Ezekiel

1 In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the
fourth month, while I was among the exiles by
the Chebar River, the heavens opened, and I saw
visions of God.
2 On the fifth day of the month, in the fifth
year of the exile of King Jehoiachin,
3 the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the
priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans
by the Chebar River. The hand of the LORD was
upon him there.
4 I looked, and there was a storm wind coming
from the north, a great cloud with flashing fire
and brightness all around it. In its midst, in the
midst of the fire, was something like gleaming
metal.
5 In its midst was the likeness of four living
creatures. This was their appearance: they had
a human form.
6 Each had four faces, and each had four
wings.
7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of
their feet were like the sole of a calf's hoof. They
gleamed like polished bronze.
8 Under their wings, on their four sides, were
human hands. All four had faces and wings.
9 Their wings touched one another. They did
not turn as they moved; each went straight
ahead.
10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had a
human face. All four had a lion's face on the

right and an ox's face on the left, and all four
had an eagle's face.
11 Such were their faces. Their wings were
spread out above. Each had two touching
another's, and two covering their bodies.
12 Each went straight ahead. Wherever the
spirit was to go, they went, without turning as
they moved.
13 As for the likeness of the living creatures,
their appearance was like burning coals of fire,
like torches. The fire moved among the living
creatures; it was bright, and lightning came out
of it.
14 The living creatures darted back and forth
like flashes of lightning.
15 As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a
wheel on the ground beside each of the
creatures with its four faces.
16 The appearance and workmanship of the
wheels were like the gleam of beryl. All four had
the same likeness. Their appearance and
workmanship were as though a wheel were
within a wheel.
17 They could move toward any of their four
sides without turning as they moved.
18 Their rims were high and awe-inspiring,
and the rims of all four were full of eyes all
around.
19 When the living creatures moved, the
wheels moved beside them. When the living
creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.
20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went;
there the spirit was to go. The wheels rose

alongside them, for the spirit of the living
creature was in the wheels.
21 When they moved, the wheels moved; when
they stood still, the wheels stood still. When they
rose from the earth, the wheels rose alongside
them, for the spirit of the living creature was in
the wheels.
22 Above the heads of the living creatures was
the likeness of an expanse, like the appearance
of awe-inspiring ice, stretched out above their
heads.
23 Under the expanse their wings stretched
straight toward one another. Each creature had
two covering it, and each had two covering its
body.
24 As they moved, I heard the sound of their
wings, like the sound of many waters, like the
voice of the Almighty, a tumultuous sound like
the sound of an army. When they stood still,
they lowered their wings.
25 A voice came from above the expanse over
their heads. When they stood still, they lowered
their wings.
26 Above the expanse over their heads was the
likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a
sapphire stone. High above, on the likeness of
the throne, was a likeness with a human
appearance.
27 From what appeared to be his waist
upward, I saw something like gleaming metal,
with what looked like fire within it all around.
From what appeared to be his waist downward,
I saw something like fire, with brightness all

around him.
28 Like the appearance of the rainbow in the
cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of
the brightness all around. This was the
appearance of the likeness of the glory of the
LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face and heard
a voice speaking.

2

1 He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your
feet, and I will speak with you.”
2 As he spoke to me, the Spirit entered me and
set me on my feet, and I heard the one speaking
to me.
3 He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you
to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that
have rebelled against me. They and their fathers
have transgressed against me to this very day.
4 The children to whom I am sending you have
hardened faces and stubborn hearts. You shall
say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’
5 Whether they listen or refuse—for they are a
rebellious house—they will know that a prophet
has been among them.
6 And you, son of man, do not fear them or
their words. Though briers and thorns are with
you and you dwell among scorpions, do not fear
their words or be dismayed at their faces, for
they are a rebellious house.
7 You shall speak my words to them, whether
they listen or refuse, for they are rebellious.
8 But you, son of man, listen to what I am
saying to you. Do not be rebellious like that

rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat
what I am giving you."
9 I looked, and there was a hand extended
toward me, and in it was a scroll.
10 He unrolled it before me. It was written on
the front and back, and written on it were
lamentations, mourning, and woe.

3

1 He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you
find. Eat this scroll, then go and speak to the
house of Israel."
2 So I opened my mouth, and he fed me this
scroll.
3 He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly
and fill your inward parts with this scroll I am
giving you." So I ate it, and it was sweet as honey
in my mouth.
4 He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of
Israel and speak my words to them.
5 For you are not being sent to a people of
unfamiliar speech and difficult language, but to
the house of Israel,
6 not to many peoples of unfamiliar speech
and difficult language whose words you cannot
understand. Surely, if I had sent you to them,
they would listen to you.
7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to
listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to
me. The whole house of Israel has a stubborn
forehead and a hard heart.
8 Look, I have made your face strong against
their faces, and your forehead strong against
their foreheads.

9 I have made your forehead like hard stone,
harder than flint. Do not fear them or be
dismayed at their faces, for they are a rebellious
house."
10 He said to me, "Son of man, take into your
heart all my words that I speak to you, and hear
them with your ears.
11 Go to the exiles, to your own people. Speak
to them and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,'
whether they listen or refuse."
12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard
behind me a great rumbling sound: "Blessed be
the glory of the LORD from his place!"
13 I heard the sound of the living creatures'
wings touching one another, the sound of the
wheels beside them, and a great rumbling
sound.
14 The Spirit lifted me up and took me away. I
went in bitterness, with my spirit burning, and
the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.
15 I came to the exiles at Tel-abib who lived by
the Chebar River, and I sat where they lived. I
remained there among them for seven days,
stunned.
16 At the end of seven days, the word of the
LORD came to me:
17 "Son of man, I have appointed you a
watchman for the house of Israel. Hear the
word from my mouth and warn them from me.
18 When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely
die,' and you do not warn him or speak to warn
him to turn from his wicked way so that he may
live, that wicked man will die in his iniquity, but
I will hold you responsible for his blood.

19 But if you warn a wicked man and he does
not turn from his wickedness and his wicked
way, he will die in his iniquity, but you will have
saved your life.
20 Again, if a righteous man turns from his
righteousness and does wrong, and I place a
stumbling block before him, he will die. Because
you did not warn him, he will die in his sin, and
the righteous deeds he did will not be
remembered. But I will hold you responsible for
his blood.
21 But if you warn a righteous man not to sin,
and he does not sin, he will surely live because
he accepted the warning, and you will have
saved your life."
22 The hand of the LORD was upon me there,
and he said to me, "Rise, go out to the valley, and
there I will speak with you."
23 So I rose and went out to the valley. There
stood the glory of the LORD, like the glory I had
seen by the Chebar River, and I fell on my face.
24 The Spirit entered me and set me on my
feet. He spoke with me and said, "Go, shut
yourself inside your house.
25 As for you, son of man, look, they will put
cords around you and bind you with them, and
you will not go out among them.
26 I will make your tongue cling to the roof of
your mouth. You will be mute and will not
rebuke them, for they are a rebellious house.
27 But when I speak with you, I will open your
mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the
Lord GOD.' Let the one who hears hear, and let

the one who refuses refuse, for they are a rebellious house."

4

1 "And you, son of man, take a brick, set it before you, and engrave a city on it—Jerusalem.
2 Lay siege to it. Build a siege wall against it, heap up a siege ramp against it, set up camps against it, and place battering rams all around it.
3 Take an iron pan and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face toward it. It will be under siege, and you will besiege it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.
4 Lie on your left side and place the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. For the number of days you lie on that side, you shall bear their iniquity.
5 I have assigned you the years of their iniquity as a number of days, 390 days. So you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
6 When you have completed these, lie again on your right side and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah for forty days. I have assigned you a day for a year, a day for a year.
7 Set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm bared, and prophesy against it.
8 Look, I will put cords around you, and you shall not turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.
9 Take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt. Put them in one vessel and make bread for yourself from them. Eat it for the number of days you lie on your side, 390 days.

10 The food you eat shall be weighed out,
about eight ounces a day. Eat it at set intervals.
11 Drink water by measure, about a pint.
Drink it at set intervals.
12 Eat it as a barley cake, and bake it over
human dung in their sight."

13 The LORD said, "In this way the people of
Israel will eat their bread unclean among the
nations to which I will drive them."
14 I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! I have never defiled
myself. From my youth until now I have not
eaten an animal that died on its own or was torn
by beasts, and no defiled meat has entered my
mouth."
15 He said to me, "Look, I have given you cattle
dung in place of human dung. You shall prepare
your bread over it."

16 He said to me, "Son of man, look, I am
breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem. They
will eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and
drink water by measure and with horror,
17 so that they lack bread and water, look at
one another in horror, and waste away in their
iniquity."

5

1 "And you, son of man, take a sharp sword
and use it as a barber's razor. Pass it over your
head and beard. Then take weighing scales and
divide the hair.
2 Burn a third in the fire in the midst of the
city when the days of the siege are complete.
Take a third and strike it with the sword all

around the city. Scatter a third to the wind, and
I will draw a sword after them.
3 Take a few hairs from there and bind them
in the folds of your garment.
4 Take some of these again, throw them into
the fire, and burn them. From it a fire will go
out to the whole house of Israel.
5 Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I
set her in the midst of the nations, with
countries all around her.
6 But she rebelled against my ordinances more
wickedly than the nations, and against my
statutes more than the countries around her.
They rejected my ordinances and did not walk
in my statutes.
7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because
you have been more unruly than the nations
around you, have not walked in my statutes or
carried out my ordinances, and have not even
acted according to the ordinances of the nations
around you,
8 therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Look, I,
even I, am against you. I will execute judgments
in your midst in the sight of the nations.
9 Because of all your abominations, I will do
among you what I have never done and will
never do the like of again.
10 Therefore fathers will eat their sons in your
midst, and sons will eat their fathers. I will
execute judgments among you and scatter all
your remnant to every wind.
11 Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD,
because you have defiled my sanctuary with all
your detestable things and all your

abominations, I too will diminish you. My eye
will not spare, and I will have no pity.
12 A third of you will die of pestilence and be
consumed by famine in your midst. A third will
fall by the sword all around you, and a third I
will scatter to every wind, drawing a sword
after them.
13 My anger will be spent. I will bring my
wrath to rest upon them and be satisfied. When
I have spent my wrath upon them, they will
know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my zeal.
14 I will make you a ruin and a reproach
among the nations around you, in the sight of
everyone who passes by.
15 It will be a reproach and a taunt, a warning
and a horror to the nations around you, when I
execute judgments among you in anger and
wrath and with furious rebukes. I, the LORD,
have spoken.
16 When I send against them the deadly
arrows of famine that bring destruction, which I
send to destroy you, I will increase the famine
upon you and break your staff of bread.
17 I will send against you famine and wild
beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence
and bloodshed will pass through you, and I will
bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have
spoken."

6

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, set your face toward the
mountains of Israel and prophesy against them.

3 Say, ‘Mountains of Israel, hear the word of
the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the
mountains and hills, the ravines and valleys:
Look, I, even I, am bringing a sword against you,
and I will destroy your high places.
4 Your altars will be devastated, and your
incense altars will be broken. I will cast down
your slain before your idols.
5 I will lay the corpses of the people of Israel
before their idols and scatter your bones around
your altars.
6 Wherever you dwell, the cities will lie in
ruins and the high places be devastated, so that
your altars lie in ruins and desolation, your
idols are broken and put to an end, your incense
altars cut down, and your works wiped away.
7 The slain will fall in your midst, and you will
know that I am the LORD.
8 But I will leave some of you who escape the
sword among the nations when you are
scattered through the countries.
9 Your survivors will remember me among the
nations where they have been taken
captive—how I was broken by their adulterous
heart that turned away from me, and by their
eyes that went whoring after their idols. They
will loathe themselves for the evil they have
done, for all their abominations.
10 They will know that I am the LORD; I did
not speak in vain when I said I would bring this
disaster upon them.’

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Clap your hands,
stamp your foot, and say, “Alas for all the evil

abominations of the house of Israel!" For they will fall by sword, famine, and pestilence.
12 The one far away will die of pestilence; the one nearby will fall by the sword; the one who remains and is besieged will die of famine. So I will spend my wrath upon them.
13 You will know that I am the LORD when their slain lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountain peaks, under every leafy tree and every thickly leafed terebinth, wherever they offered a pleasing aroma to all their idols.
14 I will stretch out my hand against them and make the land more desolate and devastated than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their dwelling places. They will know that I am the LORD.' "

7

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.
3 Now the end is upon you. I will send my anger against you, judge you according to your ways, and bring all your abominations upon you.
4 My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity. I will bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be in your midst. You will know that I am the LORD.
5 Thus says the Lord GOD: A disaster, a single disaster! Look, it is coming!

6 An end has come; the end has come. It has
awakened against you. Look, it is coming!
7 Doom has come to you, inhabitant of the
land. The time has come; the day is
near—tumult, not joyful shouts on the
mountains.
8 Now, very soon, I will pour out my wrath
upon you and spend my anger against you. I
will judge you according to your ways and bring
all your abominations upon you.
9 My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. I
will repay you according to your ways, and your
abominations will be in your midst. You will
know that I am the LORD who strikes.
10 Look, the day! Look, it is coming! Doom has
gone forth; the rod has blossomed, and
arrogance has budded.
11 Violence has risen into a rod of wickedness.
None of them will remain, none of their
multitude, none of their abundance, and no
splendor among them.
12 The time has come; the day has arrived. Let
the buyer not rejoice or the seller mourn, for
wrath is upon all her multitude.
13 The seller will not return to what he sold,
even while they remain alive, for the vision
against all her multitude will not be reversed.
No one will preserve his life through his iniquity.
14 They have blown the trumpet and made
everything ready, but no one goes to battle, for
my wrath is upon all her multitude.
15 The sword is outside, and pestilence and
famine are inside. Whoever is in the field will

die by the sword, and whoever is in the city,
famine and pestilence will devour him.
16 Their survivors will escape and be on the
mountains like doves of the valleys, all moaning,
each for his iniquity.
17 All hands will hang limp, and all knees will
run with water.
18 They will put on sackcloth, and terror will
cover them. Shame will be on every face, and
baldness on every head.
19 They will throw their silver into the streets,
and their gold will become an unclean thing.
Their silver and gold will not deliver them on
the day of the LORD's wrath. They will not
satisfy their appetite or fill their bellies, for it
has been the stumbling block of their iniquity.
20 He made the beauty of his ornament a
source of pride. In it they made the images of
their abominations, their detestable things.
Therefore I have made it an unclean thing for
them.
21 I will give it into the hand of foreigners as
plunder and to the wicked of the earth as spoil,
and they will profane it.
22 I will turn my face from them, and they will
profane my secret place. Violent men will enter
it and profane it.
23 Make the chain, for the land is full of crimes
of bloodshed and the city full of violence.
24 I will bring the worst of the nations, and
they will take possession of their houses. I will
put an end to the pride of the strong, and their
sanctuaries will be profaned.

25 Anguish is coming. They will seek peace,
but there will be none.
26 Disaster will come upon disaster, and report
upon report. They will seek a vision from a
prophet, but instruction will perish from the
priest and counsel from the elders.
27 The king will mourn, the prince will be
clothed in desolation, and the hands of the
people of the land will tremble. I will deal with
them according to their ways and judge them
according to their judgments. They will know
that I am the LORD."

8

1 In the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the
fifth day of the month, I was sitting in my house
with the elders of Judah sitting before me, and
the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there.
2 I looked, and there was a likeness with the
appearance of fire. From what appeared to be
his waist downward was fire, and from his waist
upward was the appearance of brightness, like
gleaming metal.
3 He stretched out the form of a hand and took
me by a lock of hair on my head. The Spirit
lifted me up between earth and heaven and
brought me to Jerusalem in visions of God, to
the entrance of the inner gate facing north,
where the image of jealousy that provokes
jealousy had its place.
4 There was the glory of the God of Israel, like
the vision I had seen in the valley.

5 He said to me, “Son of man, lift your eyes
now toward the north.” I lifted my eyes toward
the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was
this image of jealousy at the entrance.
6 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what
they are doing—the great abominations the
house of Israel is committing here, driving me
far from my sanctuary? Again you will see great
abominations.”
7 He brought me to the entrance of the
courtyard. I looked, and there was a hole in the
wall.
8 He said to me, “Son of man, dig now through
the wall.” I dug through the wall, and there was
a doorway.
9 He said to me, “Go in and see the evil
abominations they are committing here.”
10 I went in and looked. All kinds of images of
creeping things and detestable animals, and all
the idols of the house of Israel, were depicted all
around the wall.
11 Seventy men from the elders of the house of
Israel stood before them, with Jaazaniah son of
Shaphan standing among them. Each had his
censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense
was rising.
12 He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen
what the elders of the house of Israel are doing
in the dark, each in his rooms with images? For
they say, ‘The LORD does not see us; the LORD
has forsaken the land.’ ”
13 He said to me, “Again you will see great
abominations that they are committing.”

14 He brought me to the entrance of the north
gate of the LORD's house, and there were
women sitting there, weeping for Tammuz.
15 He said to me, "Have you seen this, son of
man? Again you will see abominations greater
than these."
16 He brought me into the inner courtyard of
the LORD's house. There at the entrance of the
LORD's temple, between the porch and the altar,
were about twenty-five men, with their backs to
the LORD's temple and their faces toward the
east. They were bowing down toward the east to
the sun.
17 He said to me, "Have you seen this, son of
man? Is it a small thing for the house of Judah to
commit the abominations they have committed
here? They have filled the land with violence
and have again provoked me to anger. Look,
they are putting the branch to their noses!
18 So I too will act in wrath. My eye will not
spare, nor will I have pity. Though they cry in
my ears with a loud voice, I will not listen to
them."

9

1 He cried in my ears with a loud voice, "Draw
near, you appointed to punish the city, each with
his weapon of destruction in his hand!"
2 Then six men came from the direction of the
upper gate facing north, each with his shattering
weapon in his hand. One man among them was
dressed in linen, with a scribe's case at his waist.
They came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 The glory of the God of Israel rose from
above the cherub on which it had rested to the
threshold of the house. He called to the man
dressed in linen who had the scribe's case at his
waist.
4 The LORD said to him, "Go through the city,
through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the
foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over
all the abominations being committed within it."
5 To the others he said in my hearing, "Go
through the city after him and strike. Do not let
your eye spare, and have no pity.
6 Kill old men, young men, virgins, little
children, and women, leaving none alive. But do
not approach anyone who has the mark. Begin
at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders
who were in front of the house.
7 He said to them, "Defile the house and fill the
courtyards with the slain. Go out!" They went
out and struck people down in the city.
8 As they were striking people down and I was
left, I fell facedown and cried out, "Ah, Lord
GOD! Are you destroying the entire remnant of
Israel as you pour out your wrath on Jerusalem?"
9 He said to me, "The guilt of the house of
Israel and Judah is very, very great. The land is
full of bloodshed, and the city is full of injustice.
For they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land;
the LORD does not see.'
10 So my eye too will not spare, nor will I have
pity. I will bring their ways upon their own
heads."
11 Then the man dressed in linen, who had the
case at his waist, reported, "I have done all that

you commanded me."

