Isaiah

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days
of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of
Judah.
2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the
LORD has spoken: “I reared children and
brought them up, but they have rebelled
against me.
3 The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its
master’s manger, but Israel does not
know;
my people do not understand.”
4 Ah, sinful nation, a people burdened with
iniquity, offspring of evildoers, corrupt
children!
They have forsaken the LORD;
they have despised the Holy One of Israel;
they have turned away.
5 Why should you be struck again?
Will you keep rebelling?
The whole head is sick, and the whole heart
faint.
6 From the sole of the foot to the head there is no
soundness in it, only wounds, bruises, and
raw sores, not cleansed or bandaged or
softened with oil.
7 Your land is desolate;
your cities are burned with fire.
Strangers devour your land before your
eyes;

it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
8 Daughter Zion is left like a shelter in a
vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.
9 If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few
survivors, we would have been like
Sodom;
we would have resembled Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom;
give ear to the instruction of our God,
people of Gomorrah.
11 "What are your many sacrifices to me?"
says the LORD.
"I have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams and the fat of fattened beasts.
I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls,
lambs, and male goats.
12 When you come to appear before me, who has
required this from your hands, this
trampling of my courts?
13 Bring no more worthless offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon, Sabbath, the calling of
assemblies—I cannot bear iniquity and
solemn gathering.
14 My soul hates your new moons and your
appointed feasts;
they have become a burden to me.
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide
my eyes from you.

Even if you multiply prayers, I will not
listen;
your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves;
make yourselves clean.
Remove the evil of your deeds from before
my eyes;
cease to do evil.
17 Learn to do good;
seek justice;
correct the oppressor.
Defend the fatherless;
plead the widow's cause."

18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the
LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall
be white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall
be like wool.
19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat
the good of the land.
20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be
devoured by the sword."
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute!
She was full of justice;
righteousness dwelt in her, but now
murderers.
22 Your silver has become dross;
your wine is diluted with water.
23 Your rulers are rebels and companions of
thieves.

Everyone loves a bribe and pursues
rewards.
They do not defend the fatherless, and the
widow's cause does not come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the
Mighty One of Israel, declares: "Ah, I will
get relief from my adversaries and avenge
myself on my enemies.

25 I will turn my hand against you and refine
away your dross as with lye;
I will remove all your alloy.

26 I will restore your judges as at first and your
counselors as at the beginning.
Afterward you will be called the city of
righteousness, the faithful city."

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and those
in her who return, with righteousness.

28 But rebels and sinners shall be broken
together, and those who forsake the LORD
shall perish.

29 For they will be ashamed of the oaks you
desired, and you will be disgraced by the
gardens you chose.

30 For you will be like a terebinth whose leaves
wither, like a garden with no water.

31 The strong man will become tinder, and his
work a spark;
both will burn together, with no one to
quench them.

2

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 In the latter days the mountain of the LORD's
house shall be established as the highest
of the mountains and lifted above the
hills, and all nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us
go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the
house of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways, and we will walk
in his paths."
For instruction shall go forth from Zion, and
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations and settle
disputes for many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into
plowshares and their spears into pruning
hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of
the LORD.
6 For you have forsaken your people, the house
of Jacob, because they are full of eastern
ways and practice divination like the
Philistines;
they clasp hands with the children of
foreigners.
7 Their land is full of silver and gold, with no
end to their treasures;
their land is full of horses, with no end to
their chariots.

8 Their land is full of idols;
they bow down to the work of their hands,
to what their fingers have made.
9 Humanity is brought low, and men are
humbled;
do not forgive them.
10 Enter the rock and hide in the dust from the
terror of the LORD and the splendor of his
majesty.
11 The haughty eyes of man shall be lowered,
and the pride of men brought low;
the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the LORD of hosts has a day against all
that is proud and lofty, against all that is
lifted up, and it shall be brought low;
13 against all the cedars of Lebanon, high and
lifted up, and against all the oaks of
Bashan;
14 against all the high mountains and against all
the lofty hills;
15 against every high tower and against every
fortified wall;
16 against all the ships of Tarshish and against all
the splendid vessels.
17 The haughtiness of man shall be brought low,
and the pride of men humbled;
the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
18 The idols shall pass away completely.
19 People shall enter the caves of the rocks and
the holes in the ground, from the terror of
the LORD and the splendor of his majesty,
when he rises to make the earth tremble.

20 In that day a man shall cast away to the moles
and the bats his idols of silver and his
idols of gold, which they made for him to
worship,
21 to enter the clefts of the rocks and the crevices
of the cliffs, from the terror of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty, when he
rises to make the earth tremble.
22 Turn away from man, whose breath is in his
nostrils, for of what account is he?

3

1 For look, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, is taking
away from Jerusalem and Judah support
and supply: every supply of bread and
every supply of water,
2 the mighty man and the warrior, the judge and
the prophet, the diviner and the elder,
3 the captain of fifty and the respected man, the
counselor, the skilled craftsman, and the
expert enchanter.
4 “I will make boys their rulers, and capricious
children shall rule over them.”
5 The people will oppress one another, each his
fellow and each his neighbor.
The young will defy the old, and the
contemptible the honorable.
6 For a man will seize his brother in his father’s
house: “You have a cloak;
be our leader, and let this ruin be under
your hand.”
7 That day he will raise his voice and say, “I will
not be a healer;
there is no bread or cloak in my house.

Do not make me leader of the people."
8 For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has
fallen, because their tongue and their
deeds are against the LORD, defying his
glorious eyes.
9 The expression of their faces testifies against
them;
they proclaim their sin like Sodom and do
not hide it.
Woe to them, for they have brought evil
upon themselves!
10 Tell the righteous that it shall be well with
them, for they shall eat the fruit of their
deeds.
11 Woe to the wicked!
It shall go badly with him, for what his
hands have done shall be done to him.
12 My people—children are their oppressors, and
women rule over them.
My people, your guides lead you astray and
destroy the way of your paths.

13 The LORD rises to contend;
he stands to judge the peoples.
14 The LORD enters into judgment with the
elders of his people and their rulers: "You
have devoured the vineyard;
the plunder of the poor is in your houses.
15 What do you mean by crushing my people and
grinding the faces of the poor?"
declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 The LORD says, "Because the daughters of
Zion are haughty and walk with

outstretched necks and seductive eyes,
taking little steps as they go and jingling
with their feet,
17 the Lord will cover the scalps of the daughters
of Zion with scabs, and the LORD will lay
bare their private parts."

18 In that day the Lord will take away their
finery: the anklets, the headbands, and
the crescent ornaments;
19 the pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;
20 the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes,
the perfume boxes, and the amulets;
21 the rings and the nose jewels;
22 the fine robes, the cloaks, the shawls, and the
purses;
23 the mirrors, the linen garments, the turbans,
and the wraps.
24 Instead of perfume there will be a stench;
instead of a belt, a rope;
instead of carefully arranged hair, baldness;
instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;
branding instead of beauty.
25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your
warriors in battle.
26 Her gates shall lament and mourn;
stripped bare, she shall sit on the ground.

4

1 In that day seven women shall take hold of one
man and say, "We will eat our own bread
and wear our own clothes;
only let us be called by your name.

Take away our disgrace."

2 In that day the branch of the LORD shall be
beauty and glory, and the fruit of the land
shall be pride and splendor for the
survivors of Israel.
3 Whoever is left in Zion and remains in
Jerusalem shall be called holy, everyone
recorded for life in Jerusalem,
4 when the Lord has washed away the filth of
the daughters of Zion and cleansed the
blood of Jerusalem from her midst by a
spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning.
5 Then the LORD will create over every dwelling
place of Mount Zion and over her
assemblies a cloud and smoke by day and
the brightness of flaming fire by night;
for over all the glory there shall be a canopy.
6 There shall be a shelter for shade from the heat
by day, a refuge and hiding place from
storm and rain.

5

1 Let me sing for my beloved my beloved's song
about his vineyard.
My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.
2 He dug it, cleared it of stones, and planted it
with choice vines.
He built a tower in its midst and hewed out
a winepress in it.
He expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded
bad grapes.

3 “Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of
Judah, judge between me and my
vineyard.
4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
Why, when I expected it to yield grapes, did
it yield bad grapes?
5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my
vineyard: I will remove its hedge, and it
shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be
trampled.
6 I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers
and thorns shall grow.
I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the
house of Israel, and the people of Judah
are his cherished planting.
He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, a cry of
distress.

