is like*  
*the flower of the field.*
- 7 *The grass withers,*  
*the flower fades, \**  
*because ADONAI 's breath blows on it.*  
*Surely the people are like grass.*
- 8 *The grass withers,*  
*the flower fades;*

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\* **40:3** MP: A messenger is sent by God to comfort Israel by announcing and preparing a way for the Messiah. (See also Mal 3:1). (Matt 3:1-5; John 1:22-23) † **40:3** MP: Messiah has the titles of Yahweh and God associated with him (similar to the Angel of Yahweh in Ex 23:20-21). (See also Index of The Angel of Yahweh). (John 1:14) ‡ **40:3** Quoted in Matt 3:3; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 1:76 § **40:5** Quoted in Luke 3:4-6 \* **40:7** Quoted in James 1:10

but *the word* of our God stands forever.” † ‡

<sup>9</sup> You who tell good news to Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking], go up on a high mountain. You who tell good news to Jerusalem [City of peace], lift up your voice with strength. Lift it up. Don't be afraid.

§ Say to the cities of Judah [Praised], “Behold, your God!”

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

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

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked off the sky with his span [9 in; 22.86 cm], and calculated the dust of the earth in a measuring basket,

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† 40:8 Quoted in 1 Pet 24-25 ‡ 40:8 Quoted in Matt 24:35;

Mark 13:31; 1 Pet 1:23 § 40:9 MP: Messiah has the titles of Yahweh and God associated with him (similar to the Angel of Yahweh in Ex 23:20-21). (See also Index: “The Angel of Yahweh).

(John 1:14) \* 40:10 MP: Messiah comes bearing strength and rewards accordingly. (John 5:23-24; Rev 22:12) † 40:10 Quoted in Rev 22:12 ‡ 40:11 MP: Messiah is likened to a Shepard. (John 10:11)

- and weighed the mountains in scales,  
and the hills in a balance?
- 13 *Who has directed Ruach Yahweh [Spirit of He sustains breathing]  
or has taught him as his counselor? §*
- 14 Who did he take counsel with,  
and who instructed him,  
and taught him in the path of *mishpat*  
justice,  
and taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket,  
and are regarded as a speck of dust on a  
balance.  
Behold, he lifts up the islands like a very little  
thing.
- 16 Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,  
nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering.
- 17 All the nations are like nothing before him.  
They are regarded by him as less than  
nothing, and vanity.
- 18 To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare to him?
- 19 A workman has cast an image,  
and the goldsmith overlays it with gold,  
and casts silver chains for it.
- 20 He who is too impoverished for such an  
offering chooses a tree that will not rot.  
He seeks a skillful workman to set up an  
engraved image for him that will not be  
moved.

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§ 40:13 Quoted in Rom 11:34; 1 Cor 2:16

21 Haven't you known?

Haven't you *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed·, yet?  
Haven't you been told from the beginning?  
Haven't you understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;  
23 who brings princes to nothing;  
who makes the judges of the earth like  
meaningless.

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

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

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

27 Why do you say, Jacob [Supplanter],  
and speak, Israel [God prevails],  
"My way is hidden from ADONAI ,

and the *mishpat* ·justice· due to me is passed  
over by my God?"

28 Haven't you known?

Haven't you *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed·?

The everlasting God, ADONAI ,

The Creator of the ends of the earth, does not  
faint.

He is not weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak.

He increases the strength of him who has no  
might.

30 Even the youths faint and get weary,  
and the young men utterly fall;

31 But those who wait for ADONAI will renew  
their strength.

They will mount up with wings like eagles.

They will run, and not be weary.

They will walk, and not faint.

## 41

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

Let them come near,  
then let them speak.

Let's meet together for judgment.

2 Who has raised up one from the east?

Who called him to his foot in righteousness?

He hands over nations to him,

and makes him rule over kings.

He gives them like the dust to his sword,

like the driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursues them,

- and passes by safely,  
 Even by a way that he had not gone with his  
 feet.
- <sup>4</sup> Who has worked and done it,  
 calling the generations from the beginning?  
*I, ADONAI, the first, and with the last, I am*  
 \* he."
- <sup>5</sup> The islands have seen, and fear.  
 The ends of the earth tremble.  
 They approach, and come.
- <sup>6</sup> Everyone helps his neighbor.  
 They say to their brothers, "Be strong!"
- <sup>7</sup> So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith.  
 He who smooths with the hammer encour-  
 ages him who strikes the anvil,  
 saying of the soldering, "It is good;"  
 and he fastens it with nails, that it might not  
 totter.
- <sup>8</sup> "But you, Israel [God prevails], my servant,  
 Jacob [Supplanter] whom I have chosen,  
*the offspring of Abraham [Father of a multi-  
 tude] my 'ahav ·affectionate lover, friend·,*  
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- <sup>9</sup> You whom *I have taken hold of* ‡ from the  
 ends of the earth,  
 and called from its corners,  
 and said to you, 'You are my servant, I have  
 chosen you and not cast you away;'
- <sup>10</sup> Don't you be afraid, for I am with you.  
 Don't be dismayed, for I am your God.  
 I will strengthen you.

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\* **41:4** Quoted in Rev 1:8, 1:17, 21:6, 22:13    † **41:8** Quoted in James 2:23    ‡ **41:9** Quoted in Heb 2:16

Yes, I will help you.

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

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

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

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

Those who war against you will be as nothing,  
as a non-existent thing.

13 For I, ADONAI your God, will hold your right hand,

saying to you, 'Don't be afraid.  
I will help you.'

14 Don't be afraid, you worm Jacob [Supplanter], and you men of Israel [God prevails].

I will help you," says ADONAI ,  
"and your Redeemer is the *haKadosh Isra'el*  
[the Holy One of God prevails].

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

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

16 You will winnow them,  
and the wind will carry them away,  
and the whirlwind will scatter them.

You will rejoice in ADONAI .

You will glory in the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails].

17 The poor and needy seek water, and there is none.

Their tongue fails for thirst.

I, ADONAI, will answer them.

I, the God of Israel [God prevails], will not forsake them.

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

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

19 I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle, and oil trees in the wilderness.

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

20 that they may see, know, consider, and understand together,  
that ADONAI's hand has done this,  
and the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails] has created it.

21 Produce your cause," says ADONAI.

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

22 "Let them announce, and declare to us what shall happen.

Declare the former things, what they are,  
that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them;  
or *sh'ma* ·hear obey· unto us things to come.

23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter,  
that we may know that you are deities.

Yes, do good, or do evil,  
that we may be dismayed,  
and see it together.

- 24 Behold, you are of nothing,  
and your work is of nothing.  
He who chooses you is an abomination.
- 25 "I have raised up one from the north, and he  
has come;  
from the rising of the sun, one who calls on  
my name;  
and he shall come on rulers as on mortar,  
and as the potter treads clay.
- 26 Who has declared it from the beginning, that  
we may know?  
And before, that we may say, 'He is right?'  
Surely, there is no one who declares.  
Surely, there is no one who *sh'ma* ·hears  
obeys, declares·.  
Surely, there is no one who *sh'ma* ·hears  
obeys· your words.
- 27 I am the first to say to Zion [Mountain ridge,  
Marking], 'Behold, look at them;'  
and I will give one who brings good news to  
Jerusalem [City of peace].
- 28 When I look, there is no man;  
even among them there is no counselor who,  
when I ask of them, can answer a word.
- 29 Behold, all of them, their deeds are vanity and  
nothing.  
Their molten images are wind and confu-  
sion.

## 42

- 1 \* *“Behold, my servant, whom I uphold;  
 † my chosen, in whom my soul delights—  
 ‡ I have put my Spirit on him.  
 § He will bring mishpat ·justice· to the  
 nations.*
- 2 \* *He will not shout,  
 nor raise his voice,  
 nor cause it to be sh'ma ·heard· in the street.*
- 3 † *He won't break a bruised reed.  
 He won't quench a dimly burning wick.  
 He will faithfully bring mishpat ·justice·.*
- 4 *He will not fail nor be discouraged,  
 until he has set mishpat ·justice· ‡ in the  
 earth,  
 § and the islands will \* wait for his torot  
 ·teachings·.”*
- 5 Thus says God ADONAI ,  
 he who created the heavens and stretched  
 them out,  
 he who spread out the earth and that which  
 comes out of it,

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\* **42:1** MP: Messiah is God's chosen servant that brings delight to his Lord. (Matt 12:17-18) † **42:1** MP: Messiah pleases God. (Matt 3:16-17, 17:5) ‡ **42:1** MP: Messiah has the Spirit of God upon him. (See also Is 61:1-2). (Matt 3:16; Acts 10:38)

§ **42:1** MP: Messiah provides “justice” to the Gentiles. (See also Is 11:3-4). (Matt 12:18, 24:14) \* **42:2** MP: Messiah will not draw attention to himself. (Matt 12:19) † **42:3** MP: Messiah will have compassion for “the bruised reed,” the poor, the weak, the needy, and broken hearted. (See also Is 61:1-2). (Matt 12:11-13, 12:20)

‡ **42:4** Quoted in Rom 15:12 § **42:4** MP: The Gentiles / Coast lands wait for Messiah's instructions. (See also Is 49:1). (Acts 13:4, 14:26; Eph 2:17) \* **42:4** Quoted in Matt 12:18-21

he who gives breath to its people and spirit  
to those who walk in it.

6 † “I, ADONAI, have called you in righteousness,  
‡ and will hold your hand,  
and will keep you,  
§ and make you a covenant ·binding contract  
between two or more parties· for the  
people,  
as a light for the nations;  
7 \* to open the blind eyes,  
to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon,  
and those who sit in darkness out of the  
prison.

8 “I am ADONAI .  
That is my name.  
I will not give my *kavod* ·weighty glory· to  
another,  
nor my *tehilah* ·praise song· to engraved  
images.

9 † Behold, the former things have happened,  
and I declare new things.

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† 42:6 MP: God leads and guides the Messiah in righteous.  
(John 5:19-20) ‡ 42:6 MP: Messiah is God's covenant with  
the people; he was trained and formed by God to accomplish  
this purpose. (See also Is 49:8). (Matt 26:27-28; Eph 2:5-6; Heb  
12:23-24) § 42:6 MP: Messiah is a light to the Gentiles and the  
world. (See also context of Is 9:1-2, and Is 9:3, 49:6). (Luke 2:30-32;  
John 8:12) \* 42:7 MP: Heals the blind both physically and  
spiritually, both Jew or Gentile, removing them from darkness as  
a prison. (See also Is 9:1-2, 49:6). (Matt 9:27-30; Luke 4:18 (16-22);  
John 9:39-41 (Context all ch. 9)) † 42:9 MP: Messiah declares  
things before they happen. (John 13:19)

I *sh'ma* ·hear obey, declare· to you about  
them before they come up.”

- 10 Sing to ADONAI a new song,  
and his *tehilah* ·praise song· from the end of  
the earth,  
you who go down to the sea,  
and all that is therein,  
the islands and their inhabitants.
- 11 Let the wilderness and its cities raise their  
voices,  
with the villages that Kedar inhabits.  
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing.  
Let them shout from the top of the moun-  
tains!
- 12 Let them give *kavod* ·weighty glory· to ADONAI  
and declare his *tehilah* ·praise song· in the  
islands.
- 13 ADONAI will go out like a mighty man.  
He will stir up zeal like a man of war.  
He will raise a war cry.  
Yes, he will shout aloud.  
He will triumph over his enemies.
- 14 “I have been silent a long time.  
I have been quiet and restrained myself.  
Now I will cry out like a travailing woman.  
I will both gasp and pant.
- 15 I will destroy mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their herbs.  
I will make the rivers islands,  
and will dry up the pools.

- 16 I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know.  
I will lead them in paths that they don't know.  
I will make darkness light before them,  
and crooked places straight.  
I will do these things,  
and I will not forsake them.
- 17 "Those who trust in engraved images,  
who tell molten images,  
'You are our deities'  
will be turned back.  
They will be utterly disappointed.
- 18 "*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey·, you deaf,  
and look, you blind,  
that you may see.
- 19 Who is blind, but my servant?  
Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is as blind as he who is at peace,  
and as blind as ADONAI 's servant?
- 20 You see many things, but don't observe.  
His ears are open, but he does not *sh'ma*  
·hear obey·.
- 21 It pleased ADONAI , for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify the *Torah* ·Teaching·,  
and make it honorable.
- 22 But this is a robbed and plundered people.  
All of them are snared in holes,  
and they are hidden in prisons.  
They have become captives, and no one delivers;

- and a plunder, and no one says, 'Restore them!'
- 23 Who is there among you who will give ear to this?  
Who will listen and *sh'ma* ·hear obey· for the time to come?
- 24 Who gave Jacob [Supplanter] as plunder,  
and Israel [God prevails] to the robbers?  
Didn't ADONAI, he against whom we have sinned?  
For they would not walk in his ways,  
and they did not *sh'ma* ·hear obey· his *Torah* ·Teaching·.
- 25 Therefore he poured the fierceness of his anger on him,  
and the strength of battle;  
and it set him on fire all around, but he didn't know;  
and it burned him, but he didn't take it to heart."