10

1 I looked, and there above the expanse over
the heads of the cherubim appeared something
like sapphire stone, with the appearance of the
likeness of a throne.
2 He spoke to the man dressed in linen, saying,
"Go in among the wheelwork beneath the
cherub. Fill your hands with burning coals from
among the cherubim and scatter them over the
city." He went in as I watched.
3 The cherubim were standing on the right
side of the house when the man went in, and the
cloud filled the inner courtyard.
4 The glory of the LORD rose from above the
cherub to the threshold of the house. The house
was filled with the cloud, and the courtyard was
filled with the brightness of the LORD's glory.
5 The sound of the cherubim's wings could be
heard as far as the outer courtyard, like the
voice of God Almighty when he speaks.
6 When he commanded the man dressed in
linen, "Take fire from among the wheelwork,
from among the cherubim," the man went in
and stood beside the wheel.
7 The cherub stretched out his hand from
among the cherubim toward the fire that was
among the cherubim. He took some and put it
into the hands of the man dressed in linen, who
took it and went out.
8 The form of a human hand could be seen
under the cherubim's wings.

9 I looked, and there were four wheels beside
the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub and
another wheel beside another cherub. The
wheels had the appearance of the gleam of
beryl.
10 All four had the same likeness, as though a
wheel were within a wheel.
11 When they moved, they could go in any of
their four directions without turning as they
went. They followed wherever the head faced,
without turning as they went.
12 Their entire bodies, their backs, their hands,
their wings, and the wheels—the wheels
belonging to all four—were full of eyes all
around.
13 I heard the wheels called “Wheelwork.”
14 Each had four faces. The first face was the
face of a cherub, the second the face of a man,
the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the
face of an eagle.
15 The cherubim rose. This was the living
creature I had seen by the Chebar River.
16 When the cherubim moved, the wheels
moved beside them. When the cherubim lifted
their wings to rise from the earth, the wheels
did not turn away from their side.
17 When they stood still, the wheels stood still;
when they rose, the wheels rose with them, for
the spirit of the living creature was in them.
18 The glory of the LORD departed from above
the threshold of the house and stood above the
cherubim.
19 The cherubim lifted their wings and rose
from the earth as I watched them go out, with

the wheels beside them. They stood at the
entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house,
and the glory of the God of Israel was above
them.
20 This was the living creature I had seen
beneath the God of Israel by the Chebar River,
and I knew that they were cherubim.
21 Each had four faces, and each had four
wings, with the likeness of human hands under
their wings.
22 The likeness of their faces was the same as
the faces I had seen by the Chebar River—their
appearance and their very selves. Each went
straight ahead.

11

1 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the
east gate of the LORD's house, which faces east.
There at the entrance of the gate were
twenty-five men. Among them I saw Jaazaniah
son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah,
leaders of the people.
2 He said to me, "Son of man, these are the
men who plot evil and give wicked counsel in
this city.
3 They say, 'The time to build houses is not
near. This city is the pot, and we are the meat.'
4 Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy,
son of man!"
5 The Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he
said to me, "Say, 'This is what the LORD says:
That is what you have said, house of Israel, and I
know what rises in your spirit.

6 You have multiplied your slain in this city
and filled its streets with the slain.
7 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Your slain whom you have laid within it are the
meat, and it is the pot. But you—he has brought
you out of it.
8 You have feared the sword, and I will bring
the sword upon you, declares the Lord GOD.
9 I will bring you out of it, deliver you into the
hands of foreigners, and execute judgments
against you.
10 You will fall by the sword. I will judge you
at the border of Israel, and you will know that I
am the LORD.
11 This city will not be a pot for you, nor will
you be the meat within it. I will judge you at the
border of Israel.
12 You will know that I am the LORD, whose
statutes you have not followed and whose
ordinances you have not carried out. Instead,
you have acted according to the ordinances of
the nations around you.' "
13 As I was prophesying, Pelatiah son of
Benaiah died. I fell facedown and cried out with
a loud voice, "Ah, Lord GOD! Are you making a
complete end of the remnant of Israel?"
14 The word of the LORD came to me:
15 "Son of man, your brothers, your brothers,
your kinsmen, and the entire house of Israel, all
of it, are those to whom the inhabitants of
Jerusalem have said, 'Stay far from the LORD!
This land has been given to us as a possession.'
16 Therefore say, 'This is what the Lord GOD

says: Though I sent them far away among the
nations and scattered them among the
countries, I have been a small sanctuary for
them in the countries where they have gone.'
17 Therefore say, 'This is what the Lord GOD
says: I will gather you from the peoples and
assemble you from the countries where you
have been scattered, and I will give you the land
of Israel.'
18 They will come there and remove all its
detestable things and all its abominations from
it.
19 I will give them one heart and put a new
spirit within you. I will remove the heart of
stone from their flesh and give them a heart of
flesh,
20 so that they may follow my statutes and
keep my ordinances and carry them out. They
will be my people, and I will be their God.
21 But as for those whose heart follows the
heart of their detestable things and their
abominations, I will bring their ways upon their
own heads, declares the Lord GOD."
22 The cherubim lifted their wings, with the
wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of
Israel was above them.
23 The glory of the LORD rose from the midst
of the city and stood over the mountain east of
the city.
24 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to
the exiles in Chaldea, in a vision by the Spirit of
God. Then the vision I had seen left me.
25 I told the exiles all the words of the LORD
that he had shown me.

12

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 “Son of man, you live among a rebellious
house. They have eyes to see but do not see, and
ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a
rebellious house.
3 As for you, son of man, prepare baggage for
exile and go into exile by day in their sight.
Move from your place to another place in their
sight. Perhaps they will see, though they are a
rebellious house.
4 Bring your baggage out by day in their sight,
like baggage for exile. You yourself are to go out
in the evening in their sight, like those going
into exile.
5 Dig through the wall in their sight and carry
it out through there.
6 In their sight, lift it onto your shoulder and
carry it out in the dark. Cover your face so that
you cannot see the ground, for I have made you
a sign to the house of Israel.”
7 I did just as I was commanded. I brought my
baggage out by day, like baggage for exile. In the
evening I dug through the wall by hand. I
carried it out in the dark, lifting it onto my
shoulder in their sight.
8 In the morning the word of the LORD came
to me:
9 “Son of man, has not the house of Israel, that
rebellious house, asked you, ‘What are you
doing?’
10 Tell them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:
This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem
and all the house of Israel who are among them.’

11 Say, ‘I am a sign to you. As I have done, so it
will be done to them. They will go into exile,
into captivity.’
12 The prince among them will lift his baggage
onto his shoulder in the dark and go out. They
will dig through the wall to bring it out through
there. He will cover his face so that he cannot
see the ground with his own eyes.
13 I will spread my net over him, and he will
be caught in my snare. I will bring him to
Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans, but he
will not see it, and there he will die.
14 I will scatter to every wind all those around
him, his helpers and all his troops, and I will
draw the sword after them.
15 They will know that I am the LORD when I
scatter them among the nations and disperse
them among the countries.
16 But I will spare a few of them from the
sword, famine, and pestilence, so that they may
recount all their abominations among the
nations where they go. Then they will know that
I am the LORD.”

17 The word of the LORD came to me:
18 “Son of man, eat your bread trembling, and
drink your water with shuddering and anxiety.
19 Say to the people of the land, ‘This is what
the Lord GOD says concerning the inhabitants of
Jerusalem in the land of Israel: They will eat
their bread with anxiety and drink their water
in terror, so that its land may be stripped of all it
contains because of the violence of all who live
in it.

20 The inhabited cities will be laid waste, and
the land will become a desolation. Then you will
know that I am the LORD.' "
21 The word of the LORD came to me:
22 "Son of man, what is this proverb you have
in the land of Israel: 'The days drag on, and
every vision comes to nothing'?
23 Therefore tell them, 'This is what the Lord
GOD says: I will put an end to this proverb, and
they will no longer use it in Israel.' Tell them
instead, 'The days are near, and so is the
fulfillment of every vision.
24 For there will no longer be any false vision
or flattering divination within the house of
Israel.
25 For I, the LORD, will speak. Whatever word
I speak will be done; it will no longer be delayed.
In your days, rebellious house, I will speak a
word and carry it out, declares the Lord GOD.' "
26 The word of the LORD came to me:
27 "Son of man, look, the house of Israel is
saying, 'The vision he sees is for many days from
now, and he prophesies of distant times.'
28 Therefore tell them, 'This is what the Lord
GOD says: None of my words will be delayed
any longer. Whatever word I speak will be done,
declares the Lord GOD.' "

13

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets
of Israel who are prophesying. Say to those who
prophesy from their own hearts, 'Hear the word
of the LORD!

3 This is what the Lord GOD says: Woe to the
foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and
have seen nothing!
4 Israel, your prophets have been like foxes
among ruins.
5 You have not gone up into the breaches or
built a wall around the house of Israel so that it
could stand in battle on the day of the LORD.
6 They have seen falsehood and lying
divination. They say, “The LORD declares,”
though the LORD has not sent them, and they
expect their word to be fulfilled.
7 Have you not seen a false vision and spoken
lying divination when you say, “The LORD
declares,” though I have not spoken?

8 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you have spoken falsehood and seen
lies, I am against you, declares the Lord GOD.
9 My hand will be against the prophets who
see falsehood and divine lies. They will not be in
the council of my people, be inscribed in the
register of the house of Israel, or enter the land
of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord
GOD.
10 Because, yes, because they have misled my
people, saying, “Peace,” when there is no peace,
and when someone builds a wall, they coat it
with whitewash,
11 tell those who coat it with whitewash that it
will fall. There will be a torrential rain. You
hailstones will fall, and a storm wind will tear it
apart.
12 When the wall has fallen, will you not be

asked, “Where is the coating you applied?”
13 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: In
my wrath I will unleash a storm wind. There
will be torrential rain in my anger and
hailstones in my wrath to destroy it.
14 I will tear down the wall you coated with
whitewash and bring it to the ground, exposing
its foundation. It will fall, and you will perish
within it. Then you will know that I am the
LORD.
15 I will spend my wrath on the wall and on
those who coated it with whitewash. I will say to
you, “The wall is gone, and those who coated it
are gone—
16 the prophets of Israel who prophesy
concerning Jerusalem and see visions of peace
for it when there is no peace,” declares the Lord
GOD.’
17 As for you, son of man, set your face against
the daughters of your people who prophesy
from their own hearts. Prophesy against them
18 and say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:
Woe to the women who sew bands on all the
joints of my arms and make veils for the heads
of people of every height, to hunt lives! Will you
hunt the lives of my people while keeping your
own lives alive?
19 You have profaned me among my people for
handfuls of barley and pieces of bread, killing
those who should not die and keeping alive
those who should not live by lying to my people
who listen to lies.
20 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
am against your bands with which you hunt

lives there like flying birds. I will tear them
from your arms and set free the lives you hunt,
those lives like flying birds.
21 I will tear your veils and rescue my people
from your hands. They will no longer be prey in
your hands. Then you will know that I am the
LORD.
22 Because you have grieved the heart of the
righteous with lies, though I have not grieved
him, and have strengthened the hands of the
wicked so that he does not turn from his evil
way and save his life,
23 therefore you will no longer see falsehood
or practice divination. I will rescue my people
from your hands, and you will know that I am
the LORD.' "

14

1 Some of the elders of Israel came to me and
sat before me.
2 The word of the LORD came to me:
3 "Son of man, these men have set up their
idols in their hearts and put the stumbling block
of their iniquity before their faces. Should I let
them consult me at all?
4 Therefore speak to them and say, 'This is
what the Lord GOD says: If anyone of the house
of Israel sets up his idols in his heart, puts the
stumbling block of his iniquity before his face,
and comes to the prophet, I, the LORD, will
answer the one who comes according to the
multitude of his idols,

5 in order to seize the house of Israel by their
hearts, for they have all become estranged from
me through their idols.'
6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is
what the Lord GOD says: Repent and turn away
from your idols. Turn your faces away from all
your abominations.
7 For if anyone of the house of Israel or any
foreigner residing in Israel separates himself
from following me, sets up his idols in his heart,
puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before
his face, and comes to the prophet to consult me
through him, I, the LORD, will answer him
myself.
8 I will set my face against that man, make him
a sign and a subject of proverbs, and cut him off
from among my people. Then you will know
that I am the LORD.
9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I,
the LORD, have deceived that prophet. I will
stretch out my hand against him and destroy
him from among my people Israel.
10 They will bear their guilt. The guilt of the
one who consults the prophet will be the same
as the guilt of the prophet,
11 so that the house of Israel may no longer
stray from following me or defile themselves
with all their transgressions. They will be my
people, and I will be their God, declares the Lord
GOD.' "
12 The word of the LORD came to me:
13 "Son of man, if a land sins against me by
acting unfaithfully, and I stretch out my hand

against it, break its staff of bread, send famine upon it, and cut off people and animals from it,
14 even if these three men—Noah, Daniel, and Job—were in it, they would save only their own lives by their righteousness, declares the Lord GOD.
15 If I made wild beasts pass through the land and bereave it, so that it became desolate and no one passed through because of the beasts,
16 even if these three men were in it, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, they would save neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be saved, and the land would be desolate.
17 Or if I brought a sword upon that land and said, 'Sword, pass through the land,' and cut off people and animals from it,
18 even if these three men were in it, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, they would save neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be saved.
19 Or if I sent pestilence into that land and poured out my wrath upon it in blood, to cut off people and animals from it,
20 even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, they would save neither son nor daughter. They would save only their own lives by their righteousness.

21 For this is what the Lord GOD says: How much more when I send my four terrible judgments—sword, famine, wild beasts, and pestilence—against Jerusalem, to cut off people and animals from it!
22 Yet there will be survivors left in it, sons and daughters who will be brought out. They

will come out to you, and you will see their ways
and their deeds. Then you will be comforted
concerning the disaster I have brought upon
Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it.
23 They will comfort you when you see their
ways and their deeds. You will know that I have
not done all that I have done in it without cause,
declares the Lord GOD."

15

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the vine
better than any other wood—the vine branch
among the trees of the forest?
3 Is wood taken from it to make anything? Is
even a peg taken from it to hang any utensil on?
4 Look, it is given to the fire as fuel. The fire
has consumed both its ends, and its middle is
charred. Is it useful for any work?
5 When it was whole, nothing could be made
from it. How much less can anything be made
from it when the fire has consumed it and it is
charred!
6 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the
forest, which I have given to the fire as fuel, so I
have given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
7 I will set my face against them. They have
come out of the fire, but the fire will consume
them. You will know that I am the LORD when I
set my face against them.
8 I will make the land desolate because they
have acted unfaithfully, declares the Lord GOD."

16

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 “Son of man, make Jerusalem know her
abominations.
3 Say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says to
Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth were
from the land of the Canaanites. Your father was
an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.
4 As for your birth, on the day you were born
your umbilical cord was not cut. You were not
washed with water to cleanse you, rubbed with
salt, or wrapped in cloths.
5 No eye pitied you enough to do any of these
things for you out of compassion. You were
thrown into the open field because your life was
despised on the day you were born.
6 I passed by you and saw you struggling in
your blood. I said to you in your blood, “Live!” I
said to you in your blood, “Live!”
7 I made you flourish like the plants of the
field. You grew, developed, and reached full
beauty. Your breasts were formed and your hair
had grown, but you were naked and bare.
8 I passed by you and saw that your time had
come, the time for love. I spread the edge of my
garment over you and covered your nakedness.
I swore an oath to you and entered into a
covenant with you, declares the Lord GOD, and
you became mine.
9 I bathed you with water, washed your blood
off you, and anointed you with oil.
10 I clothed you in embroidered cloth, put
sandals of fine leather on your feet, wrapped

you in fine linen, and covered you with silk.
11 I adorned you with jewelry, put bracelets on
your wrists, and a necklace around your neck.
12 I put a ring in your nose, earrings in your
ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.
13 You were adorned with gold and silver, and
your clothing was fine linen, silk, and
embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey,
and oil. You became very, very beautiful and
attained royalty.
14 Your fame spread among the nations
because of your beauty, for it was perfect
through the splendor I had put upon you,
declares the Lord GOD.
15 But you trusted in your beauty and
prostituted yourself because of your fame. You
poured out your acts of prostitution on everyone
who passed by; you became his.
16 You took some of your garments, made
colorful high places for yourself, and prostituted
yourself on them. Such things should not
happen and must not be!
17 You took your beautiful ornaments made
from my gold and my silver, which I had given
you, and made male images for yourself and
prostituted yourself with them.
18 You took your embroidered garments and
covered them, and you set my oil and my
incense before them.
19 My bread that I had given you—the fine
flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you—you
set before them as a pleasing aroma. So it
happened, declares the Lord GOD.

20 You took your sons and daughters, whom
you had borne to me, and sacrificed them to
those idols to be devoured. Were your acts of
prostitution too little,
21 that you slaughtered my children and gave
them over, making them pass over to those
idols?
22 In all your abominations and acts of
prostitution, you did not remember the days of
your youth, when you were naked and bare,
struggling in your blood.
23 After all your wickedness—woe, woe to you,
declares the Lord GOD—
24 you built yourself a shrine and made a
raised platform in every public square.
25 At every crossroads you built your raised
platform and made your beauty an
abomination. You spread your legs for everyone
who passed by and multiplied your acts of
prostitution.
26 You prostituted yourself with the Egyptians,
your neighbors with large members, and
multiplied your acts of prostitution to provoke
me to anger.
27 So I stretched out my hand against you and
reduced your allotted portion. I gave you over to
the will of those who hate you, the daughters of
the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd
ways.
28 You prostituted yourself with the Assyrians
because you were not satisfied. You prostituted
yourself with them, but still you were not
satisfied.