8 Woe to those who join house to house and add
field to field until there is no room, and
you are left to live alone in the midst of
the land!
9 The LORD of hosts has spoken in my hearing:
“Surely many houses shall be desolate,
great and beautiful houses without
inhabitants.
10 For about ten acres of vineyard shall yield
only about six gallons of wine, and ten

baskets of seed shall yield a single basket
of grain."

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning to
pursue strong drink, who linger into the
night until wine inflames them!
12 They have lyre and harp, tambourine and
flute, and wine at their feasts, but they do
not regard the work of the LORD or see
what his hands have done.
13 Therefore my people have gone into exile for
lack of knowledge;
their honored men are dying of hunger, and
their multitude is parched with thirst.
14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and
opened its mouth without limit;
her splendor, her multitude, her uproar, and
those who rejoice in her descend into it.
15 Humanity is brought low, and men are
humbled;
the eyes of the haughty shall be lowered.
16 But the LORD of hosts is exalted in judgment,
and the holy God shows himself holy in
righteousness.
17 Lambs shall graze as in their pasture, and
strangers shall eat among the ruins of the
wealthy.
18 Woe to those who drag iniquity with cords of
falsehood, and sin as with cart ropes,
19 who say, "Let him hurry;
let him hasten his work, so that we may see
it.

Let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel
draw near and come, so that we may
know it!”

20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for
darkness, who put bitter for sweet and
sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
and discerning in their own sight!
22 Woe to heroes at drinking wine and mighty
men at mixing strong drink,
23 who acquit the wicked for a bribe and deprive
the righteous of their rights!

24 Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes
stubble and dry grass sinks in the flame,
their root shall become rot and their
blossom rise like dust, because they have
rejected the instruction of the LORD of
hosts and despised the word of the Holy
One of Israel.
25 Therefore the anger of the LORD burned
against his people;
he stretched out his hand against them and
struck them.
The mountains trembled, and their corpses
lay like refuse in the streets.
For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is still stretched out.
26 He will raise a banner for distant nations and
whistle for one from the end of the earth.
Look, it comes swiftly, speedily!

27 None among them is weary or stumbles;
none slumbers or sleeps.
No belt at the waist is loosened, and no
sandal strap is broken.
28 Their arrows are sharp and all their bows
drawn;
their horses' hoofs are like flint, and their
wheels like a whirlwind.
29 Its roar is like a lion's;
it roars like young lions.
It growls and seizes the prey;
it carries it away, and no one rescues it.
30 In that day it will roar against it like the
roaring of the sea.
If one looks to the land, behold, darkness
and distress;
even the light is darkened by its clouds.

6

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple.
2 Seraphim stood above him. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
3 One called to another,
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."
4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
5 Then I said, "Woe is me! I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a

people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen
the King, the LORD of hosts."
6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a
glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken
from the altar with tongs.
7 He touched my mouth with it and said,
"Look, this has touched your lips; your guilt is
taken away, and your sin is atoned for."
8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I; send me."
9 He said, "Go and say to this people, 'Keep
hearing, but do not understand; keep seeing, but
do not perceive.'
10 Make the heart of this people dull, make
their ears heavy, and shut their eyes, lest they
see with their eyes, hear with their ears,
understand with their heart, and turn and be
healed."
11 Then I said, "How long, Lord?" He said,
"Until cities lie desolate without inhabitants,
houses without people, and the land is utterly
desolate,
12 until the LORD has sent the people far away,
and the abandoned places are many in the midst
of the land.
13 Even if a tenth remains in it, it shall be
consumed again, like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy
seed is its stump."

7

1 In the days of Ahaz son of Jotham, son of

Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin king of Aram and
Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to
Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not
prevail against it.
2 The house of David was told, “Aram has
settled in Ephraim.” His heart and the heart of
his people trembled as the trees of the forest
tremble before the wind.
3 The LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out now to meet
Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end
of the conduit of the upper pool, on the road to
the cloth washer’s field.
4 Say to him, ‘Be careful and keep calm. Do not
fear or let your heart grow faint because of
these two stubs of smoking firebrands, because
of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the
son of Remaliah.
5 Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of
Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying,
6 “Let us go up against Judah, terrify it, break
into it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel
as king in its midst,”

7 thus says the Lord GOD:
“It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass.
8 For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the
head of Damascus is Rezin.
Within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be
shattered, no longer a people.
9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head
of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.
If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall
not stand firm at all.” ’ ”
10 The LORD spoke again to Ahaz:

11 “Ask for yourself a sign from the LORD your
God; ask it in the depths or in the heights above.”
12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not
put the LORD to the test.”
13 Then he said, “Hear now, house of David! Is
it too little for you to weary men, that you weary
my God also?
14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a
sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and she shall call his name Immanuel.
15 He shall eat curds and honey when he
knows to refuse evil and choose good.
16 For before the boy knows to refuse evil and
choose good, the land whose two kings you
dread shall be abandoned.
17 The LORD will bring upon you, your people,
and your father’s house days unlike any since
Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of
Assyria.”
18 In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly
at the farthest streams of Egypt and for the bee
in the land of Assyria.
19 They will all come and settle in the steep
ravines, in the clefts of the rocks, on all the
thornbushes, and on all the thickets.
20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor
hired from beyond the River, with the king of
Assyria, the head and the hair of the legs; it will
remove the beard as well.
21 In that day a man will keep alive a young
cow and two sheep.
22 Because of the abundance of milk they
produce, he will eat curds; for everyone left in

the land will eat curds and honey.
23 In that day every place where there were a
thousand vines worth a thousand pieces of
silver will become briers and thorns.
24 People will go there with arrows and bow,
for the whole land will be briers and thorns.
25 As for all the hills once cultivated with a
hoe, you will not go there for fear of briers and
thorns. They will become a range for oxen and a
place for sheep to trample.

8

1 The LORD said to me, “Take a large tablet and
write on it with an ordinary stylus,
‘Maher-shalal-hash-baz.’
2 I will call reliable witnesses for myself, Uriah
the priest and Zechariah son of Jeberechiah.”
3 Then I went to the prophetess, and she
conceived and bore a son. The LORD said to me,
“Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz,
4 for before the boy knows to cry, ‘My father’
or ‘My mother,’ the wealth of Damascus and the
spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the
king of Assyria.”
5 The LORD spoke to me again:
6 “Because this people has rejected the waters
of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoices in Rezin
and the son of Remaliah,
7 therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up
against them the mighty and abundant waters
of the River, the king of Assyria and all his glory.
It will rise above all its channels and overflow
all its banks.

8 It will sweep through Judah, flooding and
passing on, reaching to the neck. Its outspread
wings will fill the breadth of your land,
Immanuel."

9 Be shattered, peoples, and be dismayed!
Listen, all you distant parts of the earth.
Gird yourselves and be dismayed;
gird yourselves and be dismayed!

10 Devise a plan, but it shall be frustrated;
speak a word, but it shall not stand, for God
is with us.

11 For the LORD spoke to me with a strong
hand and warned me not to walk in the way of
this people, saying,
12 "Do not call conspiracy everything this
people calls conspiracy. Do not fear what they
fear or be terrified.
13 The LORD of hosts is the one you shall
regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him
be your dread.
14 He shall become a sanctuary, and a stone of
stumbling and a rock of offense for both houses
of Israel, a trap and a snare for the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.
15 Many shall stumble over them; they shall
fall and be broken, snared and captured."

16 Bind up the testimony; seal the instruction
among my disciples.
17 I will wait for the LORD, who hides his face
from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.

18 Behold, I and the children the LORD has
given me are signs and wonders in Israel from
the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.
19 When they say to you, “Consult the mediums
and the spiritists who chirp and mutter,” should
not a people consult their God? Should they
consult the dead on behalf of the living?
20 To the instruction and to the testimony! If
they do not speak according to this word, there
is no dawn for them.
21 They will pass through the land, distressed
and hungry. When they are hungry, they will
become enraged and curse their king and their
God, turning upward.
22 Then they will look to the earth, and behold,
distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish;
they will be driven into deep darkness.