## 43

- 1 But now ADONAI who created you, Jacob [Supplanter],  
and he who formed you, Israel [God prevails] says:  
"Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name.  
You are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be  
burned,  
and flame will not scorch you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am ADONAI your God,  
the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God  
prevails],  
the One who saves you.

I have given Egypt [Abode of slavery] as your  
ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

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

<sup>5</sup> Don't be afraid; for I am with you.  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup> I will tell the north, 'Give them up!'  
and tell the south, 'Don't hold them back!  
Bring *my sons* from far,  
*and my daughters* \* from the ends of the  
earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
and whom I have created for my *kavod*  
·weighty glory·,  
whom I have formed,  
yes, whom I have made.' "

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

<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations be gathered together,

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\* **43:6** Quoted in 2 Cor 6:18

and let the peoples be assembled.  
 Who among them can declare this,  
 and *sh'ma* ·hear obey, declare· us former  
 things?  
 Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be  
 justified;  
 or let them *sh'ma* ·hear obey·, and say, "That  
 is true."

- <sup>10</sup> "You are my witnesses," says ADONAI ,  
 "With my servant whom I have chosen;  
 that you may know and believe me,  
 and understand that I am he.  
 Before me there was no deity formed,  
 neither will there be after me.  
<sup>11</sup> † **I myself am ADONAI ;**  
**and besides me there is no one providing**  
**salvation.**  
<sup>12</sup> I have declared, I have saved, and I have *sh'ma*  
 ·heard obeyed·;  
 and there was no strange deity among you.  
 Therefore you are my witnesses,"  
 says ADONAI , "and I am God.  
<sup>13</sup> Yes, since the day was I am he;  
 and there is no one who can deliver out of  
 my hand.  
 I will work, and who can hinder it?"  
<sup>14</sup> ADONAI , your Redeemer, the *haKadosh*  
*Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails] says: "For  
 your sake, I have sent to Babylon [Confusion],

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† **43:11** Yahweh is the only Savior. God is responsible for anything related to redeeming humans, which includes the work of His Servant (Is 43:10). The Servant is the Messiah. (Matt 11:27; Acts 4:12)

and I will bring all of them down as fugitives,  
even the Chaldeans [Descendants of Loving-  
kindness], in the ships of their rejoicing. <sup>15</sup> I  
am ADONAI, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel  
[God prevails], your King."

- <sup>16</sup> ADONAI, who makes a way in the sea,  
and a path in the mighty waters says:  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out the chariot and horse,  
the army and the mighty man  
(they lie down together; they shall not rise;  
they are extinct, they are quenched like a  
wick):  
<sup>18</sup> "Don't remember the former things,  
and don't consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> *Behold, I will do a new thing.* ‡  
It springs out now.  
Don't you know it?  
I will even make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The animals of the field shall honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
because I give water in the wilderness and rivers  
in the desert,  
to give drink to *my people, my chosen,*  
<sup>21</sup> *the people which I formed for myself,* §  
that they might declare my *tehilah* ·praise  
song.  
<sup>22</sup> Yet you have not called on me, Jacob [Sup-  
planter];  
but you have been weary of me, Israel [God  
prevails].

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‡ 43:19 Quoted in Rev 21:5    § 43:21 Quoted in 1 Pet 2:9

- 23 You have not brought me of your sheep for  
burnt offerings;  
neither have you honored me with your  
sacrifices.  
I have not burdened you with offerings,  
nor wearied you with frankincense.
- 24 You have bought me no sweet cane with  
money,  
nor have you filled me with the fat of your  
sacrifices;  
but you have *abad* ·served· me with your sins.  
You have wearied me with your iniquities.
- 25 I, even I, am he who blots out your transgres-  
sions for my own sake;  
and I will not remember your sins.
- 26 Put me in remembrance.  
Let us plead together.  
Declare your case,  
that you may be justified.
- 27 Your first father sinned,  
and your teachers have transgressed against  
me.
- 28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the  
sanctuary;  
and I will make Jacob [Supplanter] a curse,  
and Israel [God prevails] an insult."

## 44

- 1 Yet *sh'ma* ·hear obey· now, Jacob [Supplanter]  
my servant,  
and Israel [God prevails], whom I have  
chosen.
- 2 This is what ADONAI who made you,  
and formed you from the womb,

who will help you says:

“Don’t be afraid, Jacob [Supplanter] my servant;  
and you, Jeshurun [Upright one], whom I  
have chosen.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> One will say, ‘I am ADONAI ’s;’  
and another will be called by the name of  
Jacob [Supplanter];  
and another will write with his hand ‘to  
ADONAI ,’  
and honor the name of Israel [God pre-  
vails].”

<sup>6</sup> This is what ADONAI , the King of Israel [God  
prevails],

and his Redeemer, *ADONAI Tzva'ot [Yahweh  
Commander of heaven's armies]*, says:

*“I am the first, and I am the last; ‡*

and besides me there are no *elohim* ·gods,  
judges·.

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

Who will call,

and will declare it,

and set it in order for me,

since I established the ancient people?

Let them declare the things that are coming,

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\* **44:3** Quoted in John 7:38 † **44:3** Quoted in John 7:39 ‡ **44:6**  
Quoted in Rev 1:8, 1:17, 21:6, 22:13

and that will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Don't fear,  
neither be afraid.  
Haven't I *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed, declared· it to  
you long ago,  
and shown it?  
You are my witnesses.  
Is there a God besides me?  
Indeed, there is not.  
I don't know any other Rock."

<sup>9</sup> Everyone who makes an engraved image is  
vain.  
The things that they delight in will not profit.  
Their own witnesses don't see, nor know,  
that they may be disappointed.

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

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

<sup>12</sup> The blacksmith takes an ax,  
works in the coals,  
fashions it with hammers,  
and works it with his strong arm.

He is hungry,  
and his strength fails;  
he drinks no water,  
and is faint.

<sup>13</sup> The carpenter stretches out a line.

He marks it out with a pencil.  
He shapes it with planes.  
He marks it out with compasses,  
and shapes it like the figure of a man,  
with the beauty of a man,  
to reside in a house.

- 14 He cuts down cedars for himself,  
and takes the cypress and the oak,  
and strengthens for himself one among the  
trees of the forest.

He plants a cypress tree,  
and the rain nourishes it.

- 15 Then it will be for a man to burn;  
and he takes some of it, and warms himself.  
Yes, he burns it, and bakes bread.

Yes, he makes a deity, and worships it;  
he makes it an engraved image, and falls  
down to it.

- 16 He burns part of it in the fire.  
With part of it, he eats meat.  
He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.

Yes, he warms himself,  
and says, "Aha! I am warm. I have seen the  
fire."

- 17 The rest of it he makes into a deity,  
even his engraved image.

He bows down to it and worships,  
and prays to it, and says, "Deliver me; for  
you are my deity!"

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

- 19 No one thinks,

neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say,

"I have burned part of it in the fire.

Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals.

I have roasted meat and eaten it.

Shall I make the rest of it into an abomination?

Shall I bow down to a tree trunk?"

20 He feeds on ashes.

A deceived heart has turned him aside;

and he can't deliver his soul,

nor say, "Is not there a lie in my right hand?"

21 Remember these things, Jacob [Supplanter]  
and Israel [God prevails];

for you are my servant.

I have formed you.

You are my servant.

Israel [God prevails], you will not be forgotten by me.

22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions,  
and, as a cloud, your sins.

*Teshuvah* ·Completely return· to me, for I have redeemed you.

23 Sing, you heavens, for ADONAI has done it!

Shout, you lower parts of the earth!

Break out into singing, you mountains, O forest, all of your trees,

for ADONAI has redeemed Jacob [Supplanter],

and will glorify himself in Israel [God prevails].

24 ADONAI , your Redeemer,

and he who formed you from the womb says:  
“I am ADONAI, who makes all things;  
    who alone stretches out the heavens;  
    who spreads out the earth by myself;  
25 who frustrates the signs of the liars,  
    and makes diviners mad;  
who turns *wise men* backward,  
    and makes *their knowledge foolish*; §  
26 who confirms the word of his servant,  
    and performs the counsel of his messengers;  
who says of Jerusalem [City of peace], ‘She will  
    be inhabited;’  
    and of the cities of Judah [Praised], ‘They will  
    be built,’  
    and ‘I will raise up its waste places;’  
27 who says to the deep, ‘Be dry,’  
    and ‘I will dry up your rivers;’  
28 Who says of Cyrus [Sun], ‘He is my shepherd,  
    and shall perform all my pleasure,’  
    even saying of Jerusalem [City of peace], ‘She  
    will be built;’  
    and of the temple, ‘Your foundation will be  
    laid.’ ”

## 45

1 ADONAI says to his anointed, to Cyrus [Sun],  
whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations  
before him, and strip kings of their armor; to  
open the doors before him, and the gates shall  
not be shut;  
2 “I will go before you,  
    and make the rough places smooth.

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§ 44:25 Quoted in 1 Cor 1:20

I will break the doors of bronze in pieces,  
and cut apart the bars of iron.

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

<sup>4</sup> For Jacob [Supplanter] my servant's sake,  
and Israel [God prevails] my chosen,  
I have called you by your name.

I have given you a title,  
though you have not known me.

<sup>5</sup> I am ADONAI , and there is no one else.  
Besides me, there are no *elohim* ·gods,  
judges·.

I will strengthen you,  
though you have not known me;

<sup>6</sup> that they may know from the rising of the sun,  
and from the west,  
that there is no one besides me.  
I am ADONAI , and there is no one else.

<sup>7</sup> I form the light,  
and create darkness.

I make peace,  
and create calamity.

I am ADONAI ,  
who does all these things.

<sup>8</sup> Rain, you heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open, that it may produce *yesha'*  
·salvation·,  
and let it cause righteousness to spring up  
with it.

I, ADONAI , have created it.

- <sup>9</sup> Woe to him who strives with his Maker—  
a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth!  
*Shall the clay ask him who fashions it,* \* 'What  
are you making?'  
or your work, 'He has no hands?'
- <sup>10</sup> Woe to him who says to a father, 'What have  
you become the father of?'  
or to a mother, 'To what have you given  
birth?' "
- <sup>11</sup> ADONAI , the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of  
God prevails],  
and his Maker says:  
"You ask me about the things that are to come,  
concerning my sons,  
and you enjoin me concerning the work of  
my hands!
- <sup>12</sup> I have made the earth, and created man on it.  
I, even my hands, have stretched out the  
heavens;  
and I have enjoined all their army.
- <sup>13</sup> I have raised him up in righteousness,  
and I will make straight all his ways.  
He shall build my city,  
and he shall let my exiles go free,  
not for price nor reward," says ADONAI  
*Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's  
armies].
- <sup>14</sup> ADONAI says: "The labor of Egypt [Abode of  
slavery],  
and the merchandise of Ethiopia,  
and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come  
over to you,

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\* 45:9 Quoted in Rom 9:20

- and they shall be yours.  
They will go after you.  
They shall come over in chains;  
and they will bow down to you.  
They will make supplication to you:  
'Surely God is in you; and there is no one  
else.  
There is no other *Elohim* ·Deity, Judge·.
- 15 Most certainly you are a God who hidden  
yourself,  
God of Israel [God prevails], the One who  
saves.' "
- 16 They will be disappointed,  
yes, confounded, all of them.  
Those who are makers of idols will go into  
confusion together.
- 17 Israel [God prevails] will be saved by ADONAI  
with an everlasting salvation.  
You will not be disappointed nor confounded  
to ages everlasting.
- 18 For ADONAI who created the heavens,  
the God who formed the earth and made it,  
who established it and didn't create it a  
waste,  
who formed it to be inhabited says:  
"I am ADONAI ;  
and there is no other.
- 19 I have not spoken in secret,  
in a place of the land of darkness.  
I didn't say to the offspring of Jacob [Supplanter],  
'Seek me in vain.'  
I, ADONAI , speak righteousness.  
I declare things that are right.

20 “Assemble yourselves and come.

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

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

21 Declare and present it.

Yes, let them take counsel together.

Who has *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed, declared· this  
from ancient time?

Who has declared it of old?

Haven't I, ADONAI ?

There is no other *Elohim* ·Deity, Judge· besides  
me, a just God and able to save;

There is no one besides me.

22 “Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the  
earth;

for I am God, and there is no other.

23 *I have sworn by myself.*

The word has gone out of my mouth in  
righteousness, and will not be revoked,

that *to me every knee shall bow,*

*every tongue shall swear* † 24 about me,

“There is righteousness and strength only in  
ADONAI .”

Even to him shall men come;

and all those who raged against him shall be  
disappointed.

25 All the offspring of Israel [God prevails] will be  
justified in ADONAI ,  
and will rejoice!

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† 45:23 Quoted in Rom 14:11; Phil 2:10-11

## 46

- <sup>1</sup> Bel bows down.  
Nebo stoops.  
Their idols are carried by animals,  
and on the livestock.  
The things that you carried around are heavy  
loads,  
a burden for the weary.
- <sup>2</sup> They stoop and they bow down together.  
They could not deliver the burden,  
but they have gone into captivity.
- <sup>3</sup> “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· me, house of Jacob [Sup-  
planter],  
and all the remnant of the house of Israel  
[God prevails],  
that have been carried from their birth,  
that have been carried from the *racham*  
·womb, bowels of compassion·.
- <sup>4</sup> Even to old age I am he,  
and even to gray hairs I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear.  
Yes, I will carry, and will deliver.
- <sup>5</sup> “To whom will you liken me, and consider my  
equal,  
and compare me, that we may be equal?
- <sup>6</sup> Some pour out gold from the bag,  
and weigh silver in the balance.  
They hire a goldsmith,  
and he makes it a deity.  
They fall down—  
yes, they worship.
- <sup>7</sup> They bear it on their shoulder.