29 You multiplied your prostitution in the land
of Canaan, as far as Chaldea, but even with this
you were not satisfied.
30 How weak your heart is, declares the Lord
GOD, when you do all these things, the deeds of
a brazen prostitute!
31 When you built your shrine at every
crossroads and made your raised platform in
every public square, you were unlike a
prostitute, for you scorned payment.
32 You adulterous wife, who takes strangers
instead of her husband!
33 Gifts are given to all prostitutes, but you
gave your gifts to all your lovers and bribed
them to come to you from all around for your
acts of prostitution.
34 In your prostitution you were the opposite
of other women. No one sought you out for
prostitution. You gave payment, and no payment
was given to you. You were the opposite!
35 Therefore, prostitute, hear the word of the
LORD!
36 This is what the Lord GOD says: Because
your filth was poured out and your nakedness
was exposed in your prostitution with your
lovers and with all your abominable idols, and
because of the blood of your children whom you
gave to them,
37 therefore I will gather all your lovers with
whom you took pleasure, all whom you loved,
together with all whom you hated. I will gather
them against you from all around and expose
your nakedness to them, and they will see all

your nakedness.
38 I will judge you with the judgments of
adulteresses and women who shed blood, and
give you over to bloodshed in wrath and
jealousy.
39 I will give you into their hands. They will
tear down your shrine, demolish your raised
platforms, strip you of your clothes, take your
beautiful ornaments, and leave you naked and
bare.
40 They will bring an assembly against you,
stone you, and cut you to pieces with their
swords.
41 They will burn your houses with fire and
execute judgments against you in the sight of
many women. I will put an end to your
prostitution, and you will no longer give
payment.
42 I will bring my wrath to rest upon you, and
my jealousy will depart from you. I will be quiet
and no longer be angry.
43 Because you did not remember the days of
your youth but provoked me with all these
things, I too will bring your ways upon your
head, declares the Lord GOD. Have you not
committed lewdness on top of all your
abominations?
44 Everyone who uses proverbs will use this
proverb about you: “Like mother, like daughter.”
45 You are the daughter of your mother, who
despised her husband and her children. You are
the sister of your sisters, who despised their
husbands and their children. Your mother was a

Hittite, and your father an Amorite.
46 Your older sister is Samaria, who lives with
her daughters on your left. Your younger sister,
who lives on your right, is Sodom with her
daughters.
47 You did not merely follow their ways and
commit their abominations. As though that
were a very little thing, you became more
corrupt than they in all your ways.
48 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, your sister
Sodom and her daughters have not done what
you and your daughters have done.
49 This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: She
and her daughters had pride, abundant bread,
and carefree ease, but she did not strengthen
the hand of the poor and needy.
50 They grew proud and committed an
abomination before me, so I removed them
when I saw it.
51 Samaria has not committed half your sins.
You multiplied your abominations beyond
theirs, and by all the abominations you
committed, you made your sisters appear
righteous.
52 You too must bear your disgrace, you who
judged your sisters. Because your sins were
more abominable than theirs, they are more
righteous than you. You too must be ashamed
and bear your disgrace, for you have made your
sisters appear righteous.
53 I will restore their fortunes, the fortunes of
Sodom and her daughters and the fortunes of
Samaria and her daughters, and your own

fortunes among them,
54 so that you may bear your disgrace and be
ashamed of all you have done, in being a
comfort to them.
55 Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, will
return to their former state. Samaria and her
daughters will return to their former state. You
and your daughters will also return to your
former state.
56 You did not mention your sister Sodom in
the days of your pride,
57 before your wickedness was exposed, as it
was at the time of the reproach from the
daughters of Aram and all her neighbors, the
daughters of the Philistines who despise you all
around.
58 You must bear your lewdness and your
abominations, declares the LORD.
59 For this is what the Lord GOD says: I will
deal with you as you have done, you who
despised the oath by breaking the covenant.
60 But I will remember my covenant with you
in the days of your youth, and I will establish an
everlasting covenant with you.
61 You will remember your ways and be
ashamed when you receive your sisters, those
older and those younger than you. I will give
them to you as daughters, but not because of
your covenant.
62 I myself will establish my covenant with
you, and you will know that I am the LORD,
63 so that you may remember and be ashamed
and never again open your mouth because of

your disgrace, when I make atonement for you
for all you have done, declares the Lord GOD.' "

17

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, pose a riddle and tell a parable
to the house of Israel.
3 Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: A great
eagle with great wings, long pinions, and thick,
colorful plumage came to Lebanon and took the
top of the cedar.
4 It plucked off the topmost of its young shoots
and brought it to a land of trade, setting it in a
city of merchants.
5 It took some of the seed of the land and
planted it in a field for sowing. It placed it
beside abundant waters, setting it like a willow.
6 It sprouted and became a spreading vine of
low growth. Its branches turned toward the
eagle, and its roots remained beneath it. So it
became a vine, produced branches, and put out
shoots.
7 There was another great eagle with great
wings and abundant plumage. This vine bent its
roots toward it and stretched its branches
toward it from the beds where it was planted, so
that it might water the vine.
8 It had been planted in a good field beside
abundant waters, to produce branches and bear
fruit, to become a splendid vine.'
9 Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: Will it
thrive? Will he not uproot it and cut off its fruit
so that it withers? All its fresh leaves will wither.

It will not take a mighty arm or many people to
pull it up by its roots.
10 Though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it
not wither completely when the east wind
touches it? It will wither in the beds where it
grew.' "

11 The word of the LORD came to me:
12 "Say now to the rebellious house, 'Do you
not know what these things mean?' Tell them,
'The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its
king and its officials, and brought them to
himself in Babylon.
13 He took someone of royal descent, made a
covenant with him, and put him under oath. He
also took away the mighty men of the land,
14 so that the kingdom would remain low and
not rise up, but could stand by keeping his
covenant.
15 But he rebelled against him, sending his
messengers to Egypt to obtain horses and many
people. Will he thrive? Will someone who does
these things escape? Can he break a covenant
and escape?
16 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, he will die
in Babylon, with the king who made him king,
whose oath he despised and whose covenant he
broke.
17 Pharaoh will not help him in the war with a
great army and a large assembly, when siege
ramps are piled up and siege works built to cut
off many lives.
18 He despised the oath by breaking the
covenant, though he had given his hand. He did

all these things; he will not escape.
19 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
As I live, I will bring upon his head my oath that
he despised and my covenant that he broke.
20 I will spread my net over him, and he will
be caught in my snare. I will bring him to
Babylon and enter into judgment with him there
for the unfaithfulness he committed against me.
21 All his fugitives with all his troops will fall
by the sword, and those who remain will be
scattered to every wind. Then you will know
that I, the LORD, have spoken.
22 This is what the Lord GOD says: I myself
will take from the top of the tall cedar and set it
out. I will pluck a tender shoot from the topmost
of its young shoots, and I myself will plant it on
a high and lofty mountain.
23 On the high mountain of Israel I will plant
it. It will produce branches and bear fruit and
become a majestic cedar. Every bird of every
wing will dwell beneath it; they will dwell in the
shade of its branches.
24 All the trees of the field will know that I, the
LORD, have brought down the tall tree and
raised up the low tree, dried up the green tree
and made the dry tree flourish. I, the LORD,
have spoken, and I will do it.' "

18

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Why do you use this proverb concerning the
land of Israel: 'The fathers eat sour grapes, and
the children's teeth are set on edge'?

3 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, you will no
longer use this proverb in Israel.
4 Every life belongs to me. The life of the
father and the life of the son alike belong to me.
The person who sins will die.
5 If a man is righteous and practices justice
and righteousness,
6 does not eat on the mountains or lift his eyes
to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile
his neighbor's wife or approach a woman
during her menstrual period,
7 does not oppress anyone but returns a
debtor's pledge, does not commit robbery, gives
his bread to the hungry and covers the naked
with clothing,
8 does not lend at interest or take extra profit,
keeps his hand from injustice, and judges
faithfully between one person and another,
9 follows my statutes and keeps my
ordinances, acting faithfully—he is righteous.
He will surely live, declares the Lord GOD.
10 But if he fathers a violent son who sheds
blood and does any of these things to a brother,
11 and does none of these righteous deeds, but
eats on the mountains and defiles his neighbor's
wife,
12 oppresses the poor and needy, commits
robbery, does not return a pledge, lifts his eyes
to the idols, commits an abomination,
13 lends at interest and takes extra profit, will
he live? He will not live! He has committed all
these abominations. He will surely be put to
death; his blood will be upon him.

14 But if he fathers a son who sees all the sins
his father has committed, sees them and does
not do likewise,
15 does not eat on the mountains or lift his
eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not
defile his neighbor's wife,
16 does not oppress anyone, take a pledge, or
commit robbery, but gives his bread to the
hungry and covers the naked with clothing,
17 refrains from oppressing the poor, takes no
interest or extra profit, carries out my
ordinances, and follows my statutes—he will not
die for his father's iniquity. He will surely live.
18 As for his father, because he practiced
extortion, robbed his brother, and did what is
not good among his people, he will die for his
own iniquity.
19 Yet you say, 'Why does the son not bear his
father's iniquity?' Because the son has practiced
justice and righteousness, kept all my statutes,
and carried them out, he will surely live.
20 The person who sins will die. A son will not
bear his father's iniquity, nor will a father bear
his son's iniquity. The righteousness of the
righteous will be upon him, and the wickedness
of the wicked will be upon him.
21 But if the wicked man turns from all the
sins he has committed, keeps all my statutes,
and practices justice and righteousness, he will
surely live; he will not die.
22 None of the transgressions he committed
will be remembered against him. He will live
because of the righteousness he has practiced.

23 Do I take any pleasure in the death of the
wicked, declares the Lord GOD? Is it not rather
that he turn from his ways and live?
24 But if the righteous man turns from his
righteousness and does injustice, committing all
the abominations the wicked man commits, will
he live? None of the righteous deeds he has
done will be remembered. He will die because
of the unfaithfulness he committed and the sin
he sinned.
25 Yet you say, 'The Lord's way is not fair.'
Listen now, house of Israel: Is my way not fair?
Is it not your ways that are unfair?
26 When a righteous man turns from his
righteousness and does injustice and dies for
these things, he dies for the injustice he has
done.
27 When a wicked man turns from the
wickedness he has committed and practices
justice and righteousness, he will preserve his
life.
28 Because he considered and turned from all
the transgressions he had committed, he will
surely live; he will not die.
29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The Lord's way
is not fair.' Are my ways not fair, house of Israel?
Is it not your ways that are unfair?
30 Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel,
each according to his ways, declares the Lord
GOD. Repent and turn from all your
transgressions, so that iniquity will not be a
stumbling block to you.
31 Cast away from yourselves all the
transgressions you have committed, and make

yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why
will you die, house of Israel?
32 For I take no pleasure in the death of
anyone who dies, declares the Lord GOD. So
turn and live!"

19

1 "As for you, take up a lament for the princes
of Israel
2 and say: What was your mother?
A lioness!
She lay among lions and reared her cubs
among young lions.
3 She brought up one of her cubs, and he became
a young lion.
He learned to tear prey and devoured
people.
4 The nations heard of him.
He was caught in their pit, and they brought
him with hooks to the land of Egypt.
5 When she saw that she had waited and her
hope was lost, she took another of her
cubs and made him a young lion.
6 He prowled among lions and became a young
lion.
He learned to tear prey and devoured
people.
7 He knew his widows and devastated their
cities.
The land and all it contained were appalled
at the sound of his roaring.
8 The nations from the surrounding provinces
came against him.

They spread their net over him, and he was
caught in their pit.
9 They put him in a cage with hooks and brought
him to the king of Babylon.
They brought him into strongholds so that
his voice would no longer be heard on the
mountains of Israel.

10 Your mother was like a vine in your blood,
planted beside the waters.
It was fruitful and full of branches because
of the abundant water.
11 It had strong branches fit for rulers' scepters.
Its height rose among the thick boughs, and
it was seen in its height with its many
branches.
12 But it was uprooted in wrath and thrown to
the ground.
The east wind dried up its fruit.
They were torn off and withered;
fire consumed its strong branch.
13 Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry
and thirsty land.
14 Fire came out from a rod of its branches and
consumed its fruit.
No strong rod remained in it, no scepter for
ruling.
This is a lament and has become a lament."

20

1 In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the
tenth day of the month, some of the elders of
Israel came to consult the LORD and sat before
me.

2 The word of the LORD came to me:
3 “Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and
tell them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: Have
you come to consult me? As I live, I will not let
you consult me, declares the Lord GOD.’
4 Will you judge them? Will you judge them,
son of man? Make them know the abominations
of their fathers.
5 Tell them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:
On the day I chose Israel, I raised my hand to the
descendants of the house of Jacob and made
myself known to them in the land of Egypt. I
raised my hand to them, saying, “I am the LORD
your God.”
6 On that day I raised my hand to them,
swearing to bring them out of the land of Egypt
into a land I had searched out for them, flowing
with milk and honey, the glory of all lands.
7 I said to them, “Each of you must cast away
the detestable things before his eyes. Do not
defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am
the LORD your God.”
8 But they rebelled against me and were
unwilling to listen to me. None of them cast
away the detestable things before their eyes,
and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. Then
I said I would pour out my wrath upon them
and spend my anger against them in the land of
Egypt.
9 But I acted for the sake of my name, so that it
would not be profaned in the sight of the
nations among whom they were. In their sight I
had made myself known to them by bringing

them out of the land of Egypt.
10 So I brought them out of the land of Egypt
and led them into the wilderness.
11 I gave them my statutes and made my
ordinances known to them, by which a person
will live if he carries them out.
12 I also gave them my Sabbaths as a sign
between me and them, so that they would know
that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.
13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me
in the wilderness. They did not follow my
statutes and rejected my ordinances, by which a
person will live if he carries them out. They
greatly profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I
would pour out my wrath upon them in the
wilderness to destroy them.
14 But I acted for the sake of my name, so that
it would not be profaned in the sight of the
nations before whose eyes I had brought them
out.
15 I also raised my hand to them in the
wilderness, swearing not to bring them into the
land I had given them, flowing with milk and
honey, the glory of all lands,
16 because they rejected my ordinances, did
not follow my statutes, and profaned my
Sabbaths, for their heart followed their idols.
17 Yet my eye spared them from destruction,
and I did not make a complete end of them in
the wilderness.
18 I said to their children in the wilderness, “Do
not follow the statutes of your fathers, keep their
ordinances, or defile yourselves with their idols.
19 I am the LORD your God. Follow my

statutes, keep my ordinances, and carry them out.
20 Keep my Sabbaths holy, and they will be a
sign between me and you, so that you will know
that I am the LORD your God."
21 But the children rebelled against me. They
did not follow my statutes or keep my
ordinances to carry them out, by which a person
will live if he carries them out. They profaned
my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my
wrath upon them and spend my anger against
them in the wilderness.
22 But I withdrew my hand and acted for the
sake of my name, so that it would not be
profaned in the sight of the nations before
whose eyes I had brought them out.
23 I also raised my hand to them in the
wilderness, swearing to scatter them among the
nations and disperse them among the countries,
24 because they did not carry out my
ordinances, rejected my statutes, and profaned
my Sabbaths, and their eyes followed their
fathers' idols.
25 I also gave them statutes that were not good
and ordinances by which they could not live.
26 I defiled them through their gifts, when they
offered every firstborn of the womb, so that I
might devastate them, so that they would know
that I am the LORD.'
27 Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of
Israel and tell them, 'This is what the Lord GOD
says: In this too your fathers blasphemed me by
acting unfaithfully against me.

28 I brought them into the land I had raised my
hand to give them. They saw every high hill and
every leafy tree, and there they offered their
sacrifices, there they presented their provoking
offerings, there they set their pleasing aromas,
and there they poured out their drink offerings.
29 I said to them, “What is this high place
where you go?” So its name is called Bamah to
this day.’
30 Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is
what the Lord GOD says: Do you defile
yourselves in the way of your fathers and
prostitute yourselves after their detestable
things?
31 When you present your gifts and make your
sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves
with all your idols to this day. Should I let you
consult me, house of Israel? As I live, declares
the Lord GOD, I will not let you consult me.
32 What rises in your spirit will never happen,
when you say, “We will be like the nations, like
the families of the countries, serving wood and
stone.”
33 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will rule
over you with a mighty hand, an outstretched
arm, and wrath poured out.
34 I will bring you out from the peoples and
gather you from the countries where you have
been scattered, with a mighty hand, an
outstretched arm, and wrath poured out.
35 I will bring you into the wilderness of the
peoples and enter into judgment with you there
face to face.

36 As I entered into judgment with your
fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so
I will enter into judgment with you, declares the
Lord GOD.
37 I will make you pass under the rod and
bring you into the bond of the covenant.
38 I will separate from among you the rebels
and those who transgress against me. I will
bring them out of the land where they reside,
but they will not enter the land of Israel. Then
you will know that I am the LORD.
39 As for you, house of Israel, this is what the
Lord GOD says: Each of you, go and serve your
idols—and afterward too, if you will not listen to
me. But you must no longer profane my holy
name with your gifts and your idols.
40 For on my holy mountain, on the high
mountain of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, there
the entire house of Israel, all of it, will serve me
in the land. There I will accept them, and there I
will require your offerings and the firstfruits of
your gifts, with all your holy things.
41 I will accept you as a pleasing aroma when I
bring you out from the peoples and gather you
from the countries where you have been
scattered. I will show my holiness in you in the
sight of the nations.
42 You will know that I am the LORD when I
bring you into the land of Israel, into the land I
raised my hand to give to your fathers.
43 There you will remember your ways and all
your deeds by which you defiled yourselves, and
you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for

all the evil you have done.
44 You will know that I am the LORD when I
deal with you for the sake of my name, rather
than according to your evil ways and your
corrupt deeds, house of Israel, declares the Lord
GOD.' "
45 The word of the LORD came to me:
46 "Son of man, set your face toward the south,
preach against the south, and prophesy against
the forest of the field of the Negev.
47 Say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the
word of the LORD! This is what the Lord GOD
says: I will kindle a fire in you, and it will
consume every green tree and every dry tree in
you. Its blazing flame will not be quenched, and
every face from south to north will be scorched
by it.
48 All flesh will see that I, the LORD, have
kindled it. It will not be quenched.' "
49 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! They are saying
of me, 'Is he not a teller of parables?' "

21

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem,
preach against the sanctuaries, and prophesy
against the land of Israel.
3 Say to the land of Israel, 'This is what the
LORD says: I am against you. I will draw my
sword from its sheath and cut off from you both
the righteous and the wicked.
4 Because I will cut off from you both the
righteous and the wicked, my sword will come

out of its sheath against all flesh from south to
north.
5 All flesh will know that I, the LORD, have
drawn my sword from its sheath. It will not
return again.'
6 As for you, son of man, groan with your loins
breaking. Groan bitterly in their sight.
7 When they ask you, 'Why are you groaning?'
say, 'Because of the news, for it is coming. Every
heart will melt, all hands will grow weak, every
spirit will faint, and all knees will run with
water. It is coming, and it will happen, declares
the Lord GOD.' "
8 The word of the LORD came to me:
9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'This is what
the Lord says.' Say, 'A sword, a sword,
sharpened and also polished!
10 It is sharpened for slaughter, polished to
flash like lightning. Or should we rejoice? It
despises the scepter of my son as it does every
piece of wood.
11 He gave it to be polished, to be grasped in
the hand. The sword is sharpened and polished
to be put into the hand of the killer.
12 Cry out and wail, son of man, for it is
against my people, against all the princes of
Israel. They are handed over to the sword with
my people. Therefore strike your thigh.
13 For there is a testing, declares the Lord GOD.
And what if even the scepter the sword despises
is no more?'
14 As for you, son of man, prophesy and strike
your hands together. Let the sword be doubled,

then tripled. It is the sword of the slain, the
sword of the great slain one, penetrating them.
15 So that hearts may melt and stumbling
blocks multiply, I have set the point of the sword
against all their gates. Ah, it is made to flash like
lightning, grasped for slaughter!
16 Gather your strength; strike right! Set
yourself; strike left! Wherever your edge is
directed!
17 I too will strike my hands together and bring
my wrath to rest. I, the LORD, have spoken."