9

1 But there shall be no gloom for her who was
in anguish. In the former time he brought the
land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali into
contempt, but in the latter time he shall bring
glory to the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the nations.
2 The people walking in darkness have seen a
great light;
on those dwelling in the land of the shadow
of death, light has shone.
3 You have multiplied the nation and increased
its joy.

They rejoice before you as with joy at
harvest, as people exult when dividing
spoil.
4 For the yoke of their burden, the staff on their
shoulder, and the rod of their oppressor
you have shattered as on the day of
Midian.
5 For every boot that tramps with a rumble and
every garment rolled in blood shall be
burned, fuel for the fire.
6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
the government shall be upon his shoulder.
His name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end, on the throne of
David and over his kingdom, to establish
and uphold it with justice and
righteousness from now on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

8 The Lord has sent a word against Jacob, and it
has fallen on Israel.
9 All the people shall know it, Ephraim and the
inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride
and arrogance of heart,
10 “The bricks have fallen, but we will build with
cut stone;
the sycamores have been felled, but we will
replace them with cedars.”
11 The LORD will raise Rezin's adversaries
against him and stir up his enemies:

12 Aram from the east and the Philistines from
the west;
they shall devour Israel with open mouth.
For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is still stretched out.
13 But the people have not returned to the one
who struck them, nor have they sought
the LORD of hosts.

14 So the LORD will cut off from Israel head and
tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.
15 The elder and the respected man are the head,
and the prophet who teaches lies is the
tail.
16 The guides of this people lead them astray,
and those they guide are swallowed up.
17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their
young men or have compassion on their
fatherless and widows, for everyone is
godless and an evildoer, and every mouth
speaks folly.
For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is still stretched out.
18 For wickedness burns like fire;
it consumes briers and thorns and sets the
forest thickets ablaze.
They roll upward in a column of smoke.
19 By the wrath of the LORD of hosts the land is
scorched, and the people are fuel for the
fire;
no one spares his brother.
20 They snatch on the right, yet are hungry;
they eat on the left, yet are not satisfied.
Each eats the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh;
together they are against Judah.
For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is still stretched out.

10

1 Woe to those who decree unjust decrees, to the scribes who write oppression,
2 to turn the needy away from justice and rob the poor of my people of their rights, making widows their spoil and plundering the fatherless!
3 What will you do on the day of punishment, when devastation comes from afar?
To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?
4 Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives or fall among the slain.
For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is still stretched out.

5 “Woe to Assyria, rod of my anger!
The staff in their hands is my indignation.
6 I send him against a godless nation;
I command him against the people of my wrath, to take spoil and seize plunder, to trample them like mud in the streets.
7 But he does not intend this, nor does his heart think this way.
His heart is set on destroying and cutting off nations, not a few.
8 For he says, ‘Are not all my commanders kings?

9 Is not Calno like Carchemish?
Is not Hamath like Arpad?
Is not Samaria like Damascus?
10 As my hand reached the kingdoms of idols,
whose carved images surpassed those of
Jerusalem and Samaria,
11 shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images as I
did to Samaria and her idols?'

12 When the Lord has finished all his work on
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, I will
punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of
the king of Assyria and the boasting of his
haughty eyes."
13 For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I
have done it, and by my wisdom, for I
have understanding.
I have removed the boundaries of peoples
and plundered their treasures;
like a mighty man I have brought down the
inhabitants.
14 My hand found the wealth of the peoples like
a nest;
as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered
all the earth.
No one fluttered a wing or opened a mouth
or chirped."
15 Does the ax boast over the one who chops
with it, or the saw magnify itself over the
one who wields it?
As though a rod could wield those who lift
it, as though a staff could lift one who is
not wood!

16 Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts, will
send leanness among his stout ones;
under his glory a burning shall blaze like a
burning fire.
17 The Light of Israel shall become a fire, and his
Holy One a flame.
It shall burn and consume his thorns and
briers in one day.
18 It shall consume the glory of his forest and
fruitful field, soul and body;
it shall be as when a sick man wastes away.
19 The remaining trees of his forest shall be so
few that a child can write them down.

20 In that day the remnant of Israel and the
survivors of the house of Jacob will no
longer lean on the one who struck them,
but will truly lean on the LORD, the Holy
One of Israel.
21 A remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob,
to the Mighty God.
22 For though your people, Israel, are like the
sand of the sea, only a remnant of them
shall return.
Destruction is decreed, overflowing with
righteousness.
23 For the Lord GOD of hosts will carry out a
decreed destruction in the midst of all the
land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts:
“My people who dwell in Zion, do not fear
Assyria, though he strikes you with a rod
and lifts his staff against you as Egypt did.

25 For in a very little while my indignation will
end, and my anger will be directed to
their destruction."
26 The LORD of hosts will stir up a whip against
him, as when he struck Midian at the rock
of Oreb;
his staff will be over the sea, and he will lift
it as he did in Egypt.
27 In that day his burden shall be removed from
your shoulder and his yoke from your
neck;
the yoke shall be broken because of fatness.
28 He has come to Aiath;
he has passed through Migron.
At Michmash he deposits his equipment.
29 They have crossed the pass: "Geba is our
lodging for the night."
Ramah trembles;
Gibeah of Saul has fled.
30 Cry aloud, daughter Gallim!
Listen, Laishah!
Poor Anathoth!
31 Madmenah has fled;
the inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge.
32 This very day he will stand at Nob;
he will shake his hand at the mountain of
daughter Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, is lopping
off the boughs with terrifying power.
The tall shall be cut down, and the lofty
brought low.
34 He will cut down the forest thickets with iron,
and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11

1 A shoot shall come forth from the stump of
Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall
bear fruit.
2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the
Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see or
decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth.
He shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips he
shall put the wicked to death.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and
faithfulness the belt of his loins.
6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the
leopard lie down with the young goat;
the calf, the young lion, and the fattened
animal shall be together, and a little child
shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together, and the
lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the cobra's
hole, and the weaned child shall stretch
out his hand over the viper's den.
9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy
mountain, for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the LORD as the waters
cover the sea.

10 In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
banner for the peoples;
the nations shall seek him, and his resting
place shall be glorious.

11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand a
second time to recover the remnant of his
people that remains, from Assyria, Egypt,
Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and
the islands of the sea.
12 He will raise a banner for the nations and
gather the outcasts of Israel;
he will assemble the scattered of Judah from
the four corners of the earth.
13 Ephraim's jealousy shall depart, and Judah's
adversaries shall be cut off.
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and
Judah shall not harass Ephraim.
14 They shall swoop down on the flank of the
Philistines to the west;
together they shall plunder the people of the
east.
Edom and Moab shall be under their hand,
and the Ammonites shall obey them.
15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of
the Egyptian sea;
with his scorching wind he will wave his
hand over the River, striking it into seven
streams, and lead people across in
sandals.
16 There shall be a highway for the remnant of
his people that remains from Assyria, as
there was for Israel in the day they came
up from the land of Egypt.

12

1 In that day you will say, “I will give thanks to
you, LORD, for though you were angry
with me, your anger has turned away, and
you have comforted me.
2 Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD,
the LORD, is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.”
3 With joy you will draw water from the springs
of salvation.
4 In that day you will say, “Give thanks to the
LORD;
call upon his name.
Make known his deeds among the peoples;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
5 Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious
things;
let this be known in all the earth.
6 Cry out and shout for joy, inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.”

13

1 The oracle concerning Babylon that Isaiah
son of Amoz saw.
2 “Raise a banner on a bare mountain;
lift your voice to them.
Wave your hand, that they may enter the
gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded my consecrated ones;
I have called my mighty men for my anger,
those who exult in my majesty.”

4 A sound of a multitude on the mountains, like a
great people!
A sound of the uproar of kingdoms, of
nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts is mustering an army for
battle.
5 They come from a distant land, from the end of
the heavens, the LORD and the weapons
of his indignation, to devastate the whole
earth.
6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near;
it will come as destruction from the
Almighty.
7 Therefore all hands will grow limp, and every
human heart will melt.
8 They will be terrified;
pangs and anguish will seize them, and they
will writhe like a woman in labor.
They will stare at one another in
amazement;
their faces will be aflame.
9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, cruel,
with fury and burning anger, to make the
earth desolate and destroy its sinners
from it.
10 For the stars of the heavens and their
constellations will not give their light;
the sun will be dark when it rises, and the
moon will not shed its light.
11 “I will punish the world for its evil and the
wicked for their iniquity.
I will put an end to the arrogance of the
proud and bring low the haughtiness of
the ruthless.