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

It cannot move from its place.

Yes, one may cry to it, yet it cannot answer.

It cannot save him out of his trouble.

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

Bring it to mind again, you transgressors.

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

for I am God, and there is no other.

I am God, and there is none like me.

<sup>10</sup> I declare the end from the beginning,

and from ancient times things that are not  
yet done.

I say: My counsel will stand,

and I will do all that I please.

<sup>11</sup> I call a ravenous bird from the east,

the man of my counsel from a far country.

Yes, I have spoken.

I will also bring it to pass.

I have planned.

I will also do it.

<sup>12</sup> *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· me, you stubborn-hearted,

who are far from righteousness!

<sup>13</sup> I bring my righteousness near.

It is not far off,

and my salvation will not wait.

I will grant salvation to Zion [Mountain ridge,  
Marking],

my glory to Israel [God prevails].

**47**

<sup>1</sup> “Come down, and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon [Confusion].

Sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans [Descendants of Loving-kindness].

For you will no longer be called tender and delicate.

<sup>2</sup> Take the millstones, and grind flour.

Remove your veil, lift up your skirt, uncover your legs,

and wade through the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Your nakedness will be uncovered.

Yes, your shame will be seen.

I will take vengeance,

and will spare no one.”

<sup>4</sup> Our Redeemer, *ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's armies] is his name,

is the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails].

<sup>5</sup> “Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans [Descendants of Loving-kindness].

For you shall no longer be called the mistress of kingdoms.

<sup>6</sup> I was angry with my people.

I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand.

You showed them no *racham* ·merciful love·.

You laid a very heavy yoke on the aged.

<sup>7</sup> You said, ‘*I will be a princess forever;*’

so that you did not lay these things to your heart,  
nor did you remember the results.

8 “Now therefore *sh'ma* ·hear obey· this, you who  
are given to pleasures,  
who sit securely,  
*who say in your heart,*

‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.  
*I shall not sit as a widow,*  
*neither shall I* know the loss of children.’

9 But these two things shall come to you in a  
moment *in one day,*

the *loss of children* \*and widowhood.  
They will come on you in their full measure,  
in the multitude of your sorceries,  
and the great abundance of your enchant-  
ments.

10 For you have trusted in your wickedness.

You have said, ‘No one sees me.’  
Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted  
you.

You have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there  
is no one else besides me.’

11 Therefore disaster will come on you.

You won’t know when it dawns.  
Mischievous will fall on you.

You won’t be able to put it away.  
Desolation will come on you suddenly,  
which you don’t understand.

12 “Stand now with your enchantments,  
and with the multitude of your sorceries,

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\* 47:9 Quoted in Rev 18:7-8

in which you have labored from your youth;  
as if you might profit;  
as if you might prevail.

<sup>13</sup> You are wearied in the multitude of your  
counsels.

Now let the astrologers, the stargazers, and  
the monthly prognosticators, stand up and  
save you from the things that will come on  
you.

<sup>14</sup> Behold, they shall be like stubble.

The fire will burn them.

They won't deliver themselves from the  
power of the flame.

It won't be a coal to warm at  
or a fire to sit by.

<sup>15</sup> The things that you labored in will be like this:  
those who have trafficked with you from  
your youth will each wander in his own  
way.

There will be no one to save you.

## 48

<sup>1</sup> *"Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· this, house of Jacob [Sup-  
planter],

you who are called by the name of Israel  
[God prevails],

and have come out of the waters of Judah  
[Praised].

You swear by ADONAI 's name,

and make mention of the God of Israel [God  
prevails],

but not in truth, nor in righteousness

<sup>2</sup> (for they call themselves citizens of the holy city,

and rely on the God of Israel [God prevails];  
*ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of  
heaven's armies] is his name):

<sup>3</sup> I have declared the former things from of old;  
yes, they went out of my mouth, and I *sh'ma*  
·heard obeyed, declared· them.

I did them suddenly, and they happened.

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

<sup>5</sup> therefore I have declared it to you from of old;  
before it came to pass I *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed,  
declared· it to you;

lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,  
and my engraved image, and my molten  
image, has enjoined them.'

<sup>6</sup> You have *sh'ma* ·hear obey· it;  
see all this.  
And you, won't you declare it?

"I have *sh'ma* ·hear obey, declared· you new  
things from this time,  
even hidden things, which you have not  
known.

<sup>7</sup> They are created now, and not from of old;  
and before today you didn't *sh'ma* ·hear  
obey· them;

lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

<sup>8</sup> Yes, you didn't *sh'ma* ·hear obey·;

yes, you didn't know;

yes, from of old your ear was not opened:

for I knew that you dealt very treacherously,

- and were called a transgressor from the womb.
- <sup>9</sup> For my name's sake, I will defer my anger,  
and for my *tehilah* ·praise song· I hold it back  
for you,  
so that I don't cut you off.
- <sup>10</sup> Behold, I have refined you,  
but not as silver.  
I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.
- <sup>11</sup> For my own sake,  
for my own sake, I will do it;  
for how would my name be profaned?  
I will not give my *kavod* ·weighty glory· to  
another.
- <sup>12</sup> “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· me, O Jacob [Supplanter],  
and Israel [God prevails] my called:  
I am he;  
\* *I am the first,*  
*I am also the last.* †
- <sup>13</sup> Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the  
earth,  
and my right hand has spread out the  
heavens.  
When I call to them, they stand up together.
- <sup>14</sup> “Assemble yourselves, all of you, and *sh'ma*  
·hear obey·;  
who among them has declared these things?

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\* **48:12** MP: Messiah holds the title of *alef tav* (Hebrew), *alpha omega* (Greek), *'urim thumin* (starting with Hebrew letters *alef* then *tav*), The first and the last. (Rev 1:8, 22:13) † **48:12** Quoted in Rev 1:17

He whom ADONAI *'ahav* ·affectionately loves·  
 will do what he likes to Babylon [Confu-  
 sion],  
 and his arm will be against the Chaldeans  
 [Descendants of Loving-kindness].

<sup>15</sup> I, even I, have spoken;  
 yes, I have called him.

I have brought him,  
 and he shall make his way prosperous.

<sup>16</sup> ‡ “Come near to me and *sh'ma* ·hear obey·  
 this:

§ \* “From the beginning I have not spoken in  
 secret;  
 from the time that it happened, I was  
 there.”

† Now the Lord ADONAI has sent me,  
 with his Spirit.

<sup>17</sup> ADONAI ,  
 your Redeemer,  
 the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God  
 prevails] says:  
 “I am ADONAI your God,  
 who teaches you to profit,

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‡ **48:16** MP: Messiah speaks nothing in secret. (John 18:20-21)

§ **48:16** MP: In all of creation, Messiah participated in and holds it all together. “From the beginning ... at the time it happened, I was there.” (Col 1:15-17) \* **48:16** MP: Messiah is from everlasting just as Yahweh God is eternal. (John 1:1-2, 17:5)

† **48:16** MP: The Messiah will come and bring God’s Spirit along with him. (Acts 10:37-38)

who leads you by the way that you should go.

18 Oh that you had listened to my *mitzvot* ·instructions·!

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

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

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

20 Leave Babylon [Confusion]!

Flee from the Chaldeans [Descendants of Loving-kindness]!

With a voice of singing *sh'ma* ·hear obey, declare· this,  
tell it even to the end of the earth:  
say, “ADONAI has redeemed his servant Jacob [Supplanter]!”

21 They didn't thirst when he led them through the deserts.

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

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

22 “There is no peace,” says ADONAI , “for the wicked.”

## 49

- 1 \* *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey·, islands, to me.  
 Listen, you peoples, from afar:  
 † ADONAI has called me from the womb;  
 ‡ from the inside of my mother he has  
 mentioned my name.
- 2 § He has made my mouth like a sharp sword.  
 He has hidden me in the shadow of his  
 hand.  
 He has made me a polished shaft.  
 He has kept me close in his quiver.
- 3 \* He said to me, "You are my servant;  
 † Israel [God prevails], ‡ in whom I will be  
 glorified."
- 4 § But I said, "I have labored in vain.  
 I have spent my strength in vain for nothing;  
 yet surely the *mishpat* ·justice· due to me is with  
 ADONAI ,

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\* **49:1** MP: Messiah comes for all people. (See also Is 42:4). (Matt 28:18; 1 Tim 2:3-6; Eph 2:12-14) † **49:1** MP: Messiah is called to God's service from the womb. (Matt 1:20-21; Luke 2:11) ‡ **49:1** MP: Messiah was named before his birth. (Matt 1:21) § **49:2** MP: The Messiah's words are as a sharp sword. (To divide is an idiom referring to his teachings, it will not unite everyone). (Luke 12:51; Heb 4:12) \* **49:3** MP: Messiah is God's servant. (John 4:34, 6:38; Phil 2:7) † **49:3** MP: Messiah is called Israel. Messiah comes from the nation of Israel [God prevails]. Messiah is also called Israel as the patriarch Jacob was renamed Israel (Gen 32:28). Being called Israel as a relationship role, Messiah is the example of right relationship with Yahweh for all Israel to emulate. (John 8:54-55, 12:49-50) ‡ **49:3** MP: The work that Messiah does will glorify God. (Matt 15:30-31; John 12:27-29, 17:1-5) § **49:4** MP: Messiah's work among Israel's tribes appears to be in vain. (Luke 19:41-42)

and my reward with my God.”

5 \* **Now ADONAI** says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
 † to bring Jacob [Supplanter] again to him,  
 and to gather Israel [God prevails] to him,  
 for I am honorable in ADONAI 's eyes,  
 and my God has become my strength.

6 ‡ § **Indeed**, he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob [Supplanter],  
 and to restore the preserved of Israel [God prevails]?”

*I will also give you as a light to the nations,*  
 \* *that you may be my yishu'ah ·salvation-to the end of the earth.”* †

7 ‡ **ADONAI** , the *Go'eil Isra'el* [Redeemer of God prevails], and his Holy One,  
 says to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and rise up;  
 princes, and they shall *hawa* ·bow low,  
 prostrate· to worship;

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\* **49:5** MP: Messiah is God's servant. (John 4:34, 6:38; Phil 2:7)

† **49:5** MP: Messiah will restore and raise up Israel, turning them back to God. (Matt 10:5-6, 15:24) ‡ **49:6** MP: Messiah is a light to the nations, the Gentiles. (See also Is 60:1-3). (See also context of Is 9:1-2, and Is 9:3, 42:6). (Luke 2:31-32; Acts 13:47-48; Rom 3:22)

§ **49:6** MP: Messiah is God's servant. (John 4:34, 6:38; Phil 2:7) \* **49:6** MP: Messiah will bring salvation to the ends of the earth. (Matt 28:19; Acts 13:47) † **49:6** Quoted in Acts 13:47 ‡ **49:7** MP: Messiah is despised. (See also Ps 69:4). (John 15:23-25)

because of ADONAI who is faithful, even the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails], who has chosen you.”

<sup>8</sup> ADONAI says, “*In an acceptable time I have answered you, and in a day of yishu'ah ·salvation· I have helped you.* §

\* *I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· of the people, to raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritage:*

<sup>9</sup> saying to those who are bound, ‘Come out!’; to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves!’  
“They shall feed along the paths,  
and their pasture shall be on all treeless heights.

<sup>10</sup> *They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them: † for he who has racham ·merciful love· towards them will lead them. He will guide them by springs of water. ‡*

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§ 49:8 Quoted in 2 Cor 6:2 \* 49:8 MP: “Preserved you as a covenant for the people” - the restoring the land and distributing inheritance was anticipated at Messiah’s coming (see in Luke 24:21 and Acts 1:6). The national-political redemption is yet to come at the demise of the anti-Messiah and the establishment of Messiah’s eternal kingdom. (Rev 19:11-21 is describing Ezekiel 38-39 and Daniel 11). Judaism in the days of Yeshua expected political redemption with the Messiah (Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6). (Matt 26:28) (Also referenced: Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6; 2 Cor 6:2; Rev 19:11-21+; Ezekiel 38-39 and Daniel 11). † 49:10 Quoted in Rev 7:16 ‡ 49:10 Quoted in Rev 7:17

- 11 I will make all my mountains a road,  
and my highways shall be exalted.
- 12 Behold, these shall come from afar;  
and behold, these from the north and from  
the west;  
and these from the land of Sinim.”
- 13 Sing, heavens; and be joyful, earth;  
and break out into singing, mountains:  
for ADONAI has comforted his people,  
and will have *racham* ·compassionate love·  
on his afflicted.
- 14 But Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] said,  
“ADONAI has forsaken me,  
and the Lord has forgotten me.”
- 15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should not have *racham* ·compas-  
sionate love· on the son of her womb?  
Yes, these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you!
- 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of  
my hands.  
Your walls are continually before me.
- 17 Your children hurry.  
Your destroyers and those who devastated  
you will leave you.
- 18 Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  
all these gather themselves together, and  
come to you.
- As I live,” says ADONAI , “you shall surely  
clothe yourself with them all as with an  
ornament,  
and dress yourself with them, like a bride.
- 19 “For, as for your waste and your desolate  
places,

and your land that has been destroyed,  
surely now that land will be too small for the  
inhabitants,  
and those who swallowed you up will be far  
away.