18 The word of the LORD came to me:
19 "As for you, son of man, mark out two roads
for the sword of the king of Babylon to come.
Both are to come from one land. Make a
signpost; make it at the head of the road to the
city.
20 Mark out a road for the sword to come to
Rabbah of the Ammonites, and to Judah, to
fortified Jerusalem.
21 For the king of Babylon stands at the fork in
the road, at the head of the two roads, to practice
divination. He shakes the arrows, consults the
household idols, and examines the liver.
22 In his right hand is the divination for
Jerusalem: to set up battering rams, open the
mouth for slaughter, raise the voice in a battle
cry, set battering rams against the gates, pile up
a siege ramp, and build siege works.
23 It will seem to them like false divination, to
those who have sworn oaths to them. But he
will bring iniquity to remembrance, so that they
may be captured.

24 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you have brought your iniquity to
remembrance by exposing your transgressions,
so that your sins are seen in all your
deeds—because you have been remembered,
you will be seized by the hand.

25 And you, mortally wounded, wicked prince
of Israel, whose day has come, the time of final
punishment,

26 this is what the Lord GOD says: Remove the
turban and take off the crown. This will not
remain as it is. Raise up the low and bring down
the high.
27 Ruin, ruin, ruin—I will make it so! This too
will be no more until the one to whom the right
belongs comes, and I will give it to him.

28 As for you, son of man, prophesy and say,
'This is what the Lord GOD says concerning the
Ammonites and their reproach.' Say, 'A sword, a
sword is drawn for slaughter, polished to
consume, to flash like lightning,
29 while they see false visions for you and
divine lies for you, to place you upon the necks
of the wicked slain, whose day has come, the
time of final punishment.
30 Return it to its sheath! In the place where
you were created, in the land of your origin, I
will judge you.
31 I will pour out my indignation upon you
and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath. I
will give you into the hands of brutal men,
skilled in destruction.

32 You will be fuel for the fire. Your blood will
be in the midst of the land. You will not be
remembered, for I, the LORD, have spoken.' "

22

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "As for you, son of man, will you judge? Will
you judge the city of bloodshed? Make her know
all her abominations.
3 Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: A city
that sheds blood within itself so that its time may
come, and makes idols for itself to defile itself!
4 You have become guilty through the blood
you have shed and defiled through the idols you
have made. You have brought your days near
and reached your appointed years. Therefore I
have made you a reproach to the nations and a
mockery to all the countries.
5 Those near you and those far from you will
mock you, you with a defiled name and great
turmoil.
6 The princes of Israel in you have each used
their power to shed blood.
7 In you they have treated father and mother
with contempt. Within you they have extorted
the foreigner; in you they have oppressed the
fatherless and the widow.
8 You have despised my holy things and
profaned my Sabbaths.
9 In you are slanderers intent on shedding
blood. In you they have eaten on the mountains;
within you they have committed lewdness.

10 In you they have uncovered a father's
nakedness; in you they have violated women in
their menstrual uncleanness.
11 One has committed an abomination with his
neighbor's wife; another has lewdly defiled his
daughter-in-law; another in you has violated his
sister, his father's daughter.
12 In you they have accepted bribes to shed
blood. You have taken interest and extra profit,
extorted gain from your neighbors, and
forgotten me, declares the Lord GOD.
13 So I have struck my hand at the dishonest
gain you have made and at the bloodshed within
you.
14 Can your heart endure, or can your hands
remain strong, in the days when I deal with
you? I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.
15 I will scatter you among the nations and
disperse you among the countries, and I will put
an end to your uncleanness within you.
16 You will be profaned through your own
doing in the sight of the nations, and you will
know that I am the LORD.' "
17 The word of the LORD came to me:
18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become
dross to me. All of them are copper, tin, iron,
and lead in the furnace; they have become the
dross of silver.
19 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because all of you have become dross, I will
gather you into Jerusalem.
20 As silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin are
gathered into a furnace to have fire blown upon
them to melt them, so I will gather you in my

anger and my wrath. I will put you there and
melt you.
21 I will gather you and blow upon you with
the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted
within it.
22 As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will
be melted within it. Then you will know that I,
the LORD, have poured out my wrath upon you."

23 The word of the LORD came to me:
24 "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that
has not been cleansed and has received no rain
in the day of indignation.
25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets within
her, like a roaring lion tearing its prey. They
have devoured lives, taken treasure and
precious things, and multiplied her widows
within her.
26 Her priests have violated my law and
profaned my holy things. They have not
distinguished between the holy and the common
or taught the difference between the unclean
and the clean. They have hidden their eyes from
my Sabbaths, and I have been profaned among
them.
27 Her officials within her are like wolves
tearing prey, shedding blood and destroying
lives to obtain dishonest gain.
28 Her prophets have coated them with
whitewash, seeing false visions and divining lies
for them. They say, "This is what the Lord GOD
says," though the LORD has not spoken.
29 The people of the land have practiced
extortion and committed robbery. They have

oppressed the poor and needy and extorted the foreigner without justice.
30 I sought a man among them who would build up a wall and stand in the breach before me on behalf of the land, so that I would not destroy it, but I found none.
31 So I poured out my indignation upon them and consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I brought their ways upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.' "

23

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother.
3 They prostituted themselves in Egypt; they prostituted themselves in their youth. There their breasts were squeezed, and there their virgin breasts were handled.
4 Their names were Oholah, the older, and Oholibah, her sister. They became mine and bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem.
5 Oholah prostituted herself while she was mine. She lusted after her lovers, the Assyrians nearby,
6 clothed in blue, governors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding horses.
7 She gave herself to prostitution with them, all the choice men of Assyria. With all those she lusted after, with all their idols, she defiled herself.

8 She did not abandon her prostitution from
Egypt, for they had lain with her in her youth,
handled her virgin breasts, and poured their
prostitution upon her.
9 Therefore I gave her into the hands of her
lovers, into the hands of the Assyrians she lusted
after.
10 They exposed her nakedness, took away her
sons and daughters, and killed her with the
sword. She became notorious among women,
and they executed judgments against her.
11 Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet her lust
became more corrupt than hers, and her
prostitution exceeded her sister's prostitution.
12 She lusted after the Assyrians nearby,
governors and officials splendidly clothed,
horsemen riding horses, all of them desirable
young men.
13 I saw that she had defiled herself; both
followed the same way.
14 But she added to her prostitution. She saw
men depicted on a wall, images of Chaldeans
portrayed in vermilion,
15 with belts around their waists and flowing
turbans on their heads, all with the appearance
of officers, like the Babylonians whose native
land was Chaldea.
16 As soon as she saw them, she lusted after
them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.
17 The Babylonians came to her bed of love
and defiled her with their prostitution. She was
defiled by them, and then her soul turned from
them in disgust.

18 She exposed her prostitution and uncovered
her nakedness. Then my soul turned from her in
disgust, just as my soul had turned from her
sister.
19 But she multiplied her prostitution,
remembering the days of her youth when she
prostituted herself in the land of Egypt.
20 She lusted after their lovers, whose
members were like those of donkeys and whose
emission was like that of horses.
21 So you recalled the lewdness of your youth,
when the Egyptians handled your breasts, the
breasts of your youth.

22 Therefore, Oholibah, this is what the Lord
GOD says: I will stir up against you your lovers
from whom your soul turned in disgust, and I
will bring them against you from all around:
23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans,
Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with
them, desirable young men, all of them
governors and officials, officers and men of
renown, all riding horses.
24 They will come against you with weapons,
chariots, and wheels, and an assembly of
peoples. They will array large shields, small
shields, and helmets against you all around. I
will entrust judgment to them, and they will
judge you according to their judgments.
25 I will direct my jealousy against you, and
they will deal with you in wrath. They will cut
off your nose and ears, and your survivors will
fall by the sword. They will take away your sons
and daughters, and what remains of you will be

consumed by fire.
26 They will strip you of your clothes and take
your beautiful ornaments.
27 I will put an end to your lewdness and your
prostitution from the land of Egypt. You will no
longer lift your eyes to them or remember Egypt.
28 For this is what the Lord GOD says: I will
give you into the hands of those you hate, into
the hands of those from whom your soul turned
in disgust.
29 They will deal with you in hatred, take all
the fruit of your labor, and leave you naked and
bare. The nakedness of your prostitution will be
exposed, your lewdness and your prostitution.
30 These things will be done to you because
you prostituted yourself after the nations and
defiled yourself with their idols.
31 You have followed your sister's way, and I
will put her cup into your hand.
32 This is what the Lord GOD says: You will
drink your sister's cup, deep and wide. It will be
an object of laughter and mockery; it holds
much.
33 You will be filled with drunkenness and
sorrow, with a cup of horror and desolation, the
cup of your sister Samaria.
34 You will drink it and drain it, gnaw its
shards, and tear your breasts, for I have spoken,
declares the Lord GOD.
35 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you have forgotten me and cast me
behind your back, you too must bear your
lewdness and your prostitution."

36 The LORD said to me, “Son of man, will you
judge Oholah and Oholibah? Declare their
abominations to them.
37 For they have committed adultery, and
blood is on their hands. They have committed
adultery with their idols and even offered their
sons, whom they bore to me, to those idols to be
devoured.
38 They have also done this to me: They defiled
my sanctuary on that same day and profaned
my Sabbaths.
39 When they slaughtered their sons for their
idols, they came into my sanctuary that same
day to profane it. This is what they did within
my house.
40 They even sent for men to come from far
away. A messenger was sent to them, and they
came. For them you bathed, painted your eyes,
and adorned yourself with jewelry.
41 You sat on a splendid couch with a table
prepared before it, on which you set my incense
and my oil.
42 The sound of a carefree crowd was in her.
Along with men from the multitude, drinkers
were brought from the wilderness. They put
bracelets on the women’s wrists and beautiful
crowns on their heads.
43 Then I said of her who was worn out by
adultery, ‘Will they now prostitute themselves
with her, and she with them?’
44 One went in to her as one goes in to a
prostitute. So they went in to Oholah and
Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 But righteous men will judge them with the
judgment of adulteresses and the judgment of
women who shed blood, for they are
adulteresses, and blood is on their hands.
46 For this is what the Lord GOD says: Bring up
an assembly against them and give them over to
terror and plunder.
47 The assembly will stone them and cut them
down with their swords. They will kill their sons
and daughters and burn their houses with fire.
48 I will put an end to lewdness in the land. All
women will be warned and will not imitate your
lewdness.
49 They will bring your lewdness upon you,
and you will bear the sins of your idols. Then
you will know that I am the Lord GOD."

24

1 The word of the LORD came to me in the
ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day
of the month:
2 "Son of man, write down the date of this day,
this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege
to Jerusalem this very day.
3 Tell a parable to the rebellious house and say
to them, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: Put on
the pot, put it on, and pour water into it.
4 Gather its pieces into it, every good piece,
thigh and shoulder. Fill it with choice bones.
5 Take the best of the flock and pile bones
beneath it as well. Make it boil vigorously; let its
bones cook within it.

6 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Woe to the city of bloodshed, the pot whose
corrosion is in it and whose corrosion has not
left it! Empty it piece by piece, piece by piece,
without casting lots for it.
7 For her blood was within her. She put it on
bare rock; she did not pour it on the ground to
cover it with dust.
8 To stir up wrath and take vengeance, I have
put her blood on bare rock so that it will not be
covered.
9 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Woe to the city of bloodshed! I too will make the
fire pile great.
10 Heap up the wood, kindle the fire, cook the
meat thoroughly, mix the spices, and let the
bones burn.
11 Then set the pot empty on its coals, so that
its copper grows hot and burns, its uncleanness
melts within it, and its corrosion is consumed.
12 She has wearied herself with toil, yet her
heavy corrosion will not leave her. Into the fire
with her corrosion!
13 There is lewdness in your uncleanness.
Because I cleansed you but you were not clean,
you will not be cleansed of your uncleanness
again until I bring my wrath to rest upon you.
14 I, the LORD, have spoken. It is coming, and I
will act. I will not hold back, spare, or relent.
They will judge you according to your ways and
your deeds, declares the Lord GOD.' "
15 The word of the LORD came to me:
16 "Son of man, I am taking away the delight of
your eyes with a blow. You must not mourn or

weep, and your tears must not flow.
17 Groan in silence. Make no mourning for the
dead. Tie on your turban and put your sandals
on your feet. Do not cover your upper lip or eat
the bread of others."
18 I spoke to the people in the morning, and
my wife died in the evening. The next morning I
did as I had been commanded.
19 The people said to me, "Will you not tell us
what these things you are doing mean for us?"
20 I said to them, "The word of the LORD came
to me:
21 'Say to the house of Israel, "This is what the
Lord GOD says: I will profane my sanctuary, the
pride of your strength, the delight of your eyes,
and the longing of your soul. Your sons and
daughters whom you left behind will fall by the
sword." '
22 You will do as I have done. You will not
cover your upper lip or eat the bread of others.
23 Your turbans will be on your heads and
your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn
or weep, but you will waste away in your
iniquities and groan to one another.
24 'Ezekiel will be a sign to you. You will do all
that he has done. When it comes, you will know
that I am the Lord GOD.

25 As for you, son of man, on the day I take
from them their stronghold, the joy of their
splendor, the delight of their eyes, and the
longing of their soul, their sons and daughters,
26 will not a survivor come to you on that day
to bring news to your ears?

27 On that day your mouth will be opened to
the survivor. You will speak and no longer be
mute. You will be a sign to them, and they will
know that I am the LORD.' "

25

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, set your face against the
Ammonites and prophesy against them.
3 Say to the Ammonites, 'Hear the word of the
Lord GOD! This is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you said, "Aha!" over my sanctuary
when it was profaned, over the land of Israel
when it was made desolate, and over the house
of Judah when they went into exile,
4 therefore I am giving you to the people of the
east as a possession. They will establish their
camps and set up their dwellings among you.
They will eat your fruit and drink your milk.
5 I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and
the Ammonites a resting place for flocks. Then
you will know that I am the LORD.
6 For this is what the Lord GOD says: Because
you clapped your hands, stamped your foot, and
rejoiced with all the contempt of your soul
against the land of Israel,
7 therefore I have stretched out my hand
against you. I will give you as plunder to the
nations, cut you off from among the peoples,
and make you perish from among the countries.
I will destroy you, and you will know that I am
the LORD.'

8 This is what the Lord GOD says: ‘Because
Moab and Seir said, “Look, the house of Judah is
like all the nations,”
9 therefore I will open Moab’s flank, from its
cities, its frontier cities, the glory of the
land—Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and
Kiriathaim—
10 to the people of the east, along with the
Ammonites. I will give it as a possession, so that
the Ammonites will not be remembered among
the nations.
11 I will execute judgments against Moab, and
they will know that I am the LORD.’
12 This is what the Lord GOD says: ‘Because
Edom acted in vengeance against the house of
Judah and became gravely guilty by taking
vengeance on them,
13 therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
will stretch out my hand against Edom and cut
off people and animals from it. I will make it a
desolation from Teman to Dedan. They will fall
by the sword.
14 I will put my vengeance against Edom into
the hands of my people Israel. They will deal
with Edom according to my anger and my
wrath, and they will know my vengeance,
declares the Lord GOD.’
15 This is what the Lord GOD says: ‘Because
the Philistines acted in vengeance and took
revenge with contempt in their souls, destroying
out of enduring hostility,
16 therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
will stretch out my hand against the Philistines,

cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant
of the seacoast.
17 I will execute great acts of vengeance
against them with wrathful rebukes. They will
know that I am the LORD when I lay my
vengeance upon them.' "

26

1 In the eleventh year, on the first day of the
month, the word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, because Tyre said about
Jerusalem, 'Aha! The gates of the peoples are
broken! She has turned to me. I will be filled,
for she is laid waste,'
3 therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
am against you, Tyre. I will bring many nations
up against you, as the sea brings up its waves.
4 They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear
down her towers. I will scrape her dust from
her and make her bare rock.
5 She will be a place for spreading nets in the
midst of the sea, for I have spoken, declares the
Lord GOD. She will become plunder for the
nations.
6 Her daughter towns in the countryside will
be put to the sword. Then they will know that I
am the LORD.
7 For this is what the Lord GOD says: I will
bring Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king
of kings, against Tyre from the north, with
horses, chariots, horsemen, an assembly, and
many people.
8 He will put your daughter towns in the
countryside to the sword. He will set up siege

works against you, pile up a siege ramp against you, and raise a large shield against you.
9 He will direct the blows of his battering ram against your walls and tear down your towers with his swords.
10 The dust of his many horses will cover you. Your walls will shake at the sound of horsemen, wheels, and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a breached city.
11 With the hooves of his horses he will trample all your streets. He will kill your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground.
12 They will plunder your wealth, loot your merchandise, tear down your walls, and demolish your beautiful houses. They will put your stones, timber, and dust into the water.
13 I will put an end to the noise of your songs, and the sound of your lyres will no longer be heard.
14 I will make you bare rock, a place for spreading nets. You will never be rebuilt, for I, the LORD, have spoken, declares the Lord GOD.
15 This is what the Lord GOD says to Tyre: Will not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan and slaughter is carried out within you?
16 All the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, remove their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling, sit on the ground, tremble at every moment, and be appalled at you.

17 They will take up a lament over you and say
to you, ‘How you have perished, you who were
inhabited by seafarers, renowned city that was
strong on the sea! She and her inhabitants
spread their terror to all her inhabitants.
18 Now the islands will tremble on the day of
your fall; the islands in the sea will be terrified
at your passing.’
19 For this is what the Lord GOD says: When I
make you a devastated city, like cities no longer
inhabited, when I bring the deep up over you
and the great waters cover you,
20 I will bring you down with those who
descend to the pit, to the people of long ago. I
will make you dwell in the depths of the earth,
like ruins of old, with those who descend to the
pit, so that you will not be inhabited. And I will
set splendor in the land of the living.
21 I will make you a terror, and you will be no
more. Though you are sought, you will never be
found again, declares the Lord GOD.”