12 I will make a mortal rarer than fine gold,
mankind rarer than the gold of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,
and the earth will shake from its place, at
the fury of the LORD of hosts, in the day of
his burning anger."
14 Like a hunted gazelle or a flock with no one to
gather it, each will turn to his own people,
and each will flee to his own land.
15 Everyone found will be pierced through, and
everyone caught will fall by the sword.
16 Their little ones will be dashed to pieces
before their eyes, their houses plundered,
and their wives raped.
17 "Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against
them, who do not value silver or delight
in gold.
18 Their bows will shatter young men;
they will have no compassion on the fruit of
the womb, and their eyes will not spare
children."
19 Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the splendor
of the Chaldeans' pride, will be like Sodom
and Gomorrah when God overthrew
them.
20 It will never be inhabited or settled from
generation to generation.
No Arab will pitch his tent there, and no
shepherds will make their flocks lie down
there.
21 But desert beasts will lie down there, and their
houses will be full of howling creatures.
Ostriches will dwell there, and goat demons
will dance there.

22 Howling beasts will answer in its desolate
dwellings, and jackals in its luxurious
palaces.
Her time is near to come, and her days will
not be prolonged.

14

1 For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob
and will again choose Israel and settle them on
their own land. Foreigners will join them and
attach themselves to the house of Jacob.
2 The peoples will take them and bring them to
their place, and the house of Israel will possess
them as male and female slaves in the land of
the LORD. They will take captive those who held
them captive and rule over their oppressors.
3 On the day the LORD gives you rest from
your pain, your turmoil, and the hard servitude
imposed on you,
4 you will take up this taunt against the king of
Babylon and say,
"How the oppressor has ceased, how the golden
city has ceased!
5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,
the scepter of rulers,
6 which struck peoples in fury with unceasing
blows, which ruled nations in anger with
unrestrained persecution.
7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
they break forth into singing.
8 Even the cypresses rejoice over you, the cedars
of Lebanon: 'Since you were laid low, no
woodcutter comes up against us.'

9 Sheol below is stirred to meet you when you
come.
It rouses the spirits of the dead for you, all
the leaders of the earth;
it raises all the kings of the nations from
their thrones.
10 They all answer and say to you, ‘You too have
become weak like us;
you have become like us.
11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, the
sound of your harps.
Maggots are spread beneath you, and
worms are your covering.’
12 How you have fallen from heaven, shining
one, son of dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth, you
who laid the nations low!
13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to
heaven;
above the stars of God I will raise my throne.
I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the
far reaches of the north.
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.’
15 But you will be brought down to Sheol, to the
depths of the pit.
16 Those who see you will stare at you and
ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who
made the earth tremble, who shook
kingdoms,
17 who made the world a wilderness, who tore
down its cities and would not release his
prisoners to go home?’

18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, lie in
honor, each in his own house.
19 But you have been cast away from your grave
like a loathed shoot, clothed with the
slain, those pierced by the sword who go
down to the stones of the pit, like a
trampled corpse.
20 You will not join them in burial, because you
destroyed your land and killed your
people.
May the offspring of evildoers never be
named again!
21 Prepare slaughter for his sons because of their
fathers' iniquity, lest they rise and possess
the earth and fill the face of the world
with cities."
22 "I will rise against them," declares the LORD of
hosts, "and cut off from Babylon name
and remnant, offspring and descendants,"
declares the LORD.
23 "I will make her a possession for porcupines
and pools of water;
I will sweep her with the broom of
destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely,
as I have thought, so it shall be, and as I
have purposed, so it shall stand:
25 I will break Assyria in my land and trample
him on my mountains.
His yoke shall be removed from them, and
his burden from their shoulder."

26 This is the purpose determined against the
whole earth, and this is the hand
stretched out over all the nations.
27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who
will thwart it?
His hand is stretched out, and who will turn
it back?
28 In the year that King Ahaz died, this oracle
came:
29 "Do not rejoice, all Philistia, because the rod of
the one who struck you is broken.
For from the serpent's root a viper will
come forth, and its fruit will be a flying
fiery serpent.
30 The poorest of the poor will graze, and the
needy will lie down safely.
But I will kill your root with famine, and he
will slay your remnant.
31 Wail, gate!
Cry out, city!
Melt away, all Philistia!
For smoke comes from the north, and no
one straggles in its ranks."
32 What shall one answer the messengers of the
nation?
That the LORD has founded Zion, and in her
the afflicted of his people will find refuge.

15

1 The oracle concerning Moab.
Surely, in a night Ar of Moab has been
devastated, silenced;
surely, in a night Kir of Moab has been
devastated, silenced.

2 He has gone up to the temple and to Dibon, to
the high places, to weep.
Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba;
every head is bald, every beard cut off.

3 In its streets they put on sackcloth;
on its rooftops and in its squares everyone
wails, melting into tears.

4 Heshbon and Elealeh cry out;
their voice is heard as far as Jahaz.
Therefore Moab's armed men shout;
his soul trembles within him.

5 My heart cries out for Moab;
her fugitives reach Zoar and
Eglath-shelishiyah.
They go up the ascent of Luhith weeping;
on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of
destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim become desolate;
the grass has withered, the tender growth
has vanished, and nothing green remains.

7 Therefore the wealth they have acquired and
what they have stored up they carry
across the Brook of the Willows.

8 For the cry has gone around Moab's border;
her wailing reaches Eglaim, her wailing
reaches Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood.
"I will bring still more upon Dimon: a lion
against the fugitives of Moab and against
those left in the land."

16

1 Send a lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela
through the wilderness to the mountain of
daughter Zion.
2 Like a fleeing bird, like a scattered nest, the
daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of
the Arnon.
3 “Give counsel;
render judgment.
Make your shadow like night in the midst of
noon.
Hide the outcasts;
do not betray the fugitive.
4 Let my outcasts dwell with you, Moab;
be a shelter for them from the destroyer.
For the extortioner is no more, devastation
has ceased, and tramplers have vanished
from the land.”
5 A throne shall be established in steadfast love,
and one shall sit on it in faithfulness, in
the tent of David, judging and seeking
justice and swift to do righteousness.
6 We have heard of Moab’s pride, his great pride,
his arrogance, his pride, and his fury;
his boasts are empty.

7 Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab;
everyone shall wail.
For the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth you
shall mourn, utterly stricken.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the
vine of Sibmah.

The lords of the nations have struck down
its choice vines, which reached Jazer and
wandered into the wilderness.
Its shoots spread out and crossed the sea.
9 Therefore I weep with the weeping of Jazer for
the vine of Sibmah.
I drench you with my tears, Heshbon and
Elealeh, for a shout has fallen upon your
summer fruit and your harvest.
10 Gladness and joy are taken away from the
fruitful field;
in the vineyards no one sings or shouts.
No treader treads wine in the presses;
I have silenced the harvest shout.
11 Therefore my inward parts moan like a lyre
for Moab, and my inmost being for
Kir-heres.
12 When Moab presents himself, when he wears
himself out on the high place and enters
his sanctuary to pray, he will not prevail.
13 This is the word the LORD spoke concerning
Moab formerly.
14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, “Within
three years, as a hired worker counts
years, Moab’s glory shall be brought into
contempt with all its great multitude, and
the remnant shall be very small and
feeble.”

17

1 The oracle concerning Damascus.
“Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city
and will become a heap of ruins.
2 The cities of Aroer are abandoned;

they will be for flocks, which will lie down
with no one to make them afraid.
3 The fortress will cease from Ephraim, and the
kingdom from Damascus;
the remnant of Aram will be like the glory
of the people of Israel," declares the LORD
of hosts.

4 "In that day the glory of Jacob will grow thin,
and the fatness of his flesh will become
lean.
5 It will be as when a reaper gathers standing
grain and his arm harvests the heads, as
when one gleans heads of grain in the
Valley of Rephaim.
6 Gleanings will remain in it, as when an olive
tree is beaten: two or three olives at the
top of the highest bough, four or five on
its fruitful branches," declares the LORD,
the God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will look to his Maker, and
his eyes will gaze on the Holy One of
Israel.
8 He will not look to the altars, the work of his
hands;
he will not gaze on what his fingers have
made, the Asherah poles and the incense
altars.
9 In that day his fortified cities will be like the
abandoned places of the wooded heights
and summits, which they deserted before
the people of Israel;
there will be desolation.