<sup>20</sup> The children of your bereavement will say in  
your ears,  
‘This place is too small for me.  
Give me a place to live in.’

<sup>21</sup> Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has  
conceived these for me, since I have been  
bereaved of my children,  
and am solitary, an exile, and wandering  
back and forth?

Who has brought these up?

Behold, I was left alone. Where were  
these?’ ”

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

<sup>23</sup> Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
and their queens your nursing mothers.

They will bow down to you with their faces to  
the earth,  
and lick the dust of your feet;

Then you will know that I am ADONAI ;  
and those who wait for me shall not be  
disappointed.”

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

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

26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh;  
and they will be drunk on their own blood,  
as with sweet wine.

Then all flesh shall know that I, ADONAI, am the One who saves you,  
and your Redeemer, the *'Avir Ya'akov* [Mighty One of Supplanter]."

## 50

1 ADONAI says, "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away?

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

2 Why, when I came, was there no one?  
when I called, why was there no one to answer?

Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't redeem?  
or have I no power to deliver?

Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea.

I make the rivers a wilderness:  
their fish stink, because there is no water,  
and die for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,

and I make *sackcloth their covering*.” \*

4 † The Lord ADONAI has given me the tongue of  
those who are taught,  
‡ that I may know how to sustain with words  
him who is weary.

He wakens morning by morning,  
he wakens my ear to *sh'ma* ·hear obey· as  
those who are taught.

5 § The Lord ADONAI has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious.  
I have not turned back.

6 \* I gave my back to those who *beat me*,  
† and my cheeks to those who plucked off the  
hair  
‡ I didn't hide my *face from insult* § and  
*spitting*. \*

7 For the Lord ADONAI will help me.  
Therefore I have not been confounded.

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\* 50:3 Quoted in Rev 6:12 † 50:4 MP: The Messiah speaks with knowledge taught to him from God, not from men. (Matt 7:29; Mark 1:27; Luke 4:32, 4:36; John 12:49-50) ‡ 50:4 Messiah's teachings can sustain the weary. (Matt 11:28) § 50:5 MP: Messiah is not rebellious to God's will. (John 12:27) \* 50:6 MP: Messiah's back is whipped. "I gave my back to the smiters." (John 19:1) † 50:6 MP: Messiah's face is beaten according to the Greek *Septuagint* translation. The Hebrew *Masoretic* text reads plucking out the beard. Note: In (2 Sam 10:4), plucking out the beard is a great insult. Both interpretations can be valid as prophecy. (Mark 14:65 with 2 Sam 10:4) ‡ 50:6 MP: Messiah is mocked to his face. "I did not hide my face from insult". (Matt 26:67) § 50:6 MP: Messiah is spat upon in his face. "I did not hide my face from... spitting". (Matt 26:67, 27:30) \* 50:6 Quoted in Matt 26:67; Mark 10:34

† Therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be disappointed.

8 ‡ He who declares me righteous me is near.  
Who will bring charges against me?

Let us stand up together.  
Who is my *mishpat* · adversary·?  
Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord ADONAI will help me!  
Who is he who will condemn me?  
Behold, they will all grow old like a garment.  
The moths will eat them up.

10 § Who among you fears ADONAI ,  
and *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· the voice of his  
servant?

\* He who walks in darkness,  
and has no light,  
let him trust in ADONAI 's name,  
and rely on his God.

11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire,  
who adorn yourselves with torches around  
yourselves;  
walk in the flame of your fire,  
and among the torches that you have kin-  
dled.

You will have this from my hand:  
You will lie down in sorrow.

† 50:7 Messiah's face is set like flint, steadfast. (Luke 9:51)

‡ 50:8 MP: Messiah is justified, no negative charges against him  
are valid. (Luke 23:2-4; Heb 8:33-34) § 50:10 MP: Trusting in

Yahweh God also means to trust in his Servant Messiah. (John  
5:23, 14:1, 15:24, 17:3; 1 John 2:23) \*

50:10 MP: Trusting in  
the servant sent brings light and direction from God. (John 11:9,  
12:35-36, 12:46)

## 51

- 1 “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· to me, you who follow after  
righteousness,  
you who seek ADONAI :  
look to the rock you were cut from,  
and to the quarry you were dug from.
- 2 Look to Abraham [Father of a multitude] your  
father,  
and to Sarah [Princess] who bore you;  
for when he was but one I called him,  
and I blessed him,  
and made him many.
- 3 For ADONAI has comforted Zion [Mountain  
ridge, Marking].  
He has comforted all her waste places,  
and has made her wilderness like Eden  
[Delight],  
and her desert like the garden of ADONAI .  
Joy and gladness will be found therein,  
thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
- 4 “Listen to me, my people;  
and hear me, my nation:  
for the *Torah* ·Teaching· will go out from me,  
and I will establish my *mishpat* ·justice· for  
a light to the peoples.
- 5 My righteousness is near.  
My *yesha'* ·salvation· has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples.  
The islands will wait for me,  
and they will trust my arm.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look on the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish away like smoke,  
and the earth will wear out like a garment;  
and its inhabitants will die in the same way:  
but my *yishu'ah* ·salvation· will be forever,  
and my righteousness will not be abolished.

<sup>7</sup> “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· to me, you who know  
righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is my *Torah*  
·Teaching·:

Don't fear the reproach of men,  
and don't be dismayed at their insults.

<sup>8</sup> For the moth will eat them up like a garment,  
and the worm will eat them like wool;  
but my righteousness will be forever,  
and my *yishu'ah* ·salvation· to all genera-  
tions.”

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of ADONAI  
!  
Awake, as in the days of old,  
the generations of ancient times.

Is not it you who cut Rahab in pieces,  
who pierced the monster?

<sup>10</sup> Is not it you who dried up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep;  
who made the depths of the sea a way for  
the redeemed to pass over?

<sup>11</sup> Those ransomed by ADONAI will *teshuvah*  
·completely return·,  
and come with singing to Zion [Mountain  
ridge, Marking];  
and everlasting joy shall be on their heads.

They will obtain gladness and joy.  
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

<sup>12</sup> “I, even I, am he who comforts you.  
Who are you, that you are afraid of man who  
shall die,  
and of the son of man who will be made as  
grass?

<sup>13</sup> Have you forgotten *Yahweh 'Oseinu* [Yahweh  
our Maker],  
who stretched out the heavens,  
and laid the foundations of the earth?  
Do you live in fear continually all day because of  
the fury of the oppressor,  
when he prepares to destroy?  
Where is the fury of the oppressor?

<sup>14</sup> The captive exile will speedily be freed;  
and he will not die and go down into the pit,  
and his bread will not fail.

<sup>15</sup> For I am ADONAI your God, who stirs up the  
sea,  
so that its waves roar:  
*ADONAI Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of  
heaven's armies] is his name.

<sup>16</sup> I have put my words in your mouth,  
and have covered you in the shadow of my  
hand,  
that I may plant the heavens,  
and lay the foundations of the earth,  
and tell Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking],  
'You are my people.' ”

<sup>17</sup> Awake, awake!  
Stand up, Jerusalem [City of peace],

- you who have drunk from ADONAI 's hand  
the cup of his wrath.  
You have drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering,  
and drained it.
- 18 There is no one to guide her among all the sons  
to whom she has given birth;  
and there is no one who takes her by the  
hand among all the sons who she has  
brought up.
- 19 These two things have happened to you—  
who will grieve with you—  
desolation and destruction,  
and famine and the sword.  
How can I comfort you?
- 20 Your sons have fainted.  
They lie at the head of all the streets,  
like an antelope in a net.  
They are full of the ADONAI 's wrath,  
the rebuke of your God.
- 21 Therefore now *sh'ma* ·hear obey· this, you  
afflicted,  
and drunken, but not with wine:
- 22 Thus says your Lord ADONAI ,  
your God who pleads the cause of his people,  
“Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup  
of staggering,  
even the bowl of *the cup of my wrath*.  
You *will* not *drink* \*it any more:
- 23 and I will put it into the hand of those who  
afflict you,

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\* 51:22 Quoted in Rev 14:10

who have said to your soul, 'Bow down, that  
we may walk over you;'  
and you have laid your back as the ground,  
like a street to those who walk over."

## 52

<sup>1</sup> Awake, awake! Put on your strength, Zion  
[Mountain ridge, Marking].

Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem  
[City of peace], the holy city:  
for from now on the uncircumcised and the  
*unclean* will no more *come into* \* you.

<sup>2</sup> Shake yourself from the dust!

Arise, sit up, Jerusalem [City of peace]!  
Release yourself from the bonds of your  
neck, captive daughter of Zion [Mountain  
ridge, Marking]!

<sup>3</sup> For ADONAI says, "You were sold for nothing;  
and you will be redeemed without money."

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the Lord ADONAI :  
"My people went down at the first into Egypt  
[Abode of slavery] to live there:  
and the Assyrian has oppressed them with-  
out cause.

<sup>5</sup> "Now therefore, what do I do here," says  
ADONAI ,  
"seeing that my people are taken away for  
nothing?

Those who rule over them mock," says ADONAI ,

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\* 52:1 Quoted in Rev 21:27

*“and my name is blasphemed continually all the day. †*

- <sup>6</sup> Therefore my people shall know my name.  
Therefore they shall know in that day that I  
am he who speaks.  
Behold, it is I.”

- <sup>7</sup> *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of  
him who brings good news, ‡  
who sh'ma ·hear obey, declares· peace,  
who brings good news,  
who sh'ma ·hear obey, proclaims· yishu'ah  
·salvation·,  
who says to Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking],  
“Your God reigns!”*

- <sup>8</sup> Your watchmen lift up their voice,  
together they sing;  
for they shall see eye to eye, when ADONAI  
makes *teshuvah* ·complete return· to Zion  
[Mountain ridge, Marking].

- <sup>9</sup> Break out into joy,  
sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem  
[City of peace];  
for ADONAI has comforted his people.  
He has redeemed Jerusalem [City of peace].

- <sup>10</sup> ADONAI has made bare his holy arm in the  
eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
*yishu'ah* ·salvation· of our God.

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† 52:5 Quoted in Rom 2:24    ‡ 52:7 Quoted in Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15

11 *Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing! §*

*Go out from among her! \**

Cleanse yourselves, you who carry ADONAI 's temple equipment.

12 For you shall not go out in haste,  
neither shall you go by flight:  
for ADONAI will go before you;  
and the God of Israel [God prevails] will be  
your rear guard.

13 † Behold, my servant will deal wisely.  
He will be exalted and lifted up,  
and will be very high.

14 ‡ Just as many were astonished at you  
(his appearance was marred more than any  
man, and his form more than the sons of  
men),

15 so he will cleanse many nations.

§ Kings will shut their mouths at him:

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§ 52:11 Quoted in 2 Cor 6:17 \* 52:11 Quoted in Rev 18:4

† 52:13 MP: Messiah, as God's Servant, will be highly exalted. (John 12:27-32; Phil 2:7-11) ‡ 52:14 MP: Messiah's appearance is greatly marred, (consider too Is 50:6, 53:5), while bearing the sins of humanity in himself (Is 53:15). Scripture does not say how his marring is much more than any other human. Consider that his face may be covered in scars that alter and mar his appearance. Yet consider, Yeshua who endured such a beating before death, was recognized by everyone who saw him after the resurrection. (Luke 24:16, 24:31; 1 Cor 15:5-8). (Matt 26:67; Mark 14:65; Luke 22:62-64) § 52:15 MP: Messiah will proclaim a message that is new to the Gentiles. (Matt 28:19-20; Rom 15:20-21; 1 Cor 1:22-24)

*for they will see that which had not been told  
them;  
and that which they did not sh'ma ·hear obey·  
they will consider and understand. \**

## 53

- 1 \* *Who has believed our message? †*  
*To whom has the arm of ADONAI been  
revealed? ‡*
- 2 § *For he grew up before him as a tender plant,  
and as a root out of dry ground.*
- \* *He has no good looks or majesty.*  
*When we see him, there is no beauty that we  
should desire him.*
- 3 † *He was despised,  
‡ and rejected by men;*  
*a man of suffering, §*

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\* 52:15 Quoted in Rom 15:21; 1 Cor 2:9 \* 53:1 MP: The Messiah's own people do not believe he is the Messiah. (John 12:37-38) † 53:1 Quoted in Rom 10:16 ‡ 53:1 Quoted in John 12:38 § 53:2 MP: Messiah will grow up in "dry ground," an idiom for "a poor family". Luke 2:7 identifies the poorest offering after childbirth being used (Lev 12:6-8). (See also Is 11:1 – Jesse's tree was cut off at the trunk— not thriving family). (Consider illusion in Is 11:1). (Luke 2:7, 2:22, 2:24) \* 53:2 MP: Messiah appears like an ordinary man. His betrayer identified Messiah in the garden by kissing him, because Messiah was not comely or handsome in appearance. (Matt 26:48-49; Phil 2:7) † 53:3 MP: Messiah is despised. (Luke 4:28-29) ‡ 53:3 MP: Messiah is rejected by his own Jewish people, "we did not esteem him". Yet (Is 49:6 and 60:1-3) says the Messiah's light draws the Gentiles to Him. (Matt 12:24; Luke 23:10-19; John 1:11, 12:32; Acts 13:47-48) § 53:3 Quoted in Luke 24:46

\* and acquainted with disease.