27

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 “As for you, son of man, take up a lament
over Tyre.
3 Say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrances to
the sea, merchant of the peoples to many
coastlands, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:
Tyre, you said, “I am perfect in beauty.”
4 Your borders are in the heart of the seas.
Your builders perfected your beauty.

5 They made all your planks of cypress from
Senir.
They took a cedar from Lebanon to make a
mast for you.
6 They made your oars of oak from Bashan.
A company of Ashurites made your deck of
ivory from the coastlands of Kittim.
7 Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was your
sail, serving as your banner.
Blue and purple from the coastlands of
Elishah were your awning.
8 The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your
rowers.
Your wise men, Tyre, were in you;
they were your pilots.
9 The elders of Gebal and its wise men were in
you, repairing your seams.
All the ships of the sea and their sailors
were in you to trade your merchandise.
10 Persia, Lud, and Put were in your army,
your men of war. They hung shields and helmets
in you; they gave you splendor.
11 The men of Arvad and your army were on
your walls all around, and the Gammadites were
in your towers. They hung their shields on your
walls all around; they perfected your beauty.
12 Tarshish traded with you because of your
abundant wealth of every kind. They gave silver,
iron, tin, and lead in exchange for your wares.
13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your
traders. They gave human beings and copper
vessels in exchange for your merchandise.

14 Those of the house of Togarmah gave horses,
steeds, and mules in exchange for your wares.
15 The men of Dedan were your traders. Many
coastlands were your customers; they brought
ivory tusks and ebony as your payment.
16 Aram traded with you because of your
many products. They gave emeralds, purple
cloth, embroidery, fine linen, coral, and agate in
exchange for your wares.
17 Judah and the land of Israel were your
traders. They gave wheat from Minnith, pannag,
honey, oil, and balm in exchange for your
merchandise.
18 Damascus traded with you because of your
many products and your abundant wealth of
every kind, bringing wine from Helbon and
white wool.
19 Dan and Javan from Uzal traded for your
wares. Wrought iron, cassia, and aromatic cane
were among your merchandise.
20 Dedan traded with you in saddle blankets.
21 Arabia and all the princes of Kedar were
your customers. They traded with you in lambs,
rams, and male goats; in these they were your
traders.
22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah were
your traders. They gave the finest spices of
every kind, all kinds of precious stones, and gold
in exchange for your wares.
23 Haran, Canneh, Eden, the merchants of
Sheba, Assyria, and Kilmad were your traders.
24 They traded with you in splendid garments,
blue and embroidered cloaks, and chests of

multicolored cloth, bound with cords and firmly
secured, among your merchandise.
25 The ships of Tarshish carried your
merchandise. You were filled and grew very
heavy in the heart of the seas.
26 Your rowers brought you into great waters.
The east wind wrecked you in the heart of
the seas.
27 Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise,
your sailors and pilots, those who repair
your seams, those who trade your
merchandise, all your men of war in you,
and all the company within you will fall
into the heart of the seas on the day of
your fall.
28 The pasturelands will shake at the sound of
your pilots' cry.
29 All who handle the oar will come down from
their ships.
The sailors and all the pilots of the sea will
stand on the land.
30 They will raise their voices over you and cry
out bitterly.
They will throw dust on their heads and roll
in ashes.
31 They will shave their heads for you and put
on sackcloth.
They will weep over you with bitterness of
soul, with bitter mourning.
32 In their wailing they will take up a lament
over you and lament for you: "Who is like
Tyre, silenced in the midst of the sea?

33 When your wares went out over the seas, you
satisfied many peoples.
With your abundant wealth and
merchandise you enriched the kings of
the earth.
34 When you were wrecked by the seas in the
depths of the waters, your merchandise
and all your company fell within you.
35 All the inhabitants of the coastlands are
appalled at you.
Their kings shudder with terror, their faces
troubled.
36 The merchants among the peoples hiss at you.
You have become a terror, and you are gone
forever.” ’ ”

28

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 “Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, ‘This is
what the Lord GOD says:
Because your heart has grown proud and you
have said, “I am a god;
I sit in the seat of gods, in the heart of the
seas,” though you are a man and not a
god, you have made your heart like the
heart of a god.
3 Look, you are wiser than Daniel!
No secret is hidden from you.
4 By your wisdom and understanding you have
acquired wealth for yourself and
accumulated gold and silver in your
treasuries.

5 By your great wisdom in trade you have
multiplied your wealth, and your heart
has grown proud because of your wealth.

6 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you have made your heart like
the heart of a god,
7 I will bring foreigners against you, the most
ruthless of the nations.
They will draw their swords against the
beauty of your wisdom and profane your
splendor.
8 They will bring you down to the pit, and you
will die the deaths of the slain in the heart
of the seas.
9 Will you still say, “I am a god,” before the one
who kills you?
You are a man and not a god in the hands of
those who pierce you.
10 You will die the deaths of the uncircumcised
at the hands of foreigners, for I have
spoken, declares the Lord GOD.’ ”
11 The word of the LORD came to me:
12 “Son of man, take up a lament over the king
of Tyre and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord
GOD says:
You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom
and perfect in beauty.
13 You were in Eden, the garden of God.
Every precious stone was your covering:
carnelian, topaz, and diamond;
beryl, onyx, and jasper;
sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle, and gold.

The workmanship of your tambourines and
pipes was within you;
they were prepared on the day you were
created.
14 You were an anointed guardian cherub, and I
appointed you.
You were on the holy mountain of God;
you walked among stones of fire.
15 You were blameless in your ways from the
day you were created until injustice was
found in you.
16 Through your abundant trade they filled your
midst with violence, and you sinned.
So I banished you as profane from the
mountain of God and destroyed you,
guardian cherub, from among the stones
of fire.
17 Your heart grew proud because of your
beauty.
You corrupted your wisdom because of your
splendor.
I cast you to the ground and set you before
kings for them to look at you.
18 By your many iniquities and the injustice of
your trade, you profaned your
sanctuaries.
I brought fire out from within you, and it
consumed you.
I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the
sight of all who saw you.
19 All who know you among the peoples are
appalled at you.

You have become a terror, and you are gone
forever.' "
20 The word of the LORD came to me:
21 "Son of man, set your face against Sidon and
prophesy against her.
22 Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: I am
against you, Sidon, and I will be glorified within
you. They will know that I am the LORD when I
execute judgments within her and show my
holiness in her.
23 I will send pestilence upon her and blood
into her streets. The wounded will be judged
within her by the sword against her from every
side. Then they will know that I am the LORD.
24 There will no longer be a tearing brier or a
painful thorn for the house of Israel from any of
those around them who despise them. Then
they will know that I am the Lord GOD.
25 This is what the Lord GOD says: When I
gather the house of Israel from the peoples
among whom they have been scattered and
show my holiness in them in the sight of the
nations, they will live in their own land, which I
gave to my servant Jacob.
26 They will live securely in it, build houses,
and plant vineyards. They will live securely
when I execute judgments against all those
around them who despise them. Then they will
know that I am the LORD their God.' "

29

1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the
twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD
came to me:

2 “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh
king of Egypt and prophesy against him and
against all Egypt.
3 Speak and say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD
says: I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt,
the great monster lying among his rivers, who
has said, “My Nile is mine, and I made myself.”
4 I will put hooks in your jaws and make the
fish of your rivers cling to your scales. I will
bring you up from your rivers, with all the fish
of your rivers clinging to your scales.
5 I will abandon you in the wilderness, you
and all the fish of your rivers. You will fall in the
open field and will not be gathered or collected.
I have given you as food to the beasts of the
earth and the birds of the heavens.
6 All the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I
am the LORD, because they have been a reed
staff for the house of Israel.
7 When they grasped you in the hand, you
splintered and tore all their shoulders. When
they leaned on you, you broke and made them
all straighten their backs.
8 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
will bring a sword against you and cut off
people and animals from you.
9 The land of Egypt will become a desolation
and a waste, and they will know that I am the
LORD. Because he said, “The Nile is mine, and I
made it,”
10 therefore I am against you and your rivers.
I will make the land of Egypt utterly ruined and
desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far as the

border of Cush.
11 No human foot will pass through it, and no
animal foot will pass through it. It will not be
inhabited for forty years.
12 I will make the land of Egypt a desolation
among desolate lands, and its cities will be
desolate among ruined cities for forty years. I
will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and
disperse them among the countries.
13 For this is what the Lord GOD says: At the
end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians
from the peoples among whom they were
scattered.
14 I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring
them back to the land of Pathros, to the land of
their origin. There they will be a lowly kingdom.
15 It will be the lowliest of kingdoms and will
no longer exalt itself over the nations. I will
diminish them so that they will no longer rule
over the nations.
16 It will no longer be a source of confidence
for the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to
remembrance when they turn to them. Then
they will know that I am the Lord GOD.' "
17 In the twenty-seventh year, in the first
month, on the first day of the month, the word
of the LORD came to me:
18 "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon made his army labor hard against Tyre.
Every head was made bald, and every shoulder
rubbed raw. Yet neither he nor his army
received wages from Tyre for the labor he
performed against her.

19 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
am giving the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon. He will carry off its wealth,
take its spoil, and seize its plunder. It will be the
wages for his army.
20 As payment for the labor he performed
against her, I have given him the land of Egypt,
because they worked for me, declares the Lord
GOD.
21 On that day I will make a horn sprout for
the house of Israel, and I will enable you to open
your mouth among them. Then they will know
that I am the LORD."

30

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'This is what
the Lord GOD says: Wail, "Alas for the day!"
3 For the day is near, the day of the LORD is
near. It will be a day of clouds, a time for the
nations.
4 A sword will come upon Egypt, and anguish
will be in Cush when the slain fall in Egypt, its
wealth is carried away, and its foundations are
torn down.
5 Cush, Put, Lud, all the mixed population,
Cub, and the people of the land of the covenant
will fall by the sword with them.
6 This is what the LORD says: Those who
support Egypt will fall, and the pride of its
strength will come down. From Migdol to Syene
they will fall by the sword within it, declares the
Lord GOD.

7 They will be desolate among desolate lands,
and its cities will be among ruined cities.
8 They will know that I am the LORD when I
set fire to Egypt and all its helpers are broken.
9 On that day messengers will go out from my
presence in ships to terrify secure Cush.
Anguish will come upon them on the day of
Egypt, for it is coming.

10 This is what the Lord GOD says: I will put an
end to the multitude of Egypt by the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
11 He and his people with him, the most
ruthless of the nations, will be brought in to
destroy the land. They will draw their swords
against Egypt and fill the land with the slain.
12 I will dry up the rivers and sell the land into
the hands of the wicked. I will devastate the
land and all it contains by the hand of
foreigners. I, the LORD, have spoken.

13 This is what the Lord GOD says: I will
destroy the idols and put an end to the worthless
gods in Memphis. There will no longer be a
ruler from the land of Egypt, and I will put fear
in the land of Egypt.
14 I will devastate Pathros, set fire to Zoan, and
execute judgments against Thebes.
15 I will pour out my wrath upon Sin, the
stronghold of Egypt, and cut off the multitude of
Thebes.
16 I will set fire to Egypt. Sin will writhe in
anguish, Thebes will be breached, and Memphis
will face enemies by day.

17 The young men of Aven and Pi-beseth will
fall by the sword, and these cities will go into
captivity.
18 The day will grow dark in Tahpanhes when
I break the yokes of Egypt there and the pride of
its strength ceases within it. A cloud will cover
it, and its daughter towns will go into captivity.
19 I will execute judgments against Egypt, and
they will know that I am the LORD.' "

20 In the eleventh year, in the first month, on
the seventh day of the month, the word of the
LORD came to me:
21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of
Pharaoh king of Egypt. It has not been bandaged
for healing or wrapped with a bandage to bind it
and strengthen it to grasp a sword.

22 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
am against Pharaoh king of Egypt. I will break
his arms, the strong one and the broken one,
and make the sword fall from his hand.
23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations and disperse them among the countries.
24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of
Babylon and put my sword in his hand. I will
break Pharaoh's arms, and he will groan before
him with the groans of a mortally wounded
man.
25 I will strengthen the arms of the king of
Babylon, but Pharaoh's arms will fall. They will
know that I am the LORD when I put my sword
in the hand of the king of Babylon and he
stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

26 I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations and disperse them among the countries.
Then they will know that I am the LORD."

31

1 In the eleventh year, in the third month, on
the first day of the month, the word of the LORD
came to me:
2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt
and to his multitude,
'Whom are you like in your greatness?
3 Look, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with
beautiful branches, a forest of shade, and
great height.
Its top was among the thick boughs.
4 The waters made it grow;
the deep made it tall.
The deep's rivers ran around the place
where it was planted, and the deep sent
its channels to all the trees of the field.
5 So its height rose above all the trees of the field.
Its boughs multiplied, and its branches grew
long because of the abundant waters as it
spread out.
6 All the birds of the heavens nested in its
boughs, and all the beasts of the field gave
birth beneath its branches.
All the many nations lived in its shade.
7 It was beautiful in its greatness and the length
of its branches, for its root was beside
abundant waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God could not
overshadow it.

The cypresses could not compare with its
boughs, nor the plane trees with its
branches.
No tree in the garden of God could equal its
beauty.
9 I made it beautiful with its many branches, and
all the trees of Eden in the garden of God
envied it.
10 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Because you grew tall, and it set its top among
the thick boughs and its heart grew proud of its
height,
11 I handed it over to a mighty one of the
nations, who would surely deal with it. I drove it
out because of its wickedness.
12 Foreigners, the most ruthless of the nations,
cut it down and abandoned it. Its branches fell
on the mountains and in all the valleys, and its
boughs were broken in all the ravines of the
land. All the peoples of the earth went down
from its shade and abandoned it.
13 All the birds of the heavens will dwell on its
fallen trunk, and all the beasts of the field will
be among its branches,
14 so that none of the trees by the waters will
exalt themselves in height or set their tops
among the thick boughs, and none of those that
drink water will stand proudly in their height.
For they have all been given over to death, to
the depths of the earth, among human beings,
with those who descend to the pit.
15 This is what the Lord GOD says: On the day
it went down to Sheol, I caused mourning. I
covered the deep on its account, restrained its

rivers, and held back the abundant waters. I
darkened Lebanon on its account, and all the
trees of the field fainted because of it.
16 I made the nations shake at the sound of its
fall when I brought it down to Sheol with those
who descend to the pit. All the trees of Eden, the
choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water,
were comforted in the depths of the earth.
17 They too went down with it to Sheol, to
those slain by the sword—those who were its
arm, who lived in its shade among the nations.
18 Whom are you like in glory and greatness
among the trees of Eden? You will be brought
down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the
earth. You will lie among the uncircumcised,
with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh
and all his multitude, declares the Lord GOD.' "

32

1 In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on
the first day of the month, the word of the LORD
came to me:
2 "Son of man, take up a lament over Pharaoh
king of Egypt and say to him,
'You have been likened to a young lion among
the nations, but you are like a monster in
the seas.
You burst out in your rivers, muddied the
waters with your feet, and fouled their
rivers.
3 This is what the Lord GOD says: I will spread
my net over you with an assembly of
many peoples, and they will haul you up
in my net.

4 I will abandon you on the land and throw you
into the open field.
I will make all the birds of the heavens
settle on you and satisfy the beasts of the
whole earth with you.
5 I will lay your flesh on the mountains and fill
the valleys with your bulk.
6 I will water the land where you swim with
your blood, as far as the mountains, and
the ravines will be filled with you.
7 When you are extinguished, I will cover the
heavens and darken their stars.
I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the
moon will not give its light.
8 I will darken all the shining lights of the
heavens over you and put darkness upon
your land, declares the Lord GOD.
9 I will trouble the hearts of many peoples when
I bring your ruin among the nations, into
lands you have not known.
10 I will make many peoples appalled at you, and
their kings will shudder with terror
because of you when I brandish my sword
before them.
They will tremble at every moment, each
for his own life, on the day of your fall.

11 For this is what the Lord GOD says: The sword
of the king of Babylon will come against
you.
12 By the swords of warriors—all of them the
most ruthless of the nations—I will bring
down your multitude.

They will devastate the pride of Egypt, and
all its multitude will be destroyed.
13 I will destroy all its livestock beside the
abundant waters.
No human foot will muddy them again, nor
will the hooves of livestock muddy them.
14 Then I will make their waters settle and make
their rivers flow like oil, declares the Lord
GOD.
15 When I make the land of Egypt a desolation,
and the land is stripped of all that filled it,
when I strike all who live in it, they will
know that I am the LORD.
16 This is a lament, and they will chant it. The
daughters of the nations will chant it; they will
chant it over Egypt and all its multitude,
declares the Lord GOD.' "
17 In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of
the month, the word of the LORD came to me:
18 "Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt
and bring it down, Egypt and the
daughters of mighty nations, to the depths
of the earth, with those who descend to
the pit.
19 'Whom do you surpass in beauty?
Go down and lie with the uncircumcised!'
20 They will fall among those slain by the sword.
The sword has been given.
Drag her away, her and all her multitudes!
21 The strongest warriors will speak to him from
within Sheol, with his helpers: 'They have
come down and lie uncircumcised, slain
by the sword.'

22 Assyria is there with all its company, its graves
all around it, all of them slain, fallen by
the sword.
23 Its graves were placed in the depths of the pit,
and its company is around its grave, all of
them slain, fallen by the sword, those who
spread terror in the land of the living.
24 Elam is there with all its multitude around its
grave, all of them slain, fallen by the
sword, who went down uncircumcised to
the depths of the earth.
They spread their terror in the land of the
living and bear their disgrace with those
who descend to the pit.
25 They have made a bed for it among the slain,
with all its multitude, its graves all around
it.
All of them are uncircumcised, slain by the
sword.
Because they spread their terror in the land
of the living, they bear their disgrace with
those who descend to the pit.
It has been placed among the slain.
26 Meshech and Tubal are there with all their
multitude, their graves all around them.
All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by
the sword, because they spread their
terror in the land of the living.
27 They will not lie with the fallen warriors from
among the uncircumcised who went down
to Sheol with their weapons of war and
placed their swords beneath their heads.