10 For you have forgotten the God of your
salvation and have not remembered the
Rock of your stronghold.
Therefore you plant delightful plants and
sow foreign vine shoots.
11 On the day you plant, you make them grow,
and in the morning you make your seed
blossom;
but the harvest will be a heap in a day of
sickness and incurable pain.

12 Ah, the tumult of many peoples!
They roar like the roaring of the seas.
The uproar of nations!
They roar like the roaring of mighty waters.
13 The nations roar like the roaring of many
waters, but he rebukes them, and they
flee far away, driven like chaff on the
mountains before the wind, like a rolling
thistle before a storm.
14 At evening, behold, terror!
Before morning, it is gone.
This is the portion of those who plunder us,
the lot of those who rob us.

18

1 Ah, land of whirring wings, beyond the rivers
of Cush,
2 which sends envoys by sea, in papyrus vessels
over the waters!
Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and
smooth-skinned, to a people feared far
and wide, a mighty and conquering
nation whose land the rivers cut through.

3 All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers
on the earth, when a banner is raised on
the mountains, look;
when a trumpet is blown, listen.

4 For thus the LORD said to me, “I will be still
and watch from my dwelling place, like
clear heat in sunlight, like a cloud of dew
in the heat of harvest.”
5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is
over and the flower becomes a ripening
grape, he will cut off the shoots with
pruning hooks and remove and cut away
the spreading branches.
6 They will be left together for the birds of prey
of the mountains and for the beasts of the
earth.
The birds of prey will spend the summer on
them, and all the beasts of the earth will
spend the winter on them.
7 At that time a gift will be brought to the LORD
of hosts from a people tall and
smooth-skinned, from a people feared far
and wide, a mighty and conquering
nation whose land the rivers cut through,
to the place of the name of the LORD of
hosts, Mount Zion.

19

1 The oracle concerning Egypt.
Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and
comes to Egypt.
The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and
Egypt’s heart melts within it.

2 “I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians;
each will fight his brother and each his
neighbor, city against city, kingdom
against kingdom.
3 Egypt’s spirit will be emptied within it, and I
will confound its counsel.
They will consult idols and enchanters,
mediums and spiritists.
4 I will hand Egypt over to a cruel master, and a
fierce king will rule over them,” declares
the Lord, the LORD of hosts.
5 The waters of the sea will fail, and the river
will be parched and dry.
6 The channels will stink;
the streams of Egypt will dwindle and dry
up.
Reeds and rushes will wither.
7 The open land by the Nile, by the mouth of the
Nile, and all the fields sown along the Nile
will dry up, be swept away, and be no
more.
8 The fishermen will mourn;
all who cast a hook into the Nile will lament,
and those who spread nets over the
waters will languish.
9 The workers in combed flax and the weavers
of white cloth will be ashamed.
10 Its pillars will be crushed;
all who work for wages will be grieved in
soul.
11 The rulers of Zoan are surely fools;
the counsel of Pharaoh’s wise counselors
has become senseless.
How can you say to Pharaoh, “I am a son of
the wise, a son of ancient kings”?

12 Where, then, are your wise men?
Let them tell you and know what the LORD
of hosts has purposed against Egypt.
13 The rulers of Zoan have become fools;
the rulers of Memphis are deceived.
The cornerstones of its tribes have led Egypt
astray.
14 The LORD has mingled within her a spirit of
confusion, and they have made Egypt
stagger in all its work, as a drunkard
staggers in his vomit.
15 There will be no work for Egypt that head or
tail, palm branch or reed, can do.

16 In that day Egypt will be like women,
trembling and afraid before the hand the
LORD of hosts waves over it.
17 The land of Judah will become a terror to
Egypt;
everyone to whom it is mentioned will be
afraid because of the purpose the LORD of
hosts has determined against it.

18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will
speak the language of Canaan and swear
to the LORD of hosts.
One will be called the City of Destruction.

19 In that day there will be an altar to the LORD
in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a
pillar to the LORD at its border.
20 It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of
hosts in the land of Egypt.

When they cry to the LORD because of
oppressors, he will send them a savior and
a mighty one, and he will deliver them.
21 The LORD will make himself known to Egypt,
and the Egyptians will know the LORD in
that day.
They will worship with sacrifice and
offering;
they will make a vow to the LORD and fulfill
it.
22 The LORD will strike Egypt, striking and
healing.
They will return to the LORD, and he will
answer their pleas and heal them.
23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt
to Assyria.
Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into
Assyria, and Egypt will worship with
Assyria.

24 In that day Israel will be a third with Egypt
and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the
earth,
25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying,
“Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the
work of my hands, and Israel my
inheritance.”

20

1 In the year that the commander in chief
came to Ashdod, sent by Sargon king of Assyria,
he fought against Ashdod and captured it.

2 At that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah
son of Amoz, saying, “Go, loosen the sackcloth
from your waist and take your sandals off your
feet.” He did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 The LORD said, “As my servant Isaiah has
walked naked and barefoot for three years as a
sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush,
4 so the king of Assyria will lead away the
captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, young
and old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks
uncovered, Egypt’s shame.
5 They will be dismayed and ashamed because
of Cush, their hope, and Egypt, their boast.
6 In that day the inhabitants of this coastland
will say, ‘Look, this is what has become of our
hope, where we fled for help to be delivered
from the king of Assyria! How then shall we
escape?’ ”

21

1 The oracle concerning the wilderness of the
sea.
Like whirlwinds sweeping through the
Negev, it comes from the wilderness, from
a fearful land.
2 A harsh vision has been told to me: the traitor
betrays, and the plunderer plunders.
“Go up, Elam!
Lay siege, Media!
I have put an end to all her sighing.”
3 Therefore my loins are filled with anguish;
pangs have seized me like the pangs of a
woman in labor.

I am bent double by what I hear, terrified by
what I see.
4 My heart reels;
horror overwhelms me.
The twilight I longed for has become a
terror to me.
5 Set the table;
spread the rugs;
eat and drink!
Rise, rulers;
oil the shield!

6 For thus the Lord said to me: “Go, post a
watchman;
let him report what he sees.
7 When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs, riders
on donkeys, riders on camels, let him pay
attention, very close attention.”
8 Then he called out like a lion, “On the
watchtower, Lord, I stand continually by
day, and at my post I am stationed
through all the nights.
9 And look, here comes a troop of riders,
horsemen in pairs!”
Then he answered and said, “Fallen, fallen is
Babylon!
All the carved images of her gods he has
shattered to the ground.”
10 O my threshed people, grain of my threshing
floor!
What I have heard from the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

11 The oracle concerning Dumah.

Someone calls to me from Seir, “Watchman,
what remains of the night?
Watchman, what remains of the night?”
12 The watchman says, “Morning comes, and also
night.
If you would inquire, inquire;
return, come.”

13 The oracle concerning Arabia.
In the thickets of Arabia you will lodge,
caravans of Dedanites.
14 Bring water to meet the thirsty, inhabitants of
the land of Tema;
meet the fugitive with bread.
15 For they have fled from swords, from the
drawn sword, from the bent bow, and
from the weight of war.

16 For thus the Lord said to me: “Within a year,
as a hired worker counts years, all the
glory of Kedar will come to an end.
17 The remaining number of archers, the mighty
men of the people of Kedar, will be few,
for the LORD, the God of Israel, has
spoken.”

22

1 The oracle concerning the Valley of Vision.
What is the matter with you now, that all of
you have gone up to the rooftops,
2 you who are full of uproar, a bustling city, an
exultant town?

Your slain were not slain by the sword or
killed in battle.
3 All your rulers have fled together;
they were bound without a bow.
All your people who were found were
bound together, though they had fled far
away.
4 Therefore I said, “Look away from me;
let me weep bitterly.
Do not press to comfort me over the
devastation of the daughter of my people.”
5 For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day of tumult,
trampling, and confusion in the Valley of
Vision, a breaking down of walls and a cry
to the mountain.
6 Elam carries the quiver, with chariots of men
and horsemen, and Kir uncovers the
shield.
7 Your choicest valleys are full of chariots, and
the horsemen take their stand at the gate.
8 He has removed Judah’s covering, and in that
day you looked to the weapons of the
House of the Forest.
9 You saw that the breaches in the City of David
were many, and you gathered the waters
of the lower pool.
10 You counted the houses of Jerusalem and tore
down houses to fortify the wall.
11 You made a reservoir between the two walls
for the water of the old pool, but you did
not look to the one who made it or regard
the one who formed it long ago.