He was despised † as one from whom men hide  
their face;  
and we didn't respect him.

4 ‡ Surely *he has borne our sickness*, §  
and carried our suffering;

\* yet we considered him plagued,  
† struck by God, and afflicted.

5 ‡ But he was pierced for our transgressions.  
§ He was crushed for our iniquities.

\* The punishment that brought our peace was on  
him;

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\* **53:3** MP: Messiah sympathizes with great sorrow and grief. (Luke 19:41-44; John 11:33-36; Heb 4:15) † **53:3** MP: Men would hide their faces from Messiah. (Mark 14:50, 14:69-71) ‡ **53:4** MP: Messiah bears (removes, heals) our "diseases, sickness, sorrows". (Matt 8:16-17, 9:35) § **53:4** Quoted in Matt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24 \* **53:4** MP: Messiah perceived to be cursed by God. (See also Ps 22:1, 118:17-18). (Matt 27:41-44; John 19:7) † **53:4** MPr: The Messiah bears the name of "Leperous" or "Leper Scholar" as it says, "smitten by God" (Is 53:4). (Talmud Sanhedrin 98B on Isaiah 53). (Luke 5:12-14; Mark 1:40-44, 2:15-17) ‡ **53:5** MP: Messiah is "pierced / wounded for our transgressions". Note: There is no Bible punishment or law for death that specifically involves piercing; stoning or banishment is more common. (Matt 20:28; John 19:34; Rom 4:25) § **53:5** MP: Messiah bears and carries the sins of others. (1 Peter 2:24) \* **53:5** Messiah's chastening brings us peace (with God). Implied by the context, this peace is in relationship with our Creator not other humans. (Rom 4:25; 5:15-18; Col 1:20)

† *and by his stripes and wounds we are healed  
and made whole.* ‡

6 § *All we like sheep have gone astray.*

*Everyone has turned to \* his own way;*

† *and ADONAI has laid on him the iniquity of  
us all.*

7 ‡ *He was oppressed,*

*yet when he was afflicted he didn't open his  
mouth.*

§ *As a lamb that is led to the slaughter; \**

*and as a sheep that before its shearers is  
silent,*

*so he didn't open his mouth.* †

8 ‡ *After forcible arrest and § sentencing, he was  
taken away;*

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† **53:5** MP: "By his stripes we are healed / made whole." Messiah's atonement brings wholeness and healing to those in association with him. (This healing could be physical, spiritual or both.) (Matt 8:16-17; John 17:17-19; 1 Peter 2:24) ‡ **53:5**

Quoted in 1 Peter 2:24 § **53:6** MP: We have strayed like sheep away from our atonement. (1 Peter 2:25) \* **53:6** Quoted in 1

Peter 2:25 † **53:6** MP: Messiah bears the sins for all mankind, like the scapegoat removed from the camp on *Yom Kippur* [Day of Atonement] (Lev 16:10). (Rom 5:17-18 (Rom 5:6-10, 5:15-21); Heb 9:28) (Also referenced in: 1 Cor 15:3; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2, 3:5, 4:10) ‡ **53:7** MP: Messiah is oppressed

and afflicted but does not speak out in his own defense. (Matt

27:11-14) § **53:7** MP: Messiah, in likeness of a sacrificial lamb, is silent before his accusers. (See also Ps 35:11). (Matt 27:12-14;

John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:23) \* **53:7** Quoted in Rev 5:6

† **53:7** Quoted in 1 Peter 2:23 ‡ **53:8** MP: Messiah is confined and oppressed without opposition. (Mark 14:53-65; Acts 8:27-35)

§ **53:8** MP: Messiah is confined and judged. (John 18:12-13, 18:19-24)

*and none of his generation protested*

*\* his being cut off out of the land of the living*

*†*  
*for the crimes of my people, who deserved*  
*the punishment themselves.*

9 ‡ They made his grave with the wicked,

§ and with a rich man in his death;

*\* † although he had done no violence,*  
*nor was any deceit in his mouth. ‡*

10 § Yet it pleased ADONAI to bruise him.  
He has caused him to suffer.

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*\* 53:8* MP: Messiah is killed / "cut off" as just punishment in place of the people's transgressions. (Acts 8:33; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 1:18-19) † *53:8* Quoted in Acts 8:32-33 ‡ *53:9* MP: By being killed along with other criminals, Messiah is assigned a grave with the wicked. (Matt 27:38) § *53:9* MP: Buried in a rich man's grave. Evidence: Raymond Brown comments on Roman attitudes to the bodies of the crucified. The Digest of Justinian 48:24 (200 CE) gives two Roman political legal people's decisions about criminals executed. Ulpian: "The bodies of those who suffer capital punishment are not to be refused to their relatives." Julius Paulus adds: "Nor to any who seek them for burial." Ulpian states this might be refused if the criminal was executed for treason. Therefore Yeshua was not convicted of Roman treason, but likely killed for a political motive. (The Burial of Yeshua Mark 15:42-47 by Raymond Brown (1988)). (Matt 27:57-60) \* *53:9* MP: Messiah is innocent, having done no violence or deceit, personally or politically. (Luke 23:13-15; 1 Peter 2:21-23) † *53:9* MP: Messiah's character is without blame, even when provoked. (Luke 23:14; 1 Peter 2:23) ‡ *53:9* Quoted in 1 Pet 2:22 § *53:10* MP: God will afflict the Messiah, in association with bearing sin. (John 12:7-33; Gal 1:4; 1 Peter 2:24)

- \* To see if he would † present himself as a guilt offering.  
 If he does, he will see his offspring,  
 ‡ and he will prolong his days,  
 and ADONAI 's pleasure will prosper in his hand.
- 11 § After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction  
 "By his knowing [pain and sacrifice].
- \* My righteous † servant will justify many;  
 for it is their sins that he suffers.
- 12 ‡ Therefore will I give him a portion with the great,

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\* **53:10** MP: Messiah offers himself as a sin offering. (Matt 20:28; Eph 5:2) † **53:10** MP: God's desire is fulfilled in Messiah being a sin offering. This end goal is God's purpose. In context, God pleasure is linked to a sin offering being provided. An atonement, a redemption, and a covering for sin was accomplished through that offering for all people who are associated (see Is 53:5-6, 53:11) bringing God pleasure. Being associated with the sin offering is seen in (Lev 4:4, 4:15, 4:24, 4:29, 4:33). (John 17:1-5; Rom 4:25; Eph 1:16-23; Heb 10:9-10; 1 John 2:2) ‡ **53:10** MP: Messiah is resurrected from death and has life beyond the grave. "He will prolong / lengthen his days". (Luke 24:6-7, 24:46; Acts 2:24) § **53:11** MP: God is fully satisfied with the suffering of the Messiah. By accepting this, it infers the sin offering is accepted. Acceptance of the sin offering is seen in (Lev 4:20). Read in context of (Lev 4:2-7). (John 10:17-18; Gal 1:4; 1 Peter 2:24) \* **53:11** MP: Messiah has intimate knowledge of the anguish and suffering of the sin that his atonement is covering. (Heb 2:17-18; 4:15, 9:28) † **53:11** MP: Messiah is God's servant. (John 6:38; Romans 6:19) ‡ **53:12** MP: Because of making his atonement offering, Messiah is greatly exalted by God and reaps rewards. (Matt 28:18; Eph 1:20-22; Heb 1:3)

§ and he will divide the spoils with the strong;  
 because \* he exposed himself to death,  
 † and was counted with the transgressors; ‡  
 § while actually bearing the sin of many, \*  
 † and interceding for the offenders.

## 54

- <sup>1</sup> “Sing, barren, you who didn’t give birth;  
 break out into singing, and cry aloud, you who  
 did not travail with child:  
 for the deserted wife will have more children  
 than the children of the married wife,” \*  
 says ADONAI .
- <sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the place of your tent,  
 and let them stretch out the curtains of your  
 habitations;

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§ 53:12 MP: “He will divide the spoils.” By being an atonement for many, Messiah is the Redeemer and therefore enjoys the benefits / spoils of this conquest; redeeming people from their former master who rules thru sin to the new Master who is Yahweh. (Luke 11:21-23; John 15:15; Rom 6:11-18, 8:1-4, 8:14-17; Gal 4:3-8; Eph 4:8-9) \* 53:12 MP: Obedient even unto death. (Matt 16:21-23; Phil 2:8) † 53:12 MP: Messiah is grouped with criminals at his death. (Mark 15:27-28; Luke 22:37) ‡ 53:12 Quoted in Mark 15:28 § 53:12 MP: Messiah is the atonement that covers the sins of those who transgress God’s Torah [Teaching]. (Romans 2:23-26; Col 2:14; 1 John 2:2) \* 53:12 Quoted in 1 Cor 15:3; Heb 9:28; 1 Pet 2:24 † 53:12 MP: Messiah will pray / intercede unto God on behalf of the transgressors. See parallel with Priestly breastplate bearing the tribes names before God (Ex 28:28) and Priest as intercessor (Ex 28:36-38). (Luke 22:32, 23:34; Heb 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2) \* 54:1 Quoted in Luke 23:29; Gal 4:27

don't spare: lengthen your cords, and  
strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup> For you will spread out on the right hand and  
on the left;  
and your offspring will possess the nations,  
and settle in desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> "Don't be afraid; for you will not be ashamed.  
Don't be confounded; for you will not be  
disappointed.

For you will forget the shame of your youth;  
and the reproach of your widowhood you  
shall remember no more.

<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband; *ADONAI*  
*Tzva'ot* [Yahweh Commander of heaven's  
armies] is his name.  
The *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God  
prevails] is your Redeemer.

He will be called the God of the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup> For *ADONAI* has called you as a wife forsaken  
and grieved in spirit,  
even a wife of youth, when she is cast off,"  
says your God.

<sup>7</sup> "For a small moment have I forsaken you;  
but with great *racham* ·merciful love· will I  
gather you.

<sup>8</sup> In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you  
for a moment;  
but with everlasting *chesed* ·loving-  
kindness· I will have *racham* ·merciful  
love· on you," says *ADONAI* your  
Redeemer.

- 9 “For this is *like the waters of Noah* [Rest] † to me;  
for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah [Rest] will no more go over the earth,  
so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.
- 10 For the *mountains* may depart,  
and the hills be *removed*; ‡  
but my *cheshed* ·loving-kindness· will not depart from you,  
and my covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· of peace will not be removed,”  
says ADONAI who has mercy on you.
- 11 “You afflicted, tossed with storms, and not comforted,  
behold, I will set your stones in beautiful colors,  
and lay your foundations with sapphires.
- 12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies,  
your gates of sparkling jewels,  
and all your walls of precious stones.
- 13 All your children *will be taught by* ADONAI; §  
and your children’s peace will be great.
- 14 In righteousness you will be established.  
You will be far from oppression,  
for you will not be afraid;  
and far from terror,  
for it shall not come near you.

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† 54:9 Quoted in Matt 24:37    ‡ 54:10 Quoted in Rev 6:14

§ 54:13 Quoted in John 6:45

15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by me.

Whoever gathers together against you will  
fall because of you.

16 "Behold, I have created the blacksmith who  
fans the coals into flame,  
and forges a weapon for his work;  
and I have created the destroyer to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against you will  
prevail;  
and you will condemn every tongue that  
rises against you in judgment.

This is the heritage of ADONAI 's servants,  
and their righteousness is of me," says  
ADONAI .

## 55

- 1 \* *“Hey! Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters! †  
Come, he who has no money, buy, and eat!  
Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money  
and without price. ‡*
- 2 *Why do you spend money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labor for that which does not  
satisfy?*
- Sh'ma ·Hear obey· sh'ma ·hear obey· unto me,  
and eat that which is good,  
and let your soul delight itself in richness.*

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\* 55:1 MP: By quotation, Messiah is declaring himself a parallel Feast Day fulfillment. “Every one come who is thirsty” (John 7:37-39) is applied Messiah’s ministry. (John 7:37-39; Rev 22:17) Culture Note: By quoting the first lines of this chapter, Messiah is referencing the entire chapter (as was a common custom of rabbis of his day because all Jews memorized the whole of Bible books), therefore the entire chapter is used to allude to his Messianic claim and be as a witness to this prophetic fulfillment. By quoting this passage, the Messiah applied the Tabernacles Water Pouring ceremony and the intention of the ceremony to himself and to the effusion and permeation of the Holy Spirit (Is 44:3). The Holy Spirit is promised to be given by Messiah and even accompanying His ministry. Bishop Lowth, in 1846, quoted an undefined passage in Jerusalem Talmud, concluding that the song in (Num 21:16-18) is to be sung in the times of the Messiah, possibly at this ceremony. The water is said to be “drawn from the wells of salvation” (Is 12:3), signifying the influences of the Holy Spirit to be given in the days of Messiah. † 55:1 Quoted in John 7:37; Rev 22:17 ‡ 55:1 Quoted in Rev 21:6, 22:17

3 § Turn your ear, and come to me.  
*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey·, and your soul will live:  
 and I will make an everlasting covenant  
 ·binding contract between two or more  
 parties· with you, even to give you the  
*cheshed* ·loving-kindness· shown to David  
 [Beloved]. \*

4 † Behold, I have given him for a witness to the  
 peoples,  
 a leader and enjoiner unto the peoples.