Their iniquities will be upon their bones, for
the terror of the warriors was in the land
of the living.
28 You too will be broken among the
uncircumcised and lie with those slain by
the sword.
29 Edom is there, its kings and all its princes,
who with all their might have been placed
with those slain by the sword.
They will lie with the uncircumcised and
with those who descend to the pit.
30 All the princes of the north and all the
Sidonians are there.
They went down with the slain, ashamed
despite the terror of their might.
They lie uncircumcised with those slain by
the sword and bear their disgrace with
those who descend to the pit.
31 Pharaoh will see them and be comforted
concerning all his multitude—Pharaoh
and all his army, slain by the sword,
declares the Lord GOD.
32 For I have spread my terror in the land of the
living, and he will be laid among the
uncircumcised, with those slain by the
sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude,
declares the Lord GOD.”

33

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 “Son of man, speak to your people and tell
them, ‘If I bring a sword against a land, and the
people of that land choose a man from among
them and appoint him as their watchman,

3 and he sees the sword coming against the
land and blows the trumpet to warn the people,
4 then if anyone hears the sound of the
trumpet but does not heed the warning, and the
sword comes and takes him away, his blood will
be upon his own head.
5 He heard the sound of the trumpet but did
not heed the warning; his blood will be upon
him. If he had heeded the warning, he would
have saved his life.
6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming
and does not blow the trumpet, so that the
people are not warned, and the sword comes
and takes someone from among them, that
person is taken away in his iniquity, but I will
hold the watchman responsible for his blood.'

7 As for you, son of man, I have appointed you
a watchman for the house of Israel. Hear the
word from my mouth and warn them from me.
8 When I say to a wicked man, 'Wicked man,
you will surely die,' and you do not speak to
warn him to turn from his way, that wicked man
will die in his iniquity, but I will hold you
responsible for his blood.
9 But if you warn a wicked man to turn from
his way and he does not turn from his way, he
will die in his iniquity, but you will have saved
your life.

10 As for you, son of man, say to the house of
Israel, 'This is what you have said: "Our
transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we
are wasting away in them. How can we live?" '

11 Tell them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I
take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but
rather that the wicked turn from his way and
live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! Why will
you die, house of Israel?’

12 As for you, son of man, tell your people, ‘The
righteousness of the righteous man will not save
him on the day of his transgression. The
wickedness of the wicked man will not make
him stumble on the day he turns from his
wickedness. The righteous man will not be able
to live by his righteousness on the day he sins.
13 When I tell a righteous man that he will
surely live, but he trusts in his righteousness
and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds
will be remembered. He will die because of the
injustice he has done.
14 When I say to a wicked man, “You will
surely die," but he turns from his sin and
practices justice and righteousness,
15 returns a pledge, restores what he has
stolen, and follows the statutes of life without
doing injustice, he will surely live; he will not
die.
16 None of the sins he has committed will be
remembered against him. He has practiced
justice and righteousness; he will surely live.’
17 Yet your people say, ‘The Lord’s way is not
fair.’ It is their own way that is not fair.
18 When a righteous man turns from his
righteousness and does injustice, he will die
because of these things.
19 When a wicked man turns from his

wickedness and practices justice and
righteousness, he will live because of these
things.
20 Yet you say, ‘The Lord’s way is not fair.’ I will
judge you, house of Israel, each according to his
ways.”
21 In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth
month, on the fifth day of the month, a survivor
from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city
has been struck down.”
22 The hand of the LORD had been upon me
the evening before the survivor arrived. He had
opened my mouth by the time the man came to
me in the morning. My mouth was opened, and
I was no longer mute.
23 The word of the LORD came to me:
24 “Son of man, those who live among these
ruins in the land of Israel are saying, ‘Abraham
was only one man, yet he possessed the land.
We are many; the land has been given to us as a
possession.’
25 Therefore tell them, ‘This is what the Lord
GOD says: You eat with blood, lift your eyes to
your idols, and shed blood. Will you possess the
land?
26 You rely on your sword and commit
abominations, and each of you defiles his
neighbor’s wife. Will you possess the land?’
27 Say this to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD
says: As I live, those among the ruins will fall by
the sword. I will give anyone in the open field to
the beasts to be devoured, and those in
strongholds and caves will die of pestilence.

28 I will make the land a desolation and a
devastation, and the pride of its strength will
cease. The mountains of Israel will be desolate,
with no one passing through.
29 They will know that I am the LORD when I
make the land a desolation and a devastation
because of all the abominations they have
committed.'
30 As for you, son of man, your people are
talking about you beside the walls and at the
entrances of the houses. They say to one
another, each to his brother, 'Come now and
hear what word comes from the LORD.'
31 They come to you as a crowd gathers, and
my people sit before you. They hear your words
but do not carry them out, for they show love
with their mouths, but their heart follows their
dishonest gain.
32 To them you are like a love song of someone
with a beautiful voice who plays skillfully. They
hear your words but do not carry them out.
33 When it comes—and it is coming—they will
know that a prophet has been among them."

34

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds
of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, to the
shepherds, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: Woe
to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves!
Should not shepherds feed the flock?
3 You eat the fat, clothe yourselves with the
wool, and slaughter the fattened sheep, but you
do not feed the flock.

4 You have not strengthened the weak, healed
the sick, bound up the broken, brought back the
driven away, or sought the lost. You have ruled
them with force and cruelty.
5 They were scattered for lack of a shepherd
and became food for all the beasts of the field.
They were scattered!
6 My sheep wander over all the mountains and
every high hill. My sheep have been scattered
over the whole face of the earth, with no one
searching or seeking them.
7 Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the
LORD.
8 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, because my
sheep have become plunder and food for all the
beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and
because my shepherds have not searched for my
sheep but have fed themselves instead of
feeding my sheep,
9 therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the
LORD.
10 This is what the Lord GOD says: I am
against the shepherds. I will demand my sheep
from their hands and put an end to their
tending the flock. The shepherds will no longer
feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from
their mouths, and they will no longer be food for
them.
11 For this is what the Lord GOD says: I myself
will search for my sheep and look after them.
12 As a shepherd looks after his flock when he
is among his scattered sheep, so I will look after
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places

where they were scattered on a day of clouds
and thick darkness.
13 I will bring them out from the peoples,
gather them from the countries, and bring them
to their own land. I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, in the ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the land.
14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their
dwelling will be on the high mountains of Israel.
There they will lie down in a good dwelling and
graze in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will feed my sheep, and I myself
will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.
16 I will seek the lost, bring back the driven
away, bind up the broken, and strengthen the
sick. But I will destroy the fat and the strong. I
will feed them with justice.
17 As for you, my sheep, this is what the Lord
GOD says: I will judge between one sheep and
another, between rams and male goats.
18 Is it not enough for you to graze in the good
pasture? Must you trample the rest of your
pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you
to drink clear water? Must you muddy the rest
with your feet?
19 My sheep graze on what your feet have
trampled and drink what your feet have
muddied.
20 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says to
them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep.
21 Because you push with side and shoulder
and thrust with your horns at all the weak until

you have scattered them outside,
22 I will save my sheep, and they will no longer
be plunder. I will judge between one sheep and
another.
23 I will appoint one shepherd over them to
feed them, my servant David. He will feed them
and be their shepherd.
24 I, the LORD, will be their God, and my
servant David will be a prince among them. I,
the LORD, have spoken.
25 I will make a covenant of peace with them
and put an end to wild beasts in the land. They
will live securely in the wilderness and sleep in
the forests.
26 I will make them and the places around my
hill a blessing. I will send down rain in its
season; there will be showers of blessing.
27 The trees of the field will yield their fruit,
and the land will yield its produce. They will be
secure on their own land and know that I am
the LORD when I break the bars of their yoke
and rescue them from the hands of those who
enslave them.
28 They will no longer be plunder for the
nations, and the beasts of the earth will not
devour them. They will live securely, with no
one to make them afraid.
29 I will establish for them a planting of
renown. They will no longer be consumed by
famine in the land or bear the disgrace of the
nations.
30 They will know that I, the LORD their God,
am with them, and that they, the house of Israel,
are my people, declares the Lord GOD.

31 You, my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are
human beings, and I am your God, declares the
Lord GOD.' "

35

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir
and prophesy against it.
3 Say to it, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: I
am against you, Mount Seir. I will stretch out my
hand against you and make you a desolation
and a devastation.
4 I will lay your cities waste, and you will be
desolate. Then you will know that I am the
LORD.
5 Because you maintained enduring hostility
and delivered the people of Israel to the power
of the sword at the time of their calamity, the
time of final punishment,
6 therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I
will destine you for bloodshed, and bloodshed
will pursue you. Because you did not hate
bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you.
7 I will make Mount Seir a desolation and a
devastation and cut off from it anyone coming
or going.
8 I will fill its mountains with its slain. On
your hills, in your valleys, and in all your
ravines, those slain by the sword will fall.
9 I will make you a perpetual desolation, and
your cities will not be restored. Then you will
know that I am the LORD.

10 Because you said, “These two nations and
these two lands will be mine, and we will take
possession of it,” though the LORD was there,
11 therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I
will deal with you according to the anger and
jealousy you showed in your hatred of them. I
will make myself known among them when I
judge you.
12 You will know that I, the LORD, have heard
all the insults you spoke against the mountains
of Israel, saying, “They are desolate; they have
been given to us to devour.”
13 You have boasted against me with your
mouths and multiplied your words against me. I
have heard.
14 This is what the Lord GOD says: While the
whole earth rejoices, I will make you a
desolation.
15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the
house of Israel because it was desolate, so I will
deal with you. You will be desolate, Mount Seir
and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that
I am the LORD.’ ”

36

1 “As for you, son of man, prophesy to the
mountains of Israel and say: Mountains of
Israel, hear the word of the LORD.
2 This is what the Lord GOD says: Because the
enemy said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights
have become our possession,’
3 therefore prophesy and say: This is what the
Lord GOD says: Because, yes, because they
devastated you and swallowed you up from

every side, so that you became a possession of
the remaining nations and a subject of gossip
and slander among the people,
4 therefore, mountains of Israel, hear the word
of the Lord GOD. This is what the Lord GOD says
to the mountains and hills, the ravines and
valleys, the desolate ruins and abandoned cities
that have become plunder and mockery to the
remaining nations around you:
5 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Surely I have spoken in the fire of my jealousy
against the remaining nations and all Edom,
who made my land their possession with
wholehearted joy and contempt in their souls, to
plunder its pasturelands.
6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of
Israel and say to the mountains and hills, the
ravines and valleys: This is what the Lord GOD
says: I have spoken in my jealousy and wrath
because you have borne the disgrace of the
nations.
7 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: I
have raised my hand: Surely the nations around
you will bear their own disgrace.
8 But you, mountains of Israel, will put out
your branches and bear your fruit for my people
Israel, for they will soon come.
9 For I am for you. I will turn toward you, and
you will be tilled and sown.
10 I will multiply people upon you, the entire
house of Israel, all of it. The cities will be
inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.
11 I will multiply people and animals upon

you, and they will multiply and be fruitful. I will
make you inhabited as before and do more good
to you than at your beginnings. Then you will
know that I am the LORD.
12 I will make people walk upon you, my
people Israel. They will possess you, and you
will be their inheritance. You will never again
bereave them.
13 This is what the Lord GOD says: Because
they say to you, 'You devour people and have
bereaved your nations,'
14 therefore you will no longer devour people
or bereave your nations, declares the Lord GOD.
15 I will no longer let you hear the insults of
the nations. You will no longer bear the
reproach of the peoples or make your nations
stumble, declares the Lord GOD."
16 The word of the LORD came to me:
17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived
on their own land, they defiled it by their ways
and their deeds. Their way before me was like
the uncleanness of a menstruating woman.
18 So I poured out my wrath upon them
because of the blood they had shed on the land
and because they had defiled it with their idols.
19 I scattered them among the nations, and
they were dispersed among the countries. I
judged them according to their ways and their
deeds.
20 When they came to the nations where they
went, they profaned my holy name, for it was
said of them, 'These are the LORD's people, yet
they have gone out of his land.'

21 But I had concern for my holy name, which
the house of Israel had profaned among the
nations where they went.
22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is
what the Lord GOD says: I am not acting for
your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name,
which you have profaned among the nations
where you went.
23 I will show the holiness of my great name,
profaned among the nations, which you have
profaned in their midst. The nations will know
that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD,
when I show my holiness in you before their
eyes.
24 I will take you from the nations, gather you
from all the countries, and bring you to your
own land.
25 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and
you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all
your uncleanness and all your idols.
26 I will give you a new heart and put a new
spirit within you. I will remove the heart of
stone from your flesh and give you a heart of
flesh.
27 I will put my Spirit within you and cause
you to follow my statutes. You will keep my
ordinances and carry them out.
28 You will live in the land I gave to your
fathers. You will be my people, and I will be
your God.
29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I
will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will
not bring famine upon you.

30 I will multiply the fruit of the trees and the
produce of the field, so that you will no longer
bear the reproach of famine among the nations.
31 You will remember your evil ways and your
deeds that were not good, and you will loathe
yourselves in your own sight because of your
iniquities and your abominations.
32 I am not acting for your sake, declares the
Lord GOD. Let that be known to you. Be
ashamed and disgraced because of your ways,
house of Israel.

33 This is what the Lord GOD says: On the day
I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will
make the cities inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.
34 The desolate land will be cultivated instead
of lying desolate in the sight of everyone who
passes by.
35 They will say, “This land that was desolate
has become like the garden of Eden, and the
ruined, desolate, and demolished cities are
fortified and inhabited.”
36 The nations remaining around you will
know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt what was
demolished and planted what was desolate. I,
the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

37 This is what the Lord GOD says: I will also
let the house of Israel ask me to do this for them:
I will multiply their people like a flock.
38 Like consecrated flocks, like the flocks of
Jerusalem at its appointed festivals, so the
ruined cities will be filled with flocks of people.
Then they will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

37

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He
brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set
me in the middle of the valley, which was full of
bones.
2 He led me around among them on every
side. There were very many on the surface of
the valley, and they were very dry.
3 He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones
live?” I said, “Lord GOD, you know.”
4 He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones
and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of
the LORD.
5 This is what the Lord GOD says to these
bones: I will bring breath into you, and you will
live.
6 I will put tendons on you, bring flesh upon
you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath
in you, and you will live. Then you will know
that I am the LORD.’ ”
7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded.
As I prophesied, there was a sound, a shaking,
and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
8 I looked, and there were tendons upon them,
flesh had grown, and skin covered them, but
there was no breath in them.
9 He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath.
Prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath,
‘This is what the Lord GOD says: Come from the
four winds, breath, and breathe into these slain,
so that they may live.’ ”
10 So I prophesied as he commanded me. The
breath entered them, and they lived and stood
on their feet, a very, very great army.

11 He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are
the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones
are dried up, and our hope is lost. We are cut off
completely.’
12 Therefore prophesy and tell them, ‘This is
what the Lord GOD says: I will open your graves
and bring you up from your graves, my people,
and bring you into the land of Israel.
13 You will know that I am the LORD when I
open your graves and bring you up from your
graves, my people.
14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live.
I will settle you on your own land. Then you will
know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,
declares the LORD.’ ”
15 The word of the LORD came to me:
16 “As for you, son of man, take one stick and
write on it, ‘For Judah and the people of Israel,
his companions.’ Then take another stick and
write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and
all the house of Israel, his companions.’
17 Join them to each other into one stick, so
that they become one in your hand.
18 When your people ask you, ‘Will you not tell
us what these things mean to you?’
19 tell them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: I
will take the stick of Joseph that is in Ephraim’s
hand and the tribes of Israel, his companions,
and put them together with the stick of Judah. I
will make them one stick, and they will be one
in my hand.’
20 The sticks on which you write are to be in
your hand before their eyes.

21 Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD
says: I will take the people of Israel from among
the nations where they have gone, gather them
from all around, and bring them to their own
land.
22 I will make them one nation in the land, on
the mountains of Israel, and one king will be
king over all of them. They will no longer be two
nations or ever again be divided into two
kingdoms.
23 They will no longer defile themselves with
their idols, their detestable things, or any of
their transgressions. I will save them from all
their dwelling places where they have sinned
and cleanse them. They will be my people, and I
will be their God.
24 My servant David will be king over them,
and they will all have one shepherd. They will
follow my ordinances, keep my statutes, and
carry them out.
25 They will live on the land I gave to my
servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They,
their children, and their children’s children will
live on it forever, and my servant David will be
their prince forever.
26 I will make a covenant of peace with them.
It will be an everlasting covenant with them. I
will establish them and multiply them, and I will
put my sanctuary among them forever.
27 My dwelling will be over them. I will be
their God, and they will be my people.
28 The nations will know that I, the LORD,
sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among

them forever.' "

38

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the
land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and
Tubal, and prophesy against him.
3 Say: This is what the Lord GOD says: I am
against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and
Tubal.
4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your
jaws, and bring you out with your whole army:
horses and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a
great assembly with large and small shields, all
wielding swords.
5 Persia, Cush, and Put will be with them, all
with shields and helmets;
6 Gomer with all its troops, and the house of
Togarmah from the farthest north with all its
troops—many peoples will be with you.
7 Prepare yourself and be ready, you and your
whole assembly gathered around you, and be a
guard for them.
8 After many days you will be summoned. In
the latter years you will come to a land restored
from the sword, whose people have been
gathered from many peoples, to the mountains
of Israel that had long been a wasteland. Its
people have been brought out from the peoples,
and all of them live securely.
9 You will advance, coming like a storm. You
will be like a cloud covering the land, you and
all your troops and many peoples with you.

10 This is what the Lord GOD says: On that day
thoughts will arise in your heart, and you will
devise an evil plan.
11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of
unwalled villages. I will attack peaceful people
who live securely, all living without walls and
having neither bars nor gates.'
12 You will do this to take spoil and seize
plunder, to turn your hand against inhabited
ruins and against a people gathered from the
nations, acquiring livestock and property, who
live at the center of the earth.
13 Sheba and Dedan, the merchants of
Tarshish and all its young lions, will say to you,
'Have you come to take spoil? Have you
gathered your assembly to seize plunder, to
carry off silver and gold, to take livestock and
property, to take great spoil?'
14 Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to
Gog: This is what the Lord GOD says: On that
day, when my people Israel live securely, will
you not know it?
15 You will come from your place in the
farthest north, you and many peoples with you,
all riding horses, a great assembly and a mighty
army.
16 You will advance against my people Israel
like a cloud covering the land. This will happen
in the latter days. I will bring you against my
land so that the nations may know me when I
show my holiness through you before their eyes,
Gog.
17 This is what the Lord GOD says: Are you the

one I spoke of in former days through my servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that I would bring you against them?