12 In that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for
weeping and mourning, for baldness and
the wearing of sackcloth.
13 But behold, joy and gladness, slaughtering
cattle and killing sheep, eating meat and
drinking wine: “Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we shall die!”
14 The LORD of hosts revealed in my hearing,
“Surely this iniquity shall not be atoned
for you until you die,” says the Lord GOD
of hosts.

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: “Go to this
steward, to Shebna, who is over the house:
16 ‘What have you here, and whom have you
here, that you have hewn out a tomb for
yourself here, hewing your tomb on high,
carving a dwelling for yourself in the
rock?
17 Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you away
violently, you mighty man, and seize you
firmly.
18 He will surely wind you up like a ball and
throw you into a spacious land.
There you shall die, and there your glorious
chariots shall be, you disgrace to your
master’s house.’
19 I will thrust you from your office, and from
your position he will tear you down.
20 In that day I will call my servant Eliakim son
of Hilkiah.
21 I will clothe him with your robe and bind
your sash around him;

I will put your authority in his hand.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
22 I will place the key of the house of David on
his shoulder;
he shall open, and no one shall shut;
he shall shut, and no one shall open.
23 I will fasten him like a peg in a firm place, and
he shall become a throne of honor for his
father's house.
24 They will hang on him all the honor of his
father's house, the offspring and the
descendants, every small vessel, from
bowls to every kind of jar."
25 "In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "the
peg fastened in a firm place shall give
way, be cut down, and fall.
The load upon it shall be cut off, for the
LORD has spoken."

23

1 The oracle concerning Tyre.
Wail, ships of Tarshish, for it has been
devastated, without house or entrance!
From the land of Kittim the news has been
revealed to them.
2 Be silent, inhabitants of the coastland, whom
the merchants of Sidon crossing the sea
have supplied.
3 Across many waters the grain of Shihor, the
harvest of the Nile, was her revenue;
she was the marketplace of nations.

4 Be ashamed, Sidon, for the sea has spoken, the
stronghold of the sea, saying, “I have not
been in labor or given birth;
I have not reared young men or brought up
virgins.”
5 When the report reaches Egypt, they will
writhe at the news of Tyre.
6 Cross over to Tarshish;
wail, inhabitants of the coastland.
7 Is this your exultant city, whose beginnings
were in ancient days?
Her feet shall carry her far away to settle.
8 Who has purposed this against Tyre, the giver
of crowns, whose merchants were
princes, whose traders were the honored
of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it, to profane
the pride of all beauty and bring into
contempt all the honored of the earth.
10 Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter
Tarshish;
there is no restraint anymore.
11 He has stretched out his hand over the sea
and shaken kingdoms;
the LORD has commanded concerning
Canaan that its strongholds be destroyed.
12 He said, “You shall exult no more, oppressed
virgin daughter Sidon.
Rise, cross over to Kittim;
even there you shall have no rest.”
13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans!
This people is no more;
Assyria appointed it for desert beasts.

They raised their siege towers and stripped
its palaces;
he made it a ruin.
14 Wail, ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold
has been devastated!
15 In that day Tyre will be forgotten for
seventy years, like the days of one king. At the
end of seventy years it will be with Tyre as in
the song of the prostitute:
16 "Take a lyre, go about the city, forgotten
prostitute!
Play skillfully, sing many songs, that you
may be remembered."
17 At the end of seventy years the LORD will
visit Tyre, and she will return to her prostitute's
wages and prostitute herself with all the
kingdoms of the earth on the face of the world.
18 But her merchandise and her wages will be
holy to the LORD; they will not be stored up or
hoarded. Her merchandise will be for those who
dwell before the LORD, to eat their fill and have
fine clothing.

24

1 Behold, the LORD is emptying the earth and
laying it waste, twisting its surface and
scattering its inhabitants.
2 It shall be the same for people and priest, slave
and his master, slave woman and her
mistress, buyer and seller, lender and
borrower, creditor and debtor.

3 The earth shall be utterly emptied and utterly
plundered, for the LORD has spoken this
word.
4 The earth mourns and withers;
the world languishes and withers;
the lofty among the people of the earth
languish.
5 The earth is defiled beneath its inhabitants, for
they have transgressed laws, violated the
statute, and broken the everlasting
covenant.
6 Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its
inhabitants bear their guilt.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are
burned, and few mortals remain.
7 The new wine mourns, the vine languishes,
and all the merryhearted sigh.
8 The joy of tambourines has ceased;
the noise of revelers has ended;
the joy of the lyre has ceased.
9 They no longer drink wine with song;
strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.
10 The city of chaos is broken down;
every house is shut against entry.
11 There is an outcry over wine in the streets;
all joy has darkened, and the gladness of the
earth has gone into exile.
12 Desolation is left in the city, and the gate is
battered into ruins.
13 For so it shall be in the midst of the earth,
among the peoples, as when an olive tree
is beaten, as gleanings when the grape
harvest is over.
14 They lift up their voices;

they sing for joy.
From the sea they shout at the majesty of
the LORD.
15 Therefore glorify the LORD in the east;
in the coastlands of the sea, glorify the name
of the LORD, the God of Israel.

16 From the ends of the earth we hear songs:
"Glory to the righteous one!"
But I say, "I waste away, I waste away!
Woe is me!
Traitors have betrayed;
with treachery the traitors have betrayed."
17 Terror and pit and snare are upon you,
inhabitant of the earth!
18 Whoever flees from the sound of terror shall
fall into the pit, and whoever climbs out
of the pit shall be caught in the snare.
For the windows on high are opened, and
the foundations of the earth tremble.
19 The earth is utterly broken;
the earth is split apart;
the earth is violently shaken.
20 The earth staggers like a drunkard and sways
like a hut;
its transgression weighs heavily upon it.
It shall fall and not rise again.

21 In that day the LORD will punish the host on
high, on high, and the kings of the earth,
on the earth.
22 They will be gathered together like prisoners
in a pit and shut up in prison;
after many days they will be punished.

23 The moon will be disgraced and the sun
ashamed, for the LORD of hosts reigns on
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before
his elders there will be glory.

25

1 LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and give thanks to your
name, for you have done wonders, plans
from long ago in perfect faithfulness.
2 For you have made a city a heap, a fortified
town a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is no longer a city.
It will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore a strong people will honor you;
the city of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a stronghold for the poor, a
stronghold for the needy in distress, a
refuge from the storm and shade from the
heat.
For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm
against a wall.
5 Like heat in a dry land, you subdue the uproar
of foreigners;
like heat in the shadow of a cloud, the song
of the ruthless is silenced.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make
for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast
of aged wine, rich food full of marrow,
well-strained aged wine.
7 On this mountain he will swallow up the
covering cast over all peoples, the veil
spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord
GOD will wipe away tears from all faces.
He will remove the disgrace of his people
from all the earth, for the LORD has
spoken.

9 In that day it will be said, “Behold, this is our
God;
we have waited for him, and he will save us.
This is the LORD;
we have waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”
10 For the hand of the LORD will rest on this
mountain, but Moab will be trampled in
his place, as straw is trampled in a dung
heap.
11 He will spread out his hands in it as a
swimmer spreads out his hands to swim,
but he will bring down his pride along
with the skill of his hands.
12 The fortification of your high walls he will
bring down, lay low, and bring to the
ground, to the dust.

26

1 In that day this song will be sung in the land of
Judah: “We have a strong city;
he makes salvation its walls and rampart.
2 Open the gates, that the righteous nation that
keeps faith may enter.
3 You will keep in perfect peace the one whose
mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.
4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the
LORD, is the Rock of ages.

5 For he has brought low those who dwell on
high, the lofty city.
He lays it low, lays it low to the earth;
he brings it to the dust.
6 The foot shall trample it, the feet of the
afflicted, the steps of the poor."
7 The path of the righteous is level;
you who are upright make level the way of
the righteous.
8 Yes, in the path of your judgments, LORD, we
have waited for you;
your name and your remembrance are the
desire of our soul.
9 My soul longs for you in the night;
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
For when your judgments are on the earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn
righteousness.
10 Though favor is shown to the wicked, he does
not learn righteousness;
in a land of uprightness he acts unjustly and
does not see the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, your hand is lifted up, but they do not
see.
Let them see your zeal for the people and be
ashamed;
let the fire for your adversaries consume
them.