5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you don't  
 know;  
 and a nation that didn't know you shall run  
 to you,  
 because of ADONAI your God,  
 and for the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One  
 of God prevails];  
 for he has glorified you."

6 Seek ADONAI while he may be found.  
 Call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way,  
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

Let him make *teshuvah* ·complete return· to  
 ADONAI, and he will have *racham* ·mer-  
 ciful love· on him;

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§ 55:3 MP: Messiah establishes a new covenant, continuing in  
 the same authority as God with King David, and is for a witness  
 and a leader and commander like unto David. (See also Jer  
 31:31-34). (Luke 22:20; Heb 8:6; Rev 1:5, 2:14-16) \* 55:3 Quoted  
 in Acts 13:34 † 55:4 MP; Gentiles / Non-Jews will be drawn unto  
 Messiah because of the glory God bestows on him. (See Isaiah  
 53:12). (Luke 7:2-3, 7:9 (7:1-10); John 12:27-32; Acts 13:46-48)

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
and your ways are not my ways,” says  
ADONAI .

<sup>9</sup> “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain comes down and the snow from  
the sky,  
and does not *teshuvah* ·completely return·  
there, but waters the earth,  
and makes it grow and bud,  
and gives seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater;

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out of my mouth:  
it will not *teshuvah* ·completely return· to  
me void,  
but it will accomplish that which I please,  
and it will prosper in the thing I sent it to do.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out with joy,  
and be led out with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break out before  
you into singing;  
and all the trees of the fields will clap their  
hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn the cypress tree will come  
up;  
and instead of the brier the myrtle tree will  
come up:

and it will make a name for ADONAI ,  
for an everlasting sign that will not be cut  
off.”

## 56

- <sup>1</sup> ADONAI says,  
“Maintain *mishpat* ·justice·,  
and do what is right;  
for my *yishu'ah* ·salvation· is near,  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast;  
who keeps the *Sabbath* ·To cease· without profan-  
ing it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”
- <sup>3</sup> Let no foreigner, who has joined himself to  
ADONAI , speak, saying,  
“ADONAI will surely separate me from his  
people.”  
Do not let the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a  
dry tree.”
- <sup>4</sup> For ADONAI says, “To the eunuchs who keep my  
Sabbaths,  
and choose the things that please me,  
and hold fast to my covenant ·binding con-  
tract between two or more parties::
- <sup>5</sup> I will give them in my house and within my  
walls a memorial and a name better than  
of sons and of daughters.  
I will give them an everlasting name, that  
will not be cut off.
- <sup>6</sup> Also the foreigners who join themselves to  
ADONAI ,  
to serve him,  
and to *'ahav* ·affectionately love· ADONAI 's  
name,

to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the *Sabbath* ·To cease· from  
profaning it,  
and holds fast my covenant ·binding con-  
tract between two or more parties·;

<sup>7</sup> I will bring these to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be  
accepted on my altar;  
for *my house will be called a house of prayer*  
*\* for all peoples.*" †

<sup>8</sup> The Lord ADONAI , who gathers the outcasts of  
Israel [God prevails], says,  
"I will yet gather others to him,  
besides his own who are gathered."

<sup>9</sup> All you animals of the field,  
come to devour,  
all you animals in the forest.

<sup>10</sup> His watchmen are blind.  
They are all without knowledge.  
They are all mute dogs.

They can't bark;  
dreaming, lying down, '*ahav* ·affectionately  
loving· slumber.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, the dogs are greedy.  
They can never have enough.  
They are shepherds who can't understand.  
They have all turned to their own way,  
each one to his gain, from every quarter.

<sup>12</sup> "Come," say they, "I will get wine,

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\* 56:7 Quoted in Matt 21:13; Luke 19:46 † 56:7 Quoted in  
Mark 11:17

and we will fill ourselves with strong drink;  
and tomorrow will be as today,  
great beyond measure.”

## 57

- <sup>1</sup> The upright perish,  
and no one lays it to heart.  
Men of *cheshed* ·loving-kindness· are taken  
away,  
and no one considers that the upright is  
taken away from the evil.
- <sup>2</sup> He enters into peace.  
They rest in their beds,  
each one who walks in his uprightness.
- <sup>3</sup> “But draw near here, you sons of a sorceress,  
you offspring of adulterers and prostitutes.
- <sup>4</sup> Whom do you mock?  
Against whom do you make a wide mouth,  
and stick out your tongue?  
Are not you children of disobedience,  
and offspring of falsehood,
- <sup>5</sup> you who inflame yourselves among the oaks,  
under every green tree;  
who kill the children in the valleys,  
under the clefts of the rocks?
- <sup>6</sup> Among the smooth stones of the valley is your  
portion;  
they, they are your lot.  
You have even poured a drink offering to them.  
You have offered an offering.  
Shall I be appeased for these things?

<sup>7</sup> On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed.

You also went up there to offer sacrifice.

<sup>8</sup> You have set up your memorial behind the doors and the posts;

for you have exposed yourself to someone besides me,

and have gone up;

you have enlarged your bed,

and made you a covenant with them.

You *'ahav* ·affectionately loved· what you saw on their bed.

<sup>9</sup> You went to the king with oil,

and increased your perfumes,

and sent your ambassadors far off,

and degraded yourself even to *Sheol* ·Place of the dead·.

<sup>10</sup> You were wearied with the length of your ways;

yet you didn't say, 'It is in vain.'

You found a reviving of your strength;

therefore you were not faint.

<sup>11</sup> "Whom have you dreaded and feared,

so that you lie,

and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart?

Haven't I held my peace for a long time,

and you don't fear me?

<sup>12</sup> I will declare your righteousness;

and as for your works, they will not benefit you.

<sup>13</sup> When you cry,

let those whom you have gathered deliver  
you;  
but the wind will take them.  
A breath will carry them all away:  
but he who takes refuge in me will possess the  
land,  
and will inherit my holy mountain.”

14 He will say, “Build up, build up, prepare the  
way!

Remove the stumbling-block out of the way  
of my people.”

15 For thus says the high and lofty One who  
inhabits eternity,  
whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also  
who is of a contrite and humble spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the humble,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I be  
always angry;

for the spirit would faint before me,  
and the souls whom I have made.

17 I was angry because of the iniquity of his  
covetousness, and struck him;  
I hid myself and was angry;  
and he went on backsliding in the way of his  
heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him:

I will lead him also,  
and restore comforts to him and to his  
mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips:

*Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to him  
who is near,\**

says ADONAI ; “and I will heal them.”

20 But the wicked are like the troubled divorced  
sea;

for it can't rest, and its waters dirge up mire  
and mud.

21 “There is no peace,” says my God,  
“for the wicked.”

## 58

1 “Cry aloud, don't spare.

Lift up your voice like a *shofar* ·ram horn·.

Declare to my people their disobedience,  
and to the house of Jacob [Supplanter] their  
sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily,  
and delight to know my ways.

As a nation that did righteousness,  
and didn't forsake the judgments of their  
God,

they ask of me upright judgments.

They delight to draw near to God.

3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ say they, ‘and you don't  
see?’

Why have we afflicted our soul, and you  
don't notice?’

“Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,  
and oppress all your laborers.

4 Behold, you fast for strife and contention,  
and to strike with the fist of wickedness.

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\* 57:19 Quoted in Eph 2:17

You don't fast today so as to make your voice  
to be *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is this the fast that I have chosen?

A day for a man to humble his soul?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under  
himself?

Will you call this a fast,  
and an acceptable day to ADONAI ?

<sup>6</sup> "Is not this the fast that I have chosen:  
*to release* the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to *let the oppressed go free*, \*  
and that you break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is not it to distribute your bread to the hungry,  
and that you bring the poor who are cast out  
to your house?

When you see the naked,  
that you cover him;  
and that you not hide yourself from your  
own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break out as the morning,  
and your healing will appear quickly;  
then your righteousness shall go before you;  
and the *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of  
He sustains breathing· will be your rear  
guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and ADONAI will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here  
I am.'

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\* 58:6 Quoted in Luke 4:18

- “If you take away from among you the yoke,  
finger pointing,  
and speaking wickedly;  
10 and if you pour out your soul to the hungry,  
and satisfy the afflicted soul:  
then your light will rise in darkness,  
and your obscurity will be as the noonday;  
11 and ADONAI will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your soul in dry places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
and like a spring of water,  
whose waters don't fail.  
12 Those who shall be of you shall build the old  
waste places;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach,  
Restorer of Paths with Dwellings.
- 13 “If you turn away your foot from the *Sabbath*  
·To cease·,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day;  
and call the *Sabbath* ·To cease· a delight,  
and the holy of ADONAI honorable;  
and shall honor it,  
not doing your own ways,  
nor finding your own pleasure,  
nor speaking your own words:  
14 then you shall delight yourself in ADONAI ;  
and I will make you to ride on the high places  
of the earth;

and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob  
[Supplanter] your father:"  
for ADONAI 's mouth has spoken it.

## 59

- <sup>1</sup> Behold, ADONAI 's hand is not shortened, that it  
can't save;  
nor his ear dull, that it can't *sh'ma* ·hear  
obey·.
- <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you and  
your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not *sh'ma* ·hear obey·.
- <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood,  
and your fingers with iniquity.  
Your lips have spoken lies.  
Your tongue mutters wickedness.
- <sup>4</sup> No one sues in righteousness,  
and no one pleads in truth.  
They trust in vanity,  
and speak lies.  
They conceive mischief,  
and give birth to iniquity.
- <sup>5</sup> They hatch adders' eggs,  
and weave the spider's web.  
He who eats of their eggs dies;  
and that which is crushed breaks out into a  
viper.
- <sup>6</sup> Their webs won't become garments.  
They won't cover themselves with their  
works.  
Their works are works of iniquity,  
and acts of violence are in their hands.

- <sup>7</sup> *Their feet* run to evil,  
and they *hurry to shed innocent blood*.  
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity.  
*Desolation and destruction are in their paths.*
- <sup>8</sup> *They don't know the way of peace;* \*  
and there is no *mishpat* ·justice· in their  
ways.  
They have made crooked paths for themselves;  
whoever goes in them does not know peace.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore is *mishpat* ·justice· far from us,  
and righteousness does not overtake us.  
We look for light, but see darkness;  
for brightness, but we walk in obscurity.
- <sup>10</sup> We grope for the wall like the blind.  
Yes, we grope as those who have no eyes.  
We stumble at noon as if it were twilight.  
Among those who are strong, we are like  
dead men.
- <sup>11</sup> We all roar like bears,  
and moan bitterly like doves.  
We look for *mishpat* ·justice·, but there is none;  
for *yishu'ah* ·salvation·, but it is far off from  
us.
- <sup>12</sup> For our transgressions are multiplied before  
you,  
and our sins testify against us;  
for our transgressions are with us,  
and as for our iniquities, we know them:
- <sup>13</sup> transgressing and denying ADONAI ,  
and turning away from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,

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\* 59:8 Quoted in Rom 3:15-17

conceiving and uttering from the heart  
words of falsehood.

<sup>14</sup> *Mishpat* ·Justice· is turned away backward,  
and righteousness stands far away;

for truth has fallen in the street,  
and uprightness can't enter.

<sup>15</sup> † ‡ Yes, truth is lacking;  
and he who departs from evil makes himself  
a prey.

ADONAI saw it,  
and it displeased him that there was no  
*mishpat* ·justice·.

<sup>16</sup> § He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no interces-  
sor.

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† **59:15** MP: The Messiah is the only intercessor between God and humans. (Matt 10:32-33; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:34) ‡ **59:15** MPr: The Messiah will come to destroy the nations and establish his rule of the earth for 1,000 years of peace when this is happening. When people are behaving: people who fear sin are abhorred, truth will fail, children will rebel against parents, general distance from *Torah* [Teachings] or lawlessness abounds, the teachings of the Sadducees will universally prevail (there is no resurrection of the dead). Also the study of *Torah* [Teachings] will decrease, increase in global poverty and despair, apostasy increases, and a growing disregard for the Scriptures. Then the Messiah will come and establish his Kingdom. (Multiple references in Talmud Sanhedrin 96B to 99A). (Parallels for each example: Rom 1:32; 2 Thes 2:10; 2 Tim 3:2; Matt 13:40; 1 John 3:3-5; 1 Cor 15:12-14; 1 John 2:3-6; Rev 6:8, 6:15-17; 2 Thes 2:3; Dan 11:36; Rev 13:5) § **59:16** MP: The Messiah is sent from God in order to provide salvation for justice and intercession. There is no other who intercedes. (See also Is 53:8, 53:10). (Heb 5:8-9; 9:15)

Therefore his own arm brought salvation to him;  
and his righteousness sustained him.

17 \* He *put on righteousness as a breastplate, †*  
*and a helmet of yishu'ah ·salvation· ‡ on his*  
*head.*

He put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and was clad with zeal as a mantle.