18 On that day, the day Gog comes against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my fury will flare up.
19 In my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath I have spoken: Surely on that day there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.
20 The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, every creeping thing that creeps on the ground, and every human being on the face of the earth will tremble before me. The mountains will be thrown down, the cliffs will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground.
21 I will summon a sword against him throughout all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Each man's sword will be against his brother.
22 I will enter into judgment with him through pestilence and bloodshed. I will rain torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and sulfur on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples with him.
23 I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

39

1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say: This is what the Lord GOD says: I am

against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.
2 I will turn you around and lead you on. I will bring you up from the farthest north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.
3 I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows fall from your right hand.
4 You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples with you. I will give you as food to birds of prey of every kind and to the beasts of the field.
5 You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Lord GOD.
6 I will send fire on Magog and on those who live securely in the coastlands. Then they will know that I am the LORD.
7 I will make my holy name known among my people Israel and will no longer let my holy name be profaned. The nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.
8 Look, it is coming, and it will happen, declares the Lord GOD. This is the day I have spoken of.
9 The inhabitants of Israel's cities will go out and kindle fires with the weapons, burning small and large shields, bows and arrows, clubs and spears. They will make fires with them for seven years.
10 They will not gather wood from the fields or cut it from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons. They will despoil those who despoiled them and plunder those who plundered them, declares the Lord GOD.

11 On that day I will give Gog a burial place
there in Israel: the valley of the travelers, east of
the sea. It will block the travelers' way. There
they will bury Gog and all his multitude and call
it the Valley of Hamon-gog.
12 The house of Israel will bury them for seven
months to cleanse the land.
13 All the people of the land will bury them,
and this will bring them renown on the day I
show my glory, declares the Lord GOD.
14 They will set apart men for continual duty,
passing through the land to bury the travelers,
those remaining on the surface of the land, to
cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will
make a search.
15 As the travelers pass through the land,
whenever someone sees a human bone, he will
set up a marker beside it until the buriers bury
it in the Valley of Hamon-gog.
16 The name of the city will also be Hamonah.
Thus they will cleanse the land.
17 And you, son of man, this is what the Lord
GOD says: Say to birds of every kind and to all
the beasts of the field: 'Gather and come!
Assemble from all around for the sacrifice I am
offering for you, a great sacrifice on the
mountains of Israel. You will eat flesh and drink
blood.
18 You will eat the flesh of mighty warriors
and drink the blood of the princes of the earth:
rams, lambs, male goats, and bulls, all fattened
animals of Bashan.
19 You will eat fat until you are full and drink
blood until you are drunk, from the sacrifice I

have offered for you.
20 At my table you will be filled with horses
and riders, mighty warriors and every man of
war, declares the Lord GOD.'
21 I will set my glory among the nations. All
the nations will see the judgment I have carried
out and the hand I have laid on them.
22 From that day onward the house of Israel
will know that I am the LORD their God.
23 The nations will know that the house of
Israel went into exile because of their iniquity,
because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my
face from them and gave them into the hands of
their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword.
24 I dealt with them according to their
uncleanness and their transgressions, and I hid
my face from them.

25 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and
have compassion on the whole house of Israel,
and I will be zealous for my holy name.
26 They will bear their shame and all the
unfaithfulness with which they were unfaithful
to me, when they live securely on their land
with no one to make them afraid.
27 When I bring them back from the peoples
and gather them from the lands of their
enemies, I will show my holiness through them
in the sight of many nations.
28 They will know that I am the LORD their
God, for I sent them into exile among the
nations and will gather them onto their own
land, leaving none of them there any longer.

29 I will no longer hide my face from them, for
I will have poured out my Spirit on the house of
Israel, declares the Lord GOD."

40

1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the
beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the
month, in the fourteenth year after the city was
struck down, on that very day the hand of the
LORD was upon me, and he brought me there.
2 In visions of God he brought me to the land
of Israel and set me on a very high mountain.
On it, toward the south, was something like the
structure of a city.
3 He brought me there, and I saw a man whose
appearance was like bronze. He had a linen
cord and a measuring rod in his hand, and he
was standing in the gateway.
4 The man said to me, "Son of man, look with
your eyes, listen with your ears, and pay
attention to everything I show you, for you have
been brought here so that I may show it to you.
Tell the house of Israel everything you see."
5 There was a wall outside the temple, all
around it. The measuring rod in the man's hand
was six cubits long—about ten and a half
feet—using a cubit that was a cubit plus a
handbreadth. He measured the thickness of the
wall: about ten and a half feet, and its height:
about ten and a half feet.
6 Then he came to the gateway facing east and
went up its steps. He measured the threshold of
the gateway: about ten and a half feet wide, and

the other threshold: about ten and a half feet
wide.
7 Each chamber was about ten and a half feet
long and ten and a half feet wide, with about
eight feet nine inches between the chambers.
The threshold of the gateway beside the
vestibule, on the temple side, was about ten and
a half feet.
8 He measured the vestibule of the gateway on
the temple side: about ten and a half feet.
9 He measured the vestibule of the gateway:
about fourteen feet, and its gateposts: about
three and a half feet. The vestibule of the
gateway was on the temple side.
10 The east-facing gateway had three chambers
on one side and three on the other. All three had
the same measurements, and the gateposts on
either side had the same measurements.
11 He measured the width of the gateway
opening: about seventeen and a half feet, and
the length of the gateway: about twenty-two feet
nine inches.
12 There was a barrier of about twenty-one
inches in front of the chambers on one side, and
a barrier of about twenty-one inches on the
other. Each chamber was about ten and a half
feet on either side.
13 He measured the gateway from the roof of
one chamber to the roof of the other: about
forty-three feet nine inches wide, with opening
opposite opening.
14 He determined the measurement of the
gateposts: about one hundred five feet. The
courtyard extended to the gatepost all around
the gateway.

15 From the front of the entrance gateway to
the front of the inner vestibule of the gateway
was about eighty-seven and a half feet.
16 The chambers and their gateposts had
narrow windows facing inward all around the
gateway, and so did the vestibules. There were
windows facing inward all around, and palm
trees on the gateposts.
17 Then he brought me into the outer court.
There were rooms and a pavement built all
around the court, with thirty rooms along the
pavement.
18 The pavement ran beside the gateways,
corresponding to the length of the gateways.
This was the lower pavement.
19 He measured the width from the front of
the lower gateway to the outside front of the
inner court: about one hundred seventy-five
feet, on the east and on the north.
20 He measured the length and width of the
gateway of the outer court that faced north.
21 It had three chambers on one side and three
on the other. Its gateposts and vestibules had the
same measurements as the first gateway: about
eighty-seven and a half feet long and forty-three
feet nine inches wide.
22 Its windows, vestibules, and palm trees had
the same measurements as those of the
east-facing gateway. Seven steps led up to it, and
its vestibules were in front of them.
23 A gateway to the inner court stood opposite
the gateway on the north and on the east. He
measured from gateway to gateway: about one

hundred seventy-five feet.

24 He led me toward the south, and there was
a gateway facing south. He measured its
gateposts and vestibules, which had the same
measurements.

25 The gateway and its vestibules had windows
all around like the other windows. It was about
eighty-seven and a half feet long and forty-three
feet nine inches wide.

26 Seven steps led up to it, and its vestibules
were in front of them. It had palm trees on its
gateposts, one on either side.

27 There was a gateway to the inner court
facing south. He measured from gateway to
gateway toward the south: about one hundred
seventy-five feet.

28 Then he brought me into the inner court
through the south gateway and measured the
south gateway. It had the same measurements.

29 Its chambers, gateposts, and vestibules had
the same measurements. The gateway and its
vestibules had windows all around. It was about
eighty-seven and a half feet long and forty-three
feet nine inches wide.

30 There were vestibules all around, about
forty-three feet nine inches long and eight feet
nine inches wide.

31 Its vestibules faced the outer court, with
palm trees on its gateposts. Eight steps led up to
it.

32 He brought me into the inner court toward
the east and measured the gateway. It had the
same measurements.

33 Its chambers, gateposts, and vestibules had

the same measurements. The gateway and its vestibules had windows all around. It was about eighty-seven and a half feet long and forty-three feet nine inches wide.
34 Its vestibules faced the outer court, with palm trees on its gateposts on either side. Eight steps led up to it.
35 He brought me to the north gateway and measured it. It had the same measurements:
36 its chambers, gateposts, and vestibules, with windows all around. It was about eighty-seven and a half feet long and forty-three feet nine inches wide.
37 Its gateposts faced the outer court, with palm trees on its gateposts on either side. Eight steps led up to it.
38 There was a room with its entrance by the gateposts of the gateways. There they washed the burnt offering.
39 In the vestibule of the gateway were two tables on one side and two tables on the other, on which to slaughter the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.
40 Outside, on one side as one went up to the entrance of the north gateway, were two tables, and on the other side of the vestibule of the gateway were two tables.
41 There were four tables on one side and four on the other, beside the gateway: eight tables on which they slaughtered the sacrifices.
42 There were four tables of hewn stone for the burnt offering, about thirty-one and a half inches long, thirty-one and a half inches wide, and twenty-one inches high. On them they laid

the implements with which they slaughtered the
burnt offering and the sacrifice.
43 Double hooks about three inches long were
fastened all around inside the building. The
meat of the offering was on the tables.
44 Outside the inner gateway, in the inner
court, were rooms for the singers, beside the
north gateway and facing south. There was
another beside the east gateway, facing north.
45 He said to me, “This room facing south is for
the priests who keep charge of the temple.
46 The room facing north is for the priests who
keep charge of the altar. These are the sons of
Zadok, who among the sons of Levi draw near to
the LORD to minister to him.”
47 He measured the court: about one hundred
seventy-five feet long and one hundred
seventy-five feet wide, a square. The altar was
in front of the temple.
48 He brought me to the vestibule of the temple
and measured the gateposts of the vestibule:
about eight feet nine inches on one side and
eight feet nine inches on the other. The width of
the gateway was about five feet three inches on
one side and five feet three inches on the other.
49 The vestibule was about thirty-five feet long
and nineteen feet three inches wide. Steps led
up to it, and there were columns beside the
gateposts, one on either side.

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1 Then he brought me into the main hall and
measured the doorposts: about ten and a half

feet wide on one side and ten and a half feet
wide on the other, the width of the tent.
2 The opening was about seventeen and a half
feet wide, and its side walls were about eight
feet nine inches on one side and eight feet nine
inches on the other. He measured its length:
about seventy feet, and its width: about
thirty-five feet.
3 Then he went inside and measured the
doorpost of the entrance: about three and a half
feet; the entrance: about ten and a half feet; and
the width of the entrance: about twelve feet
three inches.
4 He measured its length: about thirty-five
feet, and its width: about thirty-five feet, in front
of the main hall. He said to me, “This is the Most
Holy Place.”
5 Then he measured the wall of the temple:
about ten and a half feet. The side chambers
were about seven feet wide, all around the
temple on every side.
6 The side chambers were one above another
in three stories, thirty in each story. They rested
against the wall provided for the side chambers
all around the temple, to be supported without
being fastened into the temple wall.
7 The side chambers grew wider as they went
higher, because the structure surrounding the
temple rose upward all around the temple. So
the structure was wider above. One went up
from the lowest story to the highest by way of
the middle one.
8 I saw an elevation all around the temple. The
foundations of the side chambers were a full rod

of six long cubits, about ten and a half feet.
9 The outer wall of the side chambers was
about eight feet nine inches thick. There was an
open space between the side chambers
belonging to the temple
10 and the rooms, about thirty-five feet wide,
all around the temple on every side.
11 The entrances of the side chambers opened
onto the open space, one entrance toward the
north and one toward the south. The open space
was about eight feet nine inches wide all
around.
12 The building facing the separate area on the
west was about one hundred twenty-two and a
half feet wide. Its wall was about eight feet nine
inches thick all around, and its length was about
one hundred fifty-seven and a half feet.
13 He measured the temple: about one
hundred seventy-five feet long. The separate
area, the building, and its walls were about one
hundred seventy-five feet long.
14 The width of the front of the temple and of
the separate area toward the east was about one
hundred seventy-five feet.
15 He measured the length of the building
facing the separate area behind it, with its
galleries on either side: about one hundred
seventy-five feet. As for the inner main hall and
the vestibules of the court,
16 the thresholds, the narrow windows, and
the galleries all around the three were paneled
with wood all around, opposite the threshold,
from the ground to the windows. The windows

were covered.
17 Above the entrance and as far as the inner
temple and outside, and on the entire wall all
around, inside and outside, everything was
made according to its measurements.
18 It was carved with cherubim and palm
trees, with a palm tree between one cherub and
another. Each cherub had two faces:
19 a human face toward the palm tree on one
side and the face of a young lion toward the
palm tree on the other. They were carved all
around the temple.
20 The cherubim and palm trees were carved
from the ground to above the entrance, on the
wall of the main hall.
21 The main hall had square doorposts, and the
front of the sanctuary had the same appearance.
22 The altar was wood, about five feet three
inches high and three and a half feet long. Its
corners and its sides along its length were wood.
He said to me, “This is the table that is before the
LORD.”
23 The main hall and the sanctuary had double
doors.
24 Each door had two leaves, two turning
leaves: two for one door and two for the other.
25 Cherubim and palm trees were carved on
the doors of the main hall, just as they were
carved on the walls. There was a wooden beam
on the outer front of the vestibule.
26 There were narrow windows and palm
trees on either side, on the sides of the vestibule,
as well as the side chambers of the temple and
the beams.

42

1 Then he led me out into the outer court
toward the north and brought me to the room
facing the separate area and the building on the
north.
2 Along the front of its length of about one
hundred seventy-five feet was the north
entrance. Its width was about eighty-seven and
a half feet.
3 Facing the space of about thirty-five feet
belonging to the inner court and facing the
pavement of the outer court were galleries
opposite galleries in three stories.
4 In front of the rooms was a walkway about
seventeen and a half feet wide toward the
inside, and a passage of about twenty-one
inches. Their entrances faced north.
5 The upper rooms were shorter, because the
galleries took more space from them than from
the lower and middle rooms of the building.
6 They were in three stories and had no
columns like the columns of the courts. So the
upper rooms were set back from the lower and
middle rooms, starting from the ground.
7 The outer wall opposite the rooms, toward
the outer court and in front of the rooms, was
about eighty-seven and a half feet long.
8 For the rooms facing the outer court were
about eighty-seven and a half feet long, while
those facing the main hall were about one
hundred seventy-five feet long.
9 Beneath these rooms was the entrance on the
east, as one entered them from the outer court.

10 Along the width of the court wall toward the
east, facing the separate area and the building,
were rooms.
11 There was a walkway in front of them. They
were like the rooms facing north, with the same
length and width, the same exits, arrangement,
and entrances.
12 An entrance like those of the rooms facing
south was at the head of the walkway, the
walkway in front of the corresponding wall
toward the east, as one entered them.
13 He said to me, “The north rooms and the
south rooms facing the separate area are the
holy rooms where the priests who draw near to
the LORD will eat the most holy things. There
they will put the most holy things: the grain
offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering,
for the place is holy.
14 When the priests enter, they must not go out
from the holy place into the outer court without
leaving there the garments in which they
minister, for these are holy. They must put on
other garments before approaching the places
belonging to the people.”
15 When he had finished measuring the inner
temple, he led me out through the gateway
facing east and measured it all around.
16 He measured the east side with the
measuring rod: five hundred rods, about five
thousand two hundred fifty feet, measured with
the measuring rod along that side.
17 He measured the north side: about five
thousand two hundred fifty feet, measured with

the measuring rod along that side.
18 He measured the south side: about five
thousand two hundred fifty feet with the
measuring rod.
19 He turned to the west side and measured
about five thousand two hundred fifty feet with
the measuring rod.
20 He measured it on its four sides. It had a
wall all around, about five thousand two
hundred fifty feet long and five thousand two
hundred fifty feet wide, to separate the holy
from the common.

43

1 Then he led me to the gateway, the gateway
facing east.
2 And there was the glory of the God of Israel
coming from the east. His voice was like the
sound of many waters, and the earth shone with
his glory.
3 The appearance of the vision I saw was like
the vision I had seen when I came to destroy the
city. The visions were like the vision I had seen
by the Chebar River, and I fell on my face.
4 The glory of the LORD entered the temple
through the gateway facing east.
5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into
the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled
the temple.
6 I heard someone speaking to me from the
temple while a man stood beside me.
7 He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place
of my throne and the place of the soles of my

feet, where I will dwell among the people of
Israel forever. The house of Israel will no longer
defile my holy name, neither they nor their
kings, by their prostitution or by the corpses of
their kings at their high places.
8 By setting their threshold beside my
threshold and their doorpost beside my
doorpost, with a wall between me and them,
they defiled my holy name by the abominations
they committed. So I consumed them in my
anger.
9 Now let them put their prostitution and the
corpses of their kings far from me, and I will
dwell among them forever.

10 As for you, son of man, describe the temple
to the house of Israel, so that they may be
ashamed of their iniquities and measure its
design.
11 If they are ashamed of all they have done,
make known to them the form of the temple, its
arrangement, its exits and entrances, all its
forms, all its statutes, all its forms, and all its
laws. Write it before their eyes so that they may
observe its entire form and all its statutes and
carry them out.
12 This is the law of the temple: the whole
territory all around it on the mountaintop shall
be most holy. Look, this is the law of the temple.
13 These are the measurements of the altar in
cubits, each cubit being a cubit plus a
handbreadth. The gutter shall be about
twenty-one inches deep and twenty-one inches
wide, with a rim of about nine inches along its

edge all around. This is the base of the altar.
14 From the gutter at ground level to the lower
ledge shall be about three and a half feet, with a
width of about twenty-one inches. From the
smaller ledge to the larger ledge shall be about
seven feet, with a width of about twenty-one
inches.
15 The altar hearth shall be about seven feet
high, and four horns shall rise upward from the
hearth.
16 The altar hearth shall be about twenty-one
feet long and twenty-one feet wide, square on its
four sides.
17 The ledge shall be about twenty-four and a
half feet long and twenty-four and a half feet
wide on its four sides. The rim around it shall be
about ten and a half inches, and its gutter about
twenty-one inches all around. Its steps shall face
east."
18 He said to me, "Son of man, this is what the
Lord GOD says: These are the statutes for the
altar when it is built, for offering burnt offerings
on it and sprinkling blood on it.
19 You shall give a young bull from the herd as
a sin offering to the Levitical priests descended
from Zadok, who draw near to me to minister to
me, declares the Lord GOD.
20 You shall take some of its blood and put it
on the altar's four horns, on the four corners of
the ledge, and on the rim all around. Thus you
shall cleanse it and make atonement for it.
21 You shall take the bull of the sin offering,
and it shall be burned in the appointed place of
the temple, outside the sanctuary.