12 LORD, you will establish peace for us, for you
have also done all our works for us.

13 LORD our God, other lords besides you have
ruled over us, but through you alone we
remember your name.
14 They are dead;
they shall not live.
They are spirits of the dead;
they shall not rise.
Therefore you have punished and destroyed
them and wiped out all memory of them.
15 You have increased the nation, LORD, you
have increased the nation;
you are glorified.
You have extended all the borders of the
land.
16 LORD, in distress they sought you;
they poured out a whisper when your
discipline was upon them.
17 Like a pregnant woman near the time of birth,
writhing and crying out in her pangs, so
we were before you, LORD.
18 We conceived, we writhed in labor, but we
gave birth, as it were, to wind.
We have accomplished no deliverance on
earth, nor have inhabitants of the world
been born.
19 Your dead shall live;
my dead body shall arise.
Awake and sing for joy, you who dwell in
the dust!
For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth
shall bring forth the spirits of the dead.

20 “Go, my people, enter your chambers and shut
your door behind you.

Hide for a brief moment until the
indignation passes.”
21 For behold, the LORD is coming out of his
place to punish the inhabitants of the
earth for their iniquity.
The earth will uncover its blood and no
longer conceal its slain.

27

1 In that day the LORD will punish with his hard,
great, and strong sword Leviathan the
fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting
serpent, and he will slay the sea monster
in the sea.

2 In that day: “A delightful vineyard!
Sing of it!
3 I, the LORD, keep it;
every moment I water it.
Lest anyone harm it, I guard it night and
day.
4 I have no wrath.
If only someone would set briers and thorns
against me in battle!
I would march through them and set them
all ablaze.
5 Or let him take hold of my protection;
let him make peace with me, let him make
peace with me.”
6 In time to come Jacob shall take root;
Israel shall blossom and bud, and they shall
fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Has he struck him as he struck the one who
struck him?
Or has he been slain as his slain were slain?
8 By measure, in sending her away, you contend
with her.
He drove her out with his harsh wind on the
day of the east wind.
9 Therefore by this Jacob's iniquity shall be
atoned for, and this shall be all the fruit of
removing his sin: when he makes all the
altar stones like limestone crushed to
pieces, no Asherah poles or incense altars
shall remain standing.
10 For the fortified city is solitary, a dwelling
forsaken and abandoned like the
wilderness.
There a calf grazes;
there it lies down and consumes her
branches.
11 When her boughs are dry, they are broken off;
women come and set them alight.
For this is a people without understanding;
therefore their Maker will not have
compassion on them, and the one who
formed them will show them no favor.

12 In that day the LORD will beat out from the
channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt,
and you shall be gathered one by one,
people of Israel.

13 In that day a great trumpet will be blown;
those perishing in the land of Assyria and
those driven out in the land of Egypt will

come and worship the LORD on the holy
mountain in Jerusalem.

28

1 Woe to the proud crown of Ephraim's
drunkards, to the fading flower of its
glorious beauty on the head of the fertile
valley of those overcome by wine!
2 Behold, the Lord has one who is mighty and
strong.
Like a hailstorm, a destroying tempest, like
a flood of mighty, overflowing waters, he
will cast it to the ground with his hand.
3 The proud crown of Ephraim's drunkards shall
be trampled underfoot.
4 The fading flower of its glorious beauty on the
head of the fertile valley shall be like an
early fig before summer: as soon as one
sees it, he swallows it while it is still in his
hand.

5 In that day the LORD of hosts shall be a crown
of beauty and a diadem of splendor to the
remnant of his people,
6 a spirit of justice to the one who sits in
judgment, and strength to those who turn
back the battle at the gate.

7 These also reel with wine and stagger with
strong drink.
Priest and prophet reel with strong drink;
they are swallowed up by wine and stagger
with strong drink.

They err in vision and stumble in judgment.
8 For all the tables are full of vomit and filth;
no place is clean.

9 “Whom will he teach knowledge, and whom
will he make understand the message?
Those weaned from milk, those taken from
the breasts?
10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon
precept, line upon line, line upon line, a
little there, a little there.”
11 Indeed, with stammering lips and another
tongue he will speak to this people,
12 to whom he said, “This is rest;
give rest to the weary, and this is repose.”
But they would not listen.
13 So the word of the LORD will be to them,
“Precept upon precept, precept upon
precept, line upon line, line upon line, a
little there, a little there,” that they may go
and stumble backward, be broken,
snared, and captured.

14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem.
15 For you have said, “We have made a covenant
with death and an agreement with Sheol.
When the overwhelming scourge passes
through, it will not reach us, for we have
made lies our refuge and hidden
ourselves in falsehood.”

16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I
am laying a stone as a foundation in Zion,

a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a
sure foundation.
The one who believes will not act in haste.
17 I will make justice the measuring line and
righteousness the plumb line.
Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and
waters will flood the hiding place.
18 Your covenant with death will be annulled,
and your agreement with Sheol will not
stand.
When the overwhelming scourge passes
through, you will be trampled by it.
19 Every time it passes, it will seize you, for
morning after morning it will pass
through, by day and by night.
It will be sheer terror to understand the
message."
20 For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and
the covering too narrow to wrap oneself
in.
21 For the LORD will rise as on Mount Perazim;
he will stir as in the Valley of Gibeon, to do
his work, his strange work, and perform
his task, his alien task.
22 Now do not scoff, lest your bonds grow
stronger, for I have heard from the Lord
GOD of hosts of a decreed destruction
upon all the earth.
23 Give ear and hear my voice;
pay attention and hear my words.
24 Does the plowman plow all day to sow?
Does he continually open and harrow his
ground?

25 When he has leveled its surface, does he not
scatter black cumin and sow cumin, plant
wheat in rows, barley in its appointed
place, and spelt along its border?
26 His God instructs him in what is right and
teaches him.
27 For black cumin is not threshed with a
threshing sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled
over cumin.
Black cumin is beaten out with a staff, and
cumin with a rod.
28 Grain for bread is ground, but he does not
thresh it forever.
He drives his cartwheel and his horses over
it, but does not pulverize it.
29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
wonderful in counsel, great in sound
wisdom.

29

1 "Woe, Ariel, Ariel, the city where David
camped!
Add year to year;
let the festivals run their course.
2 Yet I will bring distress upon Ariel.
There will be mourning and lamentation,
and she will be to me like Ariel.
3 I will camp in a circle against you, besiege you
with siege posts, and raise siegeworks
against you.
4 Brought low, you will speak from the ground;
your speech will come faintly from the dust.

Your voice will be like a ghost's from the
earth, and your speech will whisper from
the dust."
5 But the multitude of your foreigners will be
like fine dust, and the multitude of the
ruthless like chaff blown away.
It will happen suddenly, in an instant.
6 You will be visited by the LORD of hosts with
thunder, earthquake, and a mighty noise,
with whirlwind, tempest, and a flame of
devouring fire.
7 The multitude of all the nations fighting
against Ariel, all who fight against her and
her fortress and oppress her, will be like a
dream, a vision in the night.
8 As a hungry man dreams that he is eating but
wakes with an empty stomach, or a thirsty
man dreams that he is drinking but wakes
faint and still thirsty, so will be the
multitude of all the nations fighting
against Mount Zion.

9 Pause and be amazed!
Blind yourselves and be blind!
They are drunk, but not with wine;
they stagger, but not with strong drink.
10 For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of
deep sleep.
He has closed your eyes, the prophets, and
covered your heads, the seers.
11 The whole vision has become to you like the
words of a sealed scroll.

When it is given to someone who can read,
with the request, “Please read this,” he
says, “I cannot, because it is sealed.”
12 When the scroll is given to someone who
cannot read, with the request, “Please
read this,” he says, “I do not know how to
read.”

13 The Lord said, “Because this people draws
near with its mouth and honors me with
its lips, while its heart is far from me, and
its fear of me is a human commandment
that has been taught,
14 therefore I will again do wonders among this
people, wonder upon wonder.
The wisdom of their wise will perish, and
the understanding of their discerning will
be hidden.”