18 According to their deeds,  
he will repay as appropriate,  
wrath to his adversaries,  
recompense to his enemies;  
he will repay the islands their due.

19 So shall they fear ADONAI 's name from the west,  
and his *kavod ·weighty glory·* from the rising  
of the sun;  
for he will come as a rushing stream,  
which ADONAI 's breath drives.

20 § *“A Redeemer will come to Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking],  
to those in Jacob [Supplanter] who turn from rebellion,” says ADONAI .*

21 *“As for me, this is my covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· with them,”*

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\* **59:17** MP: Messiah comes to bring judgment and repays each person according to their deeds. (Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6-8; Rev 19:15) † **59:17** Quoted in Eph 6:14; 1 Thes 5:8 ‡ **59:17** Quoted in Eph 6:17; 1 Thes 5:8 § **59:20** MP: Messiah comes to Zion as Redeemer to remove transgression by placing Holy Spirit upon people and teach God's *Torah* [Teachings] in their inner person. (See also Jer 31:31-33). (John 14:23-26)

\* says ADONAI . “My Spirit who is on you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your offspring, nor out of the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,” says ADONAI , “from henceforth and forever.”

## 60

1 \* “Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and ADONAI ’s *kavod* ·weighty glory· has  
risen on you.

2 † For, behold, darkness ‡ will cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but ADONAI will arise on you,  
and his *kavod* ·weighty glory· shall be seen  
on you.

3 § *Nations will come to your light,* \*  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 “Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  
they all gather themselves together.  
They come to you.

Your sons will come from far away,

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\* 59:21 Quoted in Rom 11:26-27 \* 60:1 MP: The Light shines with the glory of God, yet darkness covers the people, (lack of understanding). (John 1:9-11, 1:14) † 60:2 MP: God will set Messiah apart amidst people who do not recognize or understand (in darkness). (John 1:26, 1:32-34; 2 Cor 4:4-6) ‡ 60:2 MP: The light of Messiah draws Gentile nations. Messiah is accepted by the Gentiles (Is 49:6, 55:4-5), yet was rejected by “his own” (Is 50:3). (Luke 2:30-32; John 1:4-5) § 60:3 MP: Gentile Kings will seek out the birth of Messiah. (See also Ps 72:10, 72:15; Is 60:6). (Matt 2:1-2) \* 60:3 Quoted in Rev 21:24

and your daughters will be carried in arms.  
5 Then you shall see and be radiant,  
and your heart will thrill and be enlarged;  
because the abundance of the sea will be turned  
to you.

The wealth of the nations will come to you.  
6 † A multitude of camels will cover you,  
the dromedaries of Midian [Strife] and  
Ephah.

All from Sheba will come.  
They will bring gold and frankincense,  
and will proclaim the *tehilahot* ·praise songs·  
of ADONAI .

7 ‡ All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered  
together to you.  
The rams of Nebaioth will serve you.  
They will be accepted as offerings on my altar;  
and I will beautify my glorious house.

8 “Who are these who fly as a cloud,  
and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the islands will wait for me,  
and the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your sons from far,  
their silver and their gold with them,  
for the name of ADONAI your God,

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† 60:6 MP: Presented with gold and frankincense, the caravans coming from Sheba (northern Africa) will proclaim the good news of the praises of Yahweh! (See also Ps 72:10, 72:15; Is 60:6). (Matt 2:11) ‡ 60:7 MP: Offering sacrifices to God that are appropriate and acceptable glorify His house. (Historically fulfilled in Ezra 6:9; Spiritually fulfilled by Rom 12:1, 15:16). (Rom 12:1, 15:16; Heb 13:15-16)

and for the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails],  
because he has glorified you.

- 10 “Foreigners will build up your walls,  
and their kings will serve you:  
for in my wrath I struck you,  
but in my favor have I had *racham* ·compassionate merciful love· on you.
- 11 *Your gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day § nor night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive.*
- 12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted.
- 13 “The *kavod* ·weighty glory· of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress tree, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
- 14 The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you;  
and all those who despised you will *hawa* ·bow low, prostrate· *themselves down at the soles of your feet.* \*
- They will call you ADONAI 's City,  
The Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] of the *haKadosh Isra'el* [the Holy One of God prevails].

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§ 60:11 Quoted in Rev 21:25      \* 60:14 Quoted in Rev 3:9

- 15 “Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,  
so that no one passed through you,  
I will make you an eternal excellency,  
a joy of many generations.
- 16 You will also drink the milk of the nations,  
and will nurse from royal breasts.  
Then you will know that I, ADONAI, am the One  
who saves you,  
your Redeemer,  
the *'Avir Ya'akov* [Mighty One of Supplanter].
- 17 For bronze I will bring gold;  
for iron I will bring silver;  
for wood, bronze,  
and for stones, iron.  
I will also make peace your governor,  
and righteousness your ruler.
- 18 Violence shall no more be *sh'ma* ·heard  
obeyed· in your land,  
nor desolation or destruction within your  
borders;  
but you will call your walls *Yishu'ah* ·Salvation·,  
and your gates *Tehilah* ·Praise song·.
- 19 The *sun* will be no more your *light* by day;  
nor will the brightness of the *moon* give light  
to you,  
but ADONAI will be your everlasting *light*,  
and your God will be your *glory*.
- 20 Your sun will not go down any more,  
nor will your moon withdraw itself;  
for ADONAI will be your everlasting *light*, †  
and the days of your mourning will end.

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† 60:20 Quoted in Rev 21:23, 22:5

- 21 ‡ Then your people will all be righteous.  
 They will inherit the land forever,  
 the branch of my planting,  
 the work of my hands,  
 that I may be glorified.
- 22 The little one will become a thousand,  
 and the small one a strong nation.  
 I, ADONAI , will do this quickly in its time."

## 61

- 1 \* *The Ruach Yahweh [Spirit of He sustains  
 breathing] is on me;  
 † because ADONAI has anointed me to preach  
 good news to the poor ‡ and humble.*  
 He has sent me to heal the broken hearted,  
 § to proclaim liberty to the captives,

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‡ **60:21** MPr: Rabbi Johanan also said: The son of David will come only in a generation that is either altogether righteous or altogether wicked. Either "in a generation that is altogether righteous," - as it is written, "Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever" (Is 60:21). Or "altogether wicked" - as it is written, "and he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor" (Is 59:16). For it is also written, "For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it" (Is 48:11). (Is 60:21 in Talmud Sanhedrin Folio 98A). (Matt 24:21-22) \* **61:1** MP: Messiah will have the Spirit of God upon Him to accomplish His appointed works from God. (Consider the purpose of the Spirit, Is 11:2). (Matt 3:16-17; John 1:32-33) † **61:1** MP: Messiah's ministry includes preaching the good news to those afflicted and binding the broken hearted. (Matt 11:5; Luke 4:18-21) ‡ **61:1** Quoted in Matt 11:5; Luke 7:22 § **61:1** MP: Messiah has the anointing to proclaim liberty to captives. (John 8:36; 2 Cor 3:17)

- \* *to let out into the light those bound in the dark,  
and to restore the crushed with forgiveness;*
- 2 † *to proclaim the year of ADONAI 's favor; ‡*  
§ and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;
- 3 \* *to provide for those who mourn in Zion  
[Mountain ridge, Marking],  
to give to them a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of *tehilah* ·praise song· for the  
spirit of heaviness;  
that they may be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of ADONAI ,  
that he may be glorified.*
- 4 They will rebuild the old ruins.  
They will raise up the places long devastated.  
They will repair the ruined cities,  
that have been devastated for many generations.
- 5 Strangers will stand and feed your flocks,  
and foreigners will work your fields and  
your vineyards.
- 6 But you will be called *ADONAI 's priests.* †

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\* **61:1** MP: Messiah has the ministry to proclaim freedom to prisoners (slaves to sin). (John 8:31-34; Rom 6:16-20, 8:1-4)

† **61:2** MP: Messiah proclaims the favorable time and grace of God. (Matt 4:17; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor 6:2) ‡ **61:2** Quoted in Luke

4:18-19 § **61:2** MP: Messiah brings the time of God's judgment and vengeance. (John 3:16-19, 12:47-48; Acts 17:31) \* **61:3** MP:

Fulfilled in the second coming is the establishing of the Messianic Kingdom and giving glory to those who mourned in Zion. (Rev 21:3-4) † **61:6** Quoted in 1 Pet 2:9

Men will call you the servants of our God.  
You will eat the wealth of the nations,  
and you will boast in their *kavod* ·weighty  
glory·.

<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame you will have double.  
Instead of dishonor, they will rejoice in their  
portion.

Therefore in their land, they will possess double.  
Everlasting joy will be to them.

<sup>8</sup> “For I, ADONAI , *'ahav* ·affectionately love·  
*mishpat* ·justice·.

I hate robbery and iniquity.

I will give them their reward in truth,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant  
·binding contract between two or more  
parties· with them.

<sup>9</sup> Their offspring will be known among the  
nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge them,  
that they are the offspring which ADONAI has  
blessed.”

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in ADONAI !

My soul will be joyful in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of *yesha'*  
·salvation·.

He has covered me with the robe of righ-  
teousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a gar-  
land,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her  
jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth produces its bud,

and as the garden causes the things that are  
sown in it to spring up;  
so the Lord ADONAI will cause righteousness  
and *tehilah* ·praise song· to spring up  
before all the nations.

## 62

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]'s sake will  
I not hold my peace,  
and for Jerusalem [City of peace]'s sake I will  
not rest,  
until her righteousness shines out like the dawn,  
and her *yishu'ah* ·salvation· like a blazing  
torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your righteousness,  
and all kings your *kavod* ·weighty glory·,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
which ADONAI 's mouth will name.
- <sup>3</sup> You will also be a crown of beauty in ADONAI 's  
hand,  
and a royal diadem in your God's hand.
- <sup>4</sup> You will not be called Forsaken any more;  
nor will your land be called Desolate any  
more:  
but you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for ADONAI delights in you,  
and your land will be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a virgin,  
so your sons will marry you.  
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so your God will rejoice over you.
- <sup>6</sup> I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem  
[City of peace].

They will never be silent day nor night.  
You who call on ADONAI , take no rest,  
7 and give him no rest, until he establishes,  
and until he makes Jerusalem [City of peace]  
a *tehilah* ·praise song· in the earth.

8 ADONAI has sworn by his right hand,  
and by the arm of his strength,  
“Surely I will no more give your grain to be food  
for your enemies;  
and foreigners will not drink your new wine,  
for which you have labored;  
9 but those who have harvested it will eat it, and  
praise ADONAI ;  
and those who have gathered it will drink it  
in the courts of my sanctuary.”

10 Go through, go through the gates!  
Prepare the way of the people!  
Build up, build up the highway!  
Gather out the stones!  
Lift up a banner for the peoples.

11 Behold, ADONAI has *sh'ma* ·hear obey, pro-  
claimed· unto the end of the earth,  
“Say to the daughter of Zion [Mountain  
ridge, Marking],  
‘Behold, your *yesha*’ ·salvation· comes.  
Behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.’ ”

12 They will call them The holy people,  
ADONAI ’s redeemed.  
You will be called Sought out,  
A city not forsaken.

## 63

- <sup>1</sup> Who is this who comes from Edom [Red],  
with dyed garments from Bozrah?  
Who this who is glorious in his clothing,  
marching in the greatness of his strength?  
“It is I who speak in righteousness,  
mighty to save.”
- <sup>2</sup> Why is your clothing red,  
and your garments like him who treads in  
the wine vat?
- <sup>3</sup> “I have trodden *the wine press* alone;  
and of the peoples, no one was with me:  
Yes, I trod them in my anger,  
and trampled them in *my wrath*.  
Their *life-blood* \* is sprinkled on my garments,  
and I have stained all my clothing.
- <sup>4</sup> For the day of vengeance was in my heart,  
and the year of my redeemed has come.
- <sup>5</sup> I looked, and there was no one to help;  
and I wondered that there was no one to uphold:  
therefore my own arm brought salvation to  
me;  
and my own wrath upheld me.
- <sup>6</sup> I trod down the peoples in my anger,  
and made them drunk in my wrath,  
and I poured out their life-blood on the  
earth.”
- <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the *cheshed* ·loving-kindnesses· of  
ADONAI  
and the *tehilahot* ·praise songs· of ADONAI ,

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\* **63:3** Quoted in Rev 14:19-20

according to all that ADONAI has given to us,  
and the great goodness toward the house of  
Israel [God prevails],  
which he has given to them according to his  
*racham* ·merciful love·,  
and according to the multitude of his *cheshed*  
·loving-kindnesses·.

8 † For he said, “Surely, they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely;”  
so he became their salvation.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He  
sustains breathing] saved them.

In his love and in his pity he redeemed them.