22 On the second day you shall offer a male
goat without blemish as a sin offering, and they
shall cleanse the altar as they cleansed it with
the bull.
23 When you have finished cleansing it, you
shall offer a young bull from the herd without
blemish and a ram from the flock without
blemish.
24 You shall present them before the LORD,
and the priests shall throw salt on them and
offer them as a burnt offering to the LORD.
25 For seven days you shall prepare a male
goat each day as a sin offering. They shall also
prepare a young bull from the herd and a ram
from the flock, both without blemish.
26 For seven days they shall make atonement
for the altar and purify it; thus they shall
consecrate it.
27 When these days are complete, from the
eighth day onward the priests shall offer your
burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the
altar, and I will accept you, declares the Lord
GOD."

44

1 Then he brought me back by way of the
outer gateway of the sanctuary that faced east.
It was shut.
2 The LORD said to me, "This gateway shall
remain shut. It shall not be opened, and no one
shall enter through it, for the LORD, the God of
Israel, has entered through it. It shall remain
shut.

3 As for the prince, because he is the prince, he
may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD. He
shall enter by way of the vestibule of the
gateway and go out the same way."
4 Then he brought me by way of the north
gateway to the front of the temple. I looked, and
the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the
LORD, and I fell on my face.
5 The LORD said to me, "Son of man, pay
attention, look with your eyes, and listen with
your ears to everything I tell you concerning all
the statutes of the temple of the LORD and all its
laws. Pay attention to the entrance of the temple
and all the exits of the sanctuary.
6 Say to the rebellious house of Israel: This is
what the Lord GOD says: Enough of all your
abominations, house of Israel!
7 You have brought foreigners, uncircumcised
in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, into my
sanctuary to profane it, my temple, while you
offered my food, the fat and the blood. They
broke my covenant, in addition to all your
abominations.
8 You have not kept charge of my holy things,
but have appointed others to keep my charge in
my sanctuary for you.
9 This is what the Lord GOD says: No foreigner
uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in
flesh shall enter my sanctuary, none of the
foreigners who are among the people of Israel.
10 But the Levites who went far from me when
Israel went astray, who strayed from me after
their idols, shall bear their guilt.

11 They shall serve in my sanctuary, having
charge of the gateways of the temple and
serving in the temple. They shall slaughter the
burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people
and stand before them to serve them.
12 Because they served them before their idols
and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the
house of Israel, I have raised my hand against
them, declares the Lord GOD, and they shall
bear their guilt.
13 They shall not draw near to me to serve me
as priests or approach any of my holy things, the
most holy things. They shall bear their shame
and the abominations they committed.
14 I will put them in charge of the temple, for
all its service and everything to be done in it.
15 But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok,
who kept charge of my sanctuary when the
people of Israel strayed from me, shall draw
near to me to minister to me. They shall stand
before me to offer me the fat and the blood,
declares the Lord GOD.
16 They shall enter my sanctuary and draw
near to my table to minister to me, and they
shall keep my charge.
17 When they enter the gateways of the inner
court, they shall wear linen garments. They shall
wear no wool while ministering in the gateways
of the inner court and inside the temple.
18 They shall have linen turbans on their
heads and linen undergarments around their
waists. They shall not bind themselves with
anything that causes sweat.

19 When they go out into the outer court, into
the outer court to the people, they shall take off
the garments in which they minister and leave
them in the holy rooms. They shall put on other
garments so that they do not sanctify the people
with their garments.
20 They shall not shave their heads or let their
hair grow long. They shall keep their hair
trimmed.
21 No priest shall drink wine when entering
the inner court.
22 They shall not marry a widow or a divorced
woman, but only virgins descended from the
house of Israel. They may also marry a widow
who is the widow of a priest.
23 They shall teach my people the difference
between the holy and the common and make
known to them the difference between the
unclean and the clean.
24 In disputes they shall stand as judges and
judge according to my ordinances. They shall
keep my laws and my statutes at all my
appointed festivals and keep my Sabbaths holy.
25 A priest shall not approach a dead person
and so become unclean. But for a father, mother,
son, daughter, brother, or sister who has had no
husband, they may become unclean.
26 After his purification, they shall count seven
days for him.
27 On the day he enters the holy place, into the
inner court to minister in the holy place, he shall
offer his sin offering, declares the Lord GOD.
28 They shall have an inheritance: I am their

inheritance. You shall give them no possession
in Israel; I am their possession.
29 They shall eat the grain offering, the sin
offering, and the guilt offering. Everything
devoted in Israel shall belong to them.
30 The best of all the firstfruits of every kind,
and every contribution of every kind from all
your contributions, shall belong to the priests.
You shall give the first of your dough to the
priest, so that a blessing may rest on your house.
31 The priests shall not eat any bird or animal
that has died on its own or been torn apart."

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1 "When you divide the land by lot as an
inheritance, you shall set apart a holy portion of
the land for the LORD, about eight and a third
miles long and three and a third miles wide. It
shall be holy throughout its entire territory.
2 From it, a square about eight hundred
seventy-five feet by eight hundred seventy-five
feet shall be for the sanctuary, with an open
strip of about eighty-seven and a half feet all
around it.
3 Within this area you shall measure a length
of about eight and a third miles and a width of
about three and a third miles. In it shall be the
sanctuary, which is most holy.
4 This holy portion of the land shall be for the
priests who minister in the sanctuary and draw
near to minister to the LORD. It shall be a place
for their houses and a sacred place for the
sanctuary.

5 An area about eight and a third miles long
and three and a third miles wide shall belong to
the Levites who serve in the temple, as their
possession, with twenty rooms.
6 You shall give the city a possession about one
and two-thirds miles wide and eight and a third
miles long, alongside the holy portion. It shall
belong to the whole house of Israel.
7 The prince shall have land on either side of
the holy portion and the city's possession, facing
the holy portion and the city's possession, from
the west side westward and from the east side
eastward. Its length shall correspond to one of
the portions, from the western boundary to the
eastern boundary.
8 This land shall be his possession in Israel.
My princes shall no longer oppress my people,
but shall give the land to the house of Israel
according to their tribes.
9 This is what the Lord GOD says: Enough,
princes of Israel! Put away violence and plunder,
and practice justice and righteousness. Stop
dispossessing my people, declares the Lord GOD.
10 You shall have honest scales, an honest
ephah for dry measure, and an honest bath for
liquid measure.
11 The ephah and the bath shall have the same
capacity—about twenty dry quarts or six gallons
of liquid. The bath shall hold one-tenth of a
homer, and the ephah one-tenth of a homer.
Their measure shall be based on the homer.
12 The shekel, about four-tenths of an ounce,
shall be twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels,

twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels shall make up your mina.

13 This is the contribution you shall offer: one-sixth of an ephah from each homer of wheat, and you shall give one-sixth of an ephah from each homer of barley.

14 The prescribed portion of oil, measured by the bath, shall be one-tenth of a bath from each cor. Ten baths make a homer, for ten baths are a homer.

15 And one sheep or goat from every two hundred in the flock, from the well-watered pastures of Israel, shall be for the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for them, declares the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land shall give this contribution to the prince in Israel.

17 It shall be the prince's responsibility to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offering, and the drink offering at the festivals, the new moons, and the Sabbaths, at all the appointed festivals of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel.

18 This is what the Lord GOD says: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull from the herd without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary.

19 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorpost of the temple, on the four corners of the altar's ledge,

and on the doorpost of the gateway of the inner court.
20 You shall do the same on the seventh day of the month for anyone who sins unintentionally or through ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple.
21 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a festival of seven days, when unleavened bread shall be eaten.
22 On that day the prince shall prepare a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people of the land.
23 During the seven days of the festival he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD: seven bulls and seven rams without blemish each day of the seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering.
24 He shall prepare a grain offering of about twenty dry quarts for each bull and twenty dry quarts for each ram, and about a gallon of oil for each twenty dry quarts of grain.
25 In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the festival, he shall do the same for the seven days regarding the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

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1 This is what the Lord GOD says: "The east-facing gateway of the inner court shall be shut during the six working days, but it shall be opened on the Sabbath day and opened on the day of the new moon.

2 The prince shall enter from outside by way
of the vestibule of the gateway and stand by the
gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt
offering and his peace offerings. He shall bow
down at the threshold of the gateway and go out,
but the gateway shall not be shut until evening.
3 The people of the land shall bow down
before the LORD at the entrance of that gateway
on the Sabbaths and the new moons.
4 The burnt offering the prince presents to the
LORD on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs
without blemish and a ram without blemish.
5 The grain offering shall be about twenty dry
quarts for the ram, and for the lambs a grain
offering as a gift from his hand, with about a
gallon of oil for each twenty dry quarts of grain.
6 On the day of the new moon there shall be a
young bull from the herd without blemish, six
lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.
7 He shall prepare a grain offering of about
twenty dry quarts for the bull and twenty dry
quarts for the ram, and for the lambs as much as
his hand can provide, with about a gallon of oil
for each twenty dry quarts of grain.
8 When the prince enters, he shall enter by
way of the vestibule of the gateway and go out
the same way.
9 When the people of the land come before the
LORD at the appointed festivals, whoever enters
through the north gateway to bow down shall go
out through the south gateway, and whoever
enters through the south gateway shall go out
through the north gateway. He shall not return

through the gateway by which he entered, but shall go out through the opposite one.

10 The prince shall be among them: when they enter, he shall enter, and when they go out, they shall go out.

11 At the festivals and appointed occasions, the grain offering shall be about twenty dry quarts for the bull and twenty dry quarts for the ram, and for the lambs a gift from his hand, with about a gallon of oil for each twenty dry quarts of grain.

12 When the prince prepares a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, someone shall open the east-facing gateway for him. He shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and someone shall shut the gateway after he has gone out.

13 You shall prepare a year-old lamb without blemish as a daily burnt offering to the LORD. Morning after morning you shall prepare it.

14 With it, morning after morning you shall prepare a grain offering of about three and a third dry quarts and about a third of a gallon of oil to moisten the fine flour. It is a grain offering to the LORD, a perpetual statute to be observed continually.

15 They shall prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil morning after morning as a continual burnt offering.

16 This is what the Lord GOD says: If the

prince gives a gift to one of his sons, it is his inheritance and shall belong to his sons. It shall be their possession by inheritance.
17 But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall belong to him until the year of release and then return to the prince. His inheritance shall belong only to his sons.
18 The prince shall not take any of the people's inheritance, driving them out of their possession. He shall give his sons an inheritance from his own possession, so that none of my people will be scattered from his possession."
19 Then he brought me through the entrance beside the gateway into the holy rooms of the priests, which faced north. There was a place at their far end toward the west.
20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and bake the grain offering, so that they do not bring them out into the outer court and so sanctify the people."
21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me around the four corners of the court. There was a court in one corner and a court in another corner.
22 In the four corners of the court were enclosed courts about seventy feet long and fifty-two and a half feet wide. All four corner courts had the same measurements.
23 A ledge ran all around inside them, around all four, with cooking places built beneath the ledges all around.
24 He said to me, "These are the kitchens where the servants of the temple shall boil the

people's sacrifices."

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1 Then he brought me back to the entrance of
the temple. Water was flowing from beneath the
threshold of the temple toward the east, for the
front of the temple faced east. The water was
coming down from beneath the right side of the
temple, south of the altar.
2 He led me out through the north gateway
and around outside to the outer gateway facing
east. Water was trickling from the right side.
3 As the man went east with a measuring line
in his hand, he measured about one thousand
seven hundred fifty feet and led me through the
water. The water was ankle-deep.
4 He measured about one thousand seven
hundred fifty feet farther and led me through
the water. The water was knee-deep. He
measured about one thousand seven hundred
fifty feet farther and led me through. The water
was waist-deep.
5 He measured about one thousand seven
hundred fifty feet farther, and it was a river I
could not cross, for the water had risen. It was
water to swim in, a river that could not be
crossed on foot.
6 He said to me, "Have you seen this, son of
man?" Then he led me back to the bank of the
river.
7 When I returned, there were very many
trees on the bank of the river, on both sides.
8 He said to me, "These waters flow toward the
eastern region, go down into the Arabah, and

enter the sea. When they flow into the sea, its
waters will be healed.
9 Every living creature that swarms will live
wherever the two rivers go. There will be very
many fish, for these waters have come there and
the waters will be healed. Everything will live
wherever the river goes.
10 Fishermen will stand beside it. From
En-gedi to En-eglaim there will be places for
spreading nets. Its fish will be of many kinds, as
numerous as the fish of the Great Sea.
11 But its swamps and marshes will not be
healed; they will be left for salt.
12 All kinds of fruit trees will grow along the
river, on its banks on both sides. Their leaves
will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They
will bear new fruit every month, because their
water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will
be for food and their leaves for healing."

13 This is what the Lord GOD says: "This shall
be the boundary by which you divide the land
as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of
Israel. Joseph shall have two portions.
14 You shall inherit it equally, each like his
brother. I raised my hand to give it to your
fathers, and this land shall fall to you as an
inheritance.
15 This shall be the boundary of the land on
the north side: from the Great Sea, by way of
Hethlon, as far as Zedad;
16 Hamath, Berothah, and Sibraim, which lies
between the boundary of Damascus and the
boundary of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which is

on the boundary of Hauran.
17 The boundary shall run from the sea to
Hazar-enon, on the boundary of Damascus, and
on the north, northward, to the boundary of
Hamath. This shall be the north side.
18 On the east side, between Hauran and
Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of
Israel, the Jordan shall be the boundary. You
shall measure from the boundary to the eastern
sea. This shall be the east side.
19 On the south side, southward, from Tamar
to the waters of Meribah-kadesh, then to the
brook and on to the Great Sea. This shall be the
south side, southward.
20 The west side shall be the Great Sea, from
the boundary to a point opposite the entrance to
Hamath. This shall be the west side.
21 You shall divide this land among yourselves
according to the tribes of Israel.
22 You shall allot it as an inheritance for
yourselves and for the foreigners residing
among you who have had children among you.
You shall regard them as native-born among the
people of Israel. With you they shall receive an
inheritance among the tribes of Israel.
23 In whatever tribe the foreigner resides,
there you shall give him his inheritance,
declares the Lord GOD."

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1 "These are the names of the tribes: From the
northern end, along the way of Hethlon to the
entrance to Hamath, to Hazar-enan on the
boundary of Damascus, northward beside

Hamath, extending from the east side to the
west, Dan shall have one portion.
2 Beside the boundary of Dan, from the east
side to the west side, Asher shall have one
portion.
3 Beside the boundary of Asher, from the east
side to the west side, Naphtali shall have one
portion.
4 Beside the boundary of Naphtali, from the
east side to the west side, Manasseh shall have
one portion.
5 Beside the boundary of Manasseh, from the
east side to the west side, Ephraim shall have
one portion.
6 Beside the boundary of Ephraim, from the
east side to the west side, Reuben shall have one
portion.
7 Beside the boundary of Reuben, from the
east side to the west side, Judah shall have one
portion.
8 Beside the boundary of Judah, from the east
side to the west side, shall be the portion you set
apart, about eight and a third miles wide. Its
length shall be like one of the other portions,
from the east side to the west side, and the
sanctuary shall be in its midst.
9 The portion you set apart for the LORD shall
be about eight and a third miles long and three
and a third miles wide.
10 This holy portion shall be for the priests: on
the north, about eight and a third miles; on the
west, about three and a third miles wide; on the
east, about three and a third miles wide; and on

the south, about eight and a third miles long.
The sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst.
11 It shall be for the consecrated priests from
the sons of Zadok, who kept my charge and did
not go astray when the people of Israel went
astray, as the Levites went astray.

12 They shall have a most holy portion from
the land set apart, beside the boundary of the
Levites.
13 Alongside the boundary of the priests, the
Levites shall have about eight and a third miles
in length and three and a third miles in width.
The entire length shall be about eight and a
third miles, and the width about three and a
third miles.
14 They shall not sell any of it; no one shall
exchange or transfer the best of the land, for it is
holy to the LORD.
15 The remaining strip, about one and
two-thirds miles wide along the eight and a
third miles, shall be for the city's common use,
for homes and open land. The city shall be in its
midst.
16 These shall be its measurements: the north
side, about a mile and a half; the south side,
about a mile and a half; the east side, about a
mile and a half; and the west side, about a mile
and a half.
17 The city shall have open land: on the north,
about four hundred forty feet; on the south,
about four hundred forty feet; on the east, about
four hundred forty feet; and on the west, about
four hundred forty feet.

18 What remains in length alongside the holy
portion shall be about three and a third miles
eastward and three and a third miles westward.
It shall lie alongside the holy portion, and its
produce shall be food for the city's workers.
19 The city's workers, from all the tribes of
Israel, shall work it.
20 The entire portion shall be about eight and
a third miles by eight and a third miles. You
shall set apart the holy portion as a square,
together with the city's possession.
21 The remainder shall belong to the prince on
either side of the holy portion and the city's
possession: along the portion's side of about
eight and a third miles to the eastern boundary,
and westward along its side of about eight and a
third miles to the western boundary.
Corresponding to the portions, this shall belong
to the prince. The holy portion and the
sanctuary of the temple shall be in its midst.
22 Apart from the Levites' possession and the
city's possession, which lie in the midst of what
belongs to the prince, what lies between the
boundary of Judah and the boundary of
Benjamin shall belong to the prince.
23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east
side to the west side, Benjamin shall have one
portion.
24 Beside the boundary of Benjamin, from the
east side to the west side, Simeon shall have one
portion.
25 Beside the boundary of Simeon, from the
east side to the west side, Issachar shall have

one portion.
26 Beside the boundary of Issachar, from the
east side to the west side, Zebulun shall have
one portion.
27 Beside the boundary of Zebulun, from the
east side to the west side, Gad shall have one
portion.
28 Beside the boundary of Gad on the south
side, southward, the boundary shall run from
Tamar to the waters of Meribah-kadesh, then to
the brook and on to the Great Sea.
29 This is the land you shall allot as an
inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these are
their portions, declares the Lord GOD.
30 These shall be the exits of the city. The north
side shall measure about a mile and a half.
31 The city gates shall bear the names of the
tribes of Israel. There shall be three gates on the
north: one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah,
and one gate of Levi.
32 On the east side, about a mile and a half,
there shall be three gates: one gate of Joseph,
one gate of Benjamin, and one gate of Dan.
33 On the south side, measuring about a mile
and a half, there shall be three gates: one gate of
Simeon, one gate of Issachar, and one gate of
Zebulun.
34 On the west side, about a mile and a half,
there shall be three gates: one gate of Gad, one
gate of Asher, and one gate of Naphtali.
35 Its circumference shall be about six miles.
And from that day the name of the city shall be
‘The LORD Is There.’ ”

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