15 Woe to those who go deep to hide their plans
from the LORD, whose deeds are in
darkness, and who say, “Who sees us?
Who knows us?”
16 You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be considered like the clay?
Shall the work say of its maker, “He did not
make me,” or the thing formed say of its
former, “He has no understanding”?
17 Is it not just a very little while until Lebanon
becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful
field is considered a forest?
18 In that day the deaf will hear the words of a
scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the
eyes of the blind will see.

19 The humble will increase their joy in the
LORD, and the neediest among mankind
will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the ruthless will come to nothing, the
scoffer will cease, and all who watch for
evil will be cut off—
21 those who make a man guilty by a word, lay a
snare for the one who corrects at the gate,
and deprive the righteous of justice with
empty claims.

22 Therefore this is what the LORD, who
redeemed Abraham, says concerning the
house of Jacob: “Jacob will no longer be
ashamed, nor will his face grow pale.
23 For when he sees his children, the work of my
hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my
name.
They will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and
stand in awe of the God of Israel.
24 Those who stray in spirit will gain
understanding, and those who grumble
will learn instruction.”

30

1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” declares the
LORD, “who carry out plans that do not
come from me and pour out a libation,
but not by my Spirit, adding sin to sin!
2 They go down to Egypt without consulting my
mouth, to seek refuge in Pharaoh’s
protection and shelter in Egypt’s shade.

3 But Pharaoh's protection will become your
shame, and shelter in Egypt's shade your
disgrace.
4 For his officials are in Zoan, and his
messengers reach Hanes.
5 They will all be ashamed because of a people
who cannot benefit them, who bring
neither help nor profit, but only shame
and disgrace."

6 An oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev.
Through a land of distress and anguish,
from which come the lioness and the lion,
the viper and the flying fiery serpent, they
carry their wealth on the shoulders of
donkeys and their treasures on the humps
of camels, to a people who cannot benefit
them.
7 Egypt's help is vain and empty;
therefore I have called her "Rahab who sits
still."
8 "Now go, write it on a tablet before them and
inscribe it on a scroll, so that it may
remain for a future day, forever and ever.
9 For they are a rebellious people, lying children,
children unwilling to hear the instruction
of the LORD.
10 They say to the seers, 'Do not see,' and to those
who have visions, 'Do not see for us what
is right.
Speak smooth things to us;
see illusions.
11 Leave the way, turn aside from the path;

remove the Holy One of Israel from our
presence.' "

12 Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel
says: "Because you have rejected this
word, trusted in oppression and
perverseness, and relied on it,
13 this iniquity will be to you like a breach about
to fall, bulging in a high wall whose
collapse comes suddenly, in an instant.
14 He will shatter it like a potter's jar, smashed
without mercy, so that among its
fragments no shard will be found for
scooping fire from the hearth or drawing
water from a cistern."

15 For this is what the Lord GOD, the Holy One of
Israel, said: "In returning and rest you
will be saved;
in quietness and trust will be your strength.
But you were unwilling.
16 You said, 'No!
We will flee on horses.' Therefore you will
flee.
'We will ride on swift horses.' Therefore
your pursuers will be swift.
17 One thousand will flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you will flee, until you
are left like a mast on a mountaintop and
like a banner on a hill."
18 Therefore the LORD waits to show you grace,
and therefore he rises to have compassion
on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

19 For the people will dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem.
You will weep no more.
He will surely show you grace at the sound of your cry;
when he hears it, he will answer you.
20 The Lord will give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, but your teachers will no longer be hidden.
Your eyes will see your teachers,
21 and your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way;
walk in it,” when you turn to the right or to the left.
22 You will defile the silver plating of your carved images and the gold covering of your cast images.
You will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, “Get out!”
23 He will give rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food the land produces will be rich and abundant.
In that day your livestock will graze in wide pastures.
24 The oxen and donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder, winnowed with shovel and fork.
25 On every high mountain and every lofty hill there will be streams, flowing waters, on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
26 The light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be

sevenfold, like the light of seven days, on
the day the LORD binds up his people's
fracture and heals the wound of his blow.

27 Look, the name of the LORD comes from afar,
his anger burning, with dense smoke.
His lips are full of indignation, and his
tongue is like a devouring fire.
28 His breath is like an overflowing torrent
reaching to the neck, to sift the nations in
a sieve of destruction;
a bridle that leads astray is on the jaws of
the peoples.
29 You will have a song as on the night of a holy
festival, and gladness of heart like one
going with a flute to the mountain of the
LORD, to the Rock of Israel.
30 The LORD will make the majesty of his voice
heard and show his descending arm, with
raging anger and a flame of devouring
fire, with shattering, a downpour, and
hailstones.
31 For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be
shattered;
he will strike with a rod.
32 Every stroke of the appointed staff that the
LORD lays upon him will be accompanied
by tambourines and lyres;
in battles with sweeping blows he will fight
against them.
33 For Topheth has long been prepared;
it is also ready for the king.
He has made it deep and wide;

its pyre has fire and much wood.
The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of
sulfur, sets it ablaze.

31

1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,
who rely on horses and trust in chariots
because they are many and in horsemen
because they are very strong, but do not
look to the Holy One of Israel or seek the
LORD!
2 Yet he too is wise and will bring calamity;
he will not take back his words.
He will rise against the house of evildoers
and against the help of those who practice
iniquity.
3 The Egyptians are human, and not God;
their horses are flesh, and not spirit.
When the LORD stretches out his hand, the
helper will stumble and the one helped
will fall;
all of them will perish together.

4 For this is what the LORD said to me: “As a lion,
a young lion, growls over its prey, and
though a crowd of shepherds is called out
against it, it is not frightened by their
voices or cowed by their noise, so the
LORD of hosts will come down to fight on
Mount Zion and on its hill.
5 Like flying birds, so the LORD of hosts will
shield Jerusalem;
shielding, he will deliver her;
passing over, he will rescue her.”

6 Return to him against whom the children of
Israel have deeply rebelled.
7 For in that day each man will reject his idols of
silver and his idols of gold, which your
own hands made for you as a sin.
8 “Assyria will fall by a sword that is not of man,
and a sword that is not human will
devour him.
He will flee before the sword, and his young
men will be put to forced labor.
9 His rock will pass away in terror, and his
officials will be dismayed at the banner,”
declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion
and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

32

1 Look, a king will reign in righteousness, and
officials will rule with justice.
2 A man will be like a shelter from the wind and
a refuge from the storm, like streams of
water in a dry place, like the shade of a
great rock in a weary land.
3 The eyes of those who see will no longer be
closed, and the ears of those who hear
will listen attentively.
4 The heart of the rash will understand
knowledge, and the tongue of those who
stammer will be quick to speak clearly.
5 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the
scoundrel said to be generous.
6 For the fool speaks folly, and his heart works
iniquity, practicing godlessness and
speaking error against the LORD, leaving

the hungry empty and depriving the
thirsty of drink.
7 The scoundrel's means are evil;
he devises schemes to destroy the poor with
lying words, even when the needy plead a
just cause.
8 But the noble man plans noble things, and on
noble things he stands.

9 Rise up, you women at ease, and hear my voice;
you confident daughters, listen to my words.
10 In a year and some days you confident ones
will tremble, for the grape harvest will
fail and the gathering will not come.
11 Tremble, you women at ease;
shudder, you confident ones.
Strip yourselves bare and gird your waists.
12 They beat their breasts in mourning for the
delightful fields, for the fruitful vine,
13 for the land of my people, overgrown with
thorns and briers, yes, for all the joyful
houses of the jubilant city.
14 For the palace will be abandoned, the bustling
city deserted.
Ophel and the watchtower will become
caves forever, a delight for wild donkeys,
a pasture for flocks,
15 until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on
high, and the wilderness becomes a
fruitful field, and the fruitful field is
considered a forest.
16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and
righteousness will live in the fruitful field.

17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and
the result of righteousness quietness and
security forever.
18 My people will live in a peaceful dwelling, in
secure homes and tranquil resting places.
19 It will hail when the forest falls, and the city
will be utterly brought low.
20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters,
who let the ox and the donkey roam free!

33

1 Woe to you, destroyer who has not been
destroyed, and betrayer whom no one has
betrayed!
When you finish destroying, you will be
destroyed;
when you finish betraying, they will betray
you.

2 LORD, show us grace;
we have waited for you.
Be their arm every morning, our salvation
also in time of distress.
3 At the sound of tumult