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† 63:8 MP: The Angel of God's presence is referred to in Exodus and became their Savior from God. Therefore this Savior is sent from God as Servant, Priest, prophet, and later as King to save, redeem, and establish a people unto God. This establishes that Messiah is the Angel of Yahweh. (John 3:17; Acts 7:30-32) Messiah, as the Angel of God's presence, acted on God's directive to save and redeem God's people (Ex 23:20-21, 32:34 with Is 43:11, 49:6) “for God's name is in him [the angel] (Ex 23:21)”. Note: In combination, this prophecy is a key pin that identifies that “The Angel of Yahweh” who is also called “The Angel of God” who also shares names and titles with God and who identified with Yahweh. This is in fact the Messiah, God's Servant at God's right hand, sent to save and redeem by God's command. (Is 43:11 – God is the only Savior; Is 63:8, Is 53:4-6 – the Servant who is afflicted and is in association with those in iniquity). In (Ex 23:21; Is 40:3, 40:9), the Angel shares titles with Yahweh. In (Gen 22:1-2, 22:11-12; Ex 3:2-4, 13:21, 14:19), the Angel of Yahweh is identified when Yahweh is also being identified. Yeshua says he represents Father God and are equal in (John 5:23, 10:30, 14:1, 14:9-11). For a complete list about “The Angel of the Lord” see appendix.

He bore them,  
and carried them all the days of old.

- 10 But *they rebelled,*  
*and grieved his Ruach Kodesh [Holy Spirit].* ‡  
Therefore he turned and became their enemy,  
and he himself fought against them.

- 11 § Then he remembered the days of old,  
Moses [Drawn out] and his people, saying,  
“Where is he who brought them up out of the  
sea with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put his *Ruach Kodesh* [Holy  
Spirit] among them?”

- 12 Who caused his glorious arm to be at Moses  
[Drawn out]’ right hand?  
Who divided the waters before them, to  
make himself an everlasting name?

- 13 Who led them through the depths,  
like a horse in the wilderness,  
so that they didn’t stumble?

- 14 As the livestock that go down into the valley,  
*Ruach Yahweh* [Spirit of He sustains breath-  
ing] caused them to rest.  
So you led your people, to make yourself a  
glorious name.

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‡ 63:10 Quoted in Acts 7:51 § 63:11 MP: Parallel to Yahweh and Holy Spirit during the Exodus, Messiah brings the presence of Holy Spirit with himself in like manner; but also in a different manner (Matt 28:19-20; John 14:16-17; Gal 5:16). Because of the atonement of Messiah, God has justice and promises to not removing his Spirit, (Hag 2:5). Individuals still can grieve and quench the Spirit (Eph 1:13, 4:30; 1 Thes 5:19; Heb 10:29). (Luke 10:9-11; Heb 10:29)

- 15 Look down from heaven,  
and see from the habitation of your holiness  
and of your glory.  
Where are your zeal and your mighty acts?  
The yearning of your heart and your *racham*  
·compassionate love· is restrained toward  
me.
- 16 For you are our Father,  
though Abraham [Father of a multitude]  
does not know us,  
and Israel [God prevails] does not acknowl-  
edge us.  
You, ADONAI , are our Father.  
Our Redeemer from everlasting is your  
name.
- 17 O ADONAI , why do you make us wander from  
your ways,  
and harden our heart from your fear?  
*Teshuvah* ·Complete return· for your servants'  
sake,  
the tribes of your inheritance.
- 18 Your holy people possessed it but a little while.  
Our adversaries have trodden down your  
sanctuary.
- 19 We have become like those over whom you  
never ruled,  
like those who were not called by your name.

## 64

- 1 Oh that you would tear the heavens,  
that you would come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your  
presence.
- 2 As when fire kindles the brushwood,

and the fire causes the water to boil;  
Make your name known to your adversaries,  
that the nations may tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things which we didn't look for,  
you came down, and the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> \* *For from of old men have not sh'ma ·heard·, nor perceived by the ear; † nor has the eye seen a God besides you, who works for him who waits for him.*

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned.  
We have been in sin for a long time.  
Shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup> For we have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteousness is like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf;  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
who stirs himself up to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have consumed us by means of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> But now, ADONAI , you are our Father.

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\* **64:4** MP: Nobody has seen or heard the things that God has prepared for those who wait for Him. (John 14:2; 1 Cor 2:9)

† **64:4** Quoted in 1 Cor 2:9

- We are the clay, and you our potter.  
 We all are the work of your hand.
- <sup>9</sup> Don't be furious, ADONAI ,  
 and don't remember iniquity forever.
- Look and see, we beg you,  
 we are all your people.
- <sup>10</sup> Your holy cities have become a wilderness.  
 Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking] has become  
 a wilderness,  
 Jerusalem [City of peace] a desolation.
- <sup>11</sup> Our holy and our beautiful house, where our  
 fathers praised you,  
 is burned with fire;  
 and all our pleasant places are laid waste.
- <sup>12</sup> Will you hold yourself back for these things,  
 ADONAI ?  
 Will you keep silent, and punish us very  
 severely?

## 65

- <sup>1</sup> \* *"I am inquired of by those who didn't ask.  
 I am found by those who didn't seek me. †  
 I said, 'See me, behold me,' to a nation that  
 was not called by my name.*
- <sup>2</sup> ‡ *I have spread out my hands all day to a  
 rebellious people, §  
 who walk in a way that is not good,  
 after their own thoughts;*

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\* **65:1** MP: Messiah will be sought for and found by the Gentile nations who did not seek him. (Acts 13:48; Rom 10:20, 11:25)

† **65:1** Quoted in Rom 10:21    ‡ **65:2** MP: Messiah reaches out to rebellious Israel. (John 5:37-40)    § **65:2** Quoted in Rom 10:21

**don't come near to me,**

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens,  
and burning incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit among the graves,  
and spend nights in secret places;

who eat pig's meat,  
and their pots hold soup made of disgusting  
things;

<sup>5</sup> who say, 'Stay by yourself,  
for I am holier than you.'

These are smoke in my nose,  
a fire that burns all day.

<sup>6</sup> "Behold, it is written before me:

I will not keep silence,  
but will repay,

yes, I will repay into their bosom,

<sup>7</sup> your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your  
fathers together," says ADONAI ,

"who have burned incense on the moun-  
tains,

and blasphemed me on the hills.

Therefore I will first measure their work into  
their bosom."

<sup>8</sup> ADONAI says,

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and one says, 'Don't destroy it, for a blessing  
is in it:'

so will I do for my servants' sake,  
that I may not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring offspring out of Jacob [Supplanter],

- and out of Judah [Praised] an inheritor of my mountains.  
My chosen will inherit it,  
and my servants will dwell there.
- 10 Sharon will be a fold of flocks,  
and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in,  
for my people who have sought me.
- 11 “But you who forsake ADONAI ,  
who forget my holy mountain,  
who prepare a table for Fortune,  
and who fill up mixed wine to Destiny;
- 12 I will destine you to the sword,  
and you will all bow down to the slaughter;  
because when I called, you didn't answer.  
When I spoke, you didn't *sh'ma* ·hear obey·;  
but you did that which was evil in my eyes,  
and chose that in which I didn't delight.”
- 13 Therefore thus says the Lord ADONAI ,  
“Behold, my servants will eat,  
but you will be hungry;  
behold, my servants will drink,  
but you will be thirsty.  
Behold, my servants will rejoice,  
but you will be disappointed;
- 14 Behold, my servants will sing for joy of heart,  
but you will cry for sorrow of heart,  
and will wail for anguish of spirit.
- 15 You will leave your name for a curse to my chosen;  
and the Lord ADONAI will kill you.

He will call his servants by another name,  
<sup>16</sup> so that he who blesses himself in the earth  
 will bless himself in the God of truth;  
 and he who swears in the earth will swear  
 by the God of truth;  
 because the former troubles are forgotten,  
 and because they are hidden from my eyes.

17 \* “For, behold, I *create new heavens and a new earth*; †  
 and the *former* things will *not* ‡ be  
 remembered,  
 nor come into mind.

18 § But be glad and rejoice forever in that which  
 I create;  
 for, behold, I create Jerusalem [City of peace]  
 to be a delight,  
 and her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem [City of peace],  
 and delight in my people;  
 and the voice of *weeping* and the voice of *crying*  
 will be *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· in her *no more*.  
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20 “No more will there be an infant who only lives  
 a few days,  
 nor an old man who has not filled his days;  
 for the child will die one hundred years old,

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\* **65:17** MP: New heaven and new earth will be established. (2 Peter 3:13; Rev 21:1, 21:5) † **65:17** Quoted in 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1 ‡ **65:17** Quoted in 2 Cor 5:17 § **65:18** MP: New Jerusalem is a source of joy and the people thereof are delighted. (Rev 21:2-3) \* **65:19** Quoted in Rev 21:4

and the sinner being one hundred years old  
will be accursed.

21 They will build houses, and inhabit them.  
They will plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

22 They will not build, and another inhabit.  
They will not plant, and another eat:  
for the days of my people will be like the days of  
a tree,  
and my chosen will long enjoy the work of  
their hands.

23 They will not labor in vain,  
nor give birth for calamity;  
for they are the offspring of ADONAI 's blessed,  
and their descendants with them.

24 It will happen that, before they call, I will  
answer;  
and while they are yet speaking, I will *sh'ma*  
·hear obey·.

25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
Dust will be the serpent's food.  
They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy  
mountain,"  
says ADONAI .

## 66

1 ADONAI says,  
*"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my  
footstool. \**  
*What kind of house will you build to me?  
Where will I rest?*

2 *For my hand has made all these things, †*

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\* 66:1 Quoted in Matt 5:35    † 66:2 Quoted in Acts 7:49-50

and so all these things came to be," says  
ADONAI :  
"but to this man will I look,  
even to he who is poor and of a contrite  
spirit,  
and who trembles at my word.

<sup>3</sup> He who kills an ox is as he who kills a man;  
he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks  
a dog's neck;  
he who offers an offering, as he who offers  
pig's blood;  
he who burns frankincense, as he who  
blesses an idol.

Yes, they have chosen their own ways,  
and their soul delights in their abomina-  
tions:

<sup>4</sup> I also will choose their delusions,  
and will bring their fears on them;  
because when I called, no one answered;  
when I spoke, they didn't *sh'ma* ·hear obey·;  
but they did that which was evil in my eyes,  
and chose that in which I didn't delight."

<sup>5</sup> *Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· ADONAI 's word,  
you who tremble at his word:  
"Your brothers who hate you,  
who cast you out for my name's sake, have  
said,  
'Let ADONAI be glorified,  
that we may see your joy;'  
but it is those who shall be disappointed.

<sup>6</sup> A voice of tumult from the city,  
a voice from the temple,

a voice of ADONAI that repays his enemies  
what they deserve.

<sup>7</sup> “Before she travailed, she gave birth.

Before her pain came, she delivered a son.

<sup>8</sup> Who has *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· of such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion [Mountain ridge, Marking]  
travailed,

she gave birth to her children.

<sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to be  
delivered?” says ADONAI .

“Shall I who cause to give birth shut the  
womb?” says your God.

<sup>10</sup> “Rejoice with Jerusalem [City of peace], and be  
glad for her; all you who *'ahav* ·affection-  
ately love· her.

Rejoice for joy with her; all you who mourn  
over her;

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied at the  
comforting breasts;

that you may drink deeply,

and be delighted with the abundance of her  
*kavod* ·weighty glory·.”

<sup>12</sup> For ADONAI says, “Behold, I will extend peace  
to her like a river,

and the *kavod* ·weighty glory· of the nations  
like an overflowing stream;

and you will nurse.

You will be carried on her side,

- and will be dandled on her knees.  
13 As one whom his mother comforts,  
so will I comfort you.  
You will be comforted in Jerusalem [City of  
peace].”
- 14 You will see it, and your heart shall rejoice,  
and your bones will flourish like the tender  
grass.  
ADONAI 's hand will be known among his ser-  
vants;  
and he will have indignation against his  
enemies.
- 15 For, behold, ADONAI will come with fire,  
and his chariots will be like the whirlwind;  
to render his anger with fierceness,  
and his rebuke with *flames of fire*. ‡
- 16 For ADONAI will execute judgment by fire and  
by his sword on all flesh;  
and those slain by ADONAI will be many.
- 17 “Those who sanctify themselves and purify  
themselves to go to the gardens, behind one  
in the middle, eating pig's meat, abominable  
things, and the mouse, they shall come to an end  
together,” says ADONAI .
- 18 “For I know their works and their thoughts.  
The time comes that I will gather all nations and  
languages, and they will come, and will see my  
*kavod* ·weighty glory·.
- 19 “I will set a sign among them, and I will  
send those who escape of them to the nations,  
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,

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‡ 66:15 Quoted in 2 Thes 1:8

to Tubal and Javan, to far away islands, who have not *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· my fame, nor have seen my *kavod* ·weighty glory·; and they shall declare my *kavod* ·weighty glory· among the nations. <sup>20</sup> They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to ADONAI, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem [City of peace], says ADONAI, as the children of Israel [God prevails] bring their offering in a clean vessel into ADONAI's house. <sup>21</sup> Of them I will also select priests and Levites [Descendants of United with],” says ADONAI.

<sup>22</sup> “For as the *new heavens and the new earth*, § which I will make, shall remain before me,” says ADONAI, “so your offspring and your name shall remain. <sup>23</sup> It shall happen that from one new moon to another, and from one *Sabbath* ·To cease· to another, all flesh will come to *hawa* ·bow low, prostrate· to worship before me,” says ADONAI. <sup>24</sup> “They will go out, and look at the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me; for *their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched*, \* and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

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§ 66:22 Quoted in 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1  
Mark 9:44, 9:48

\* 66:24 Quoted in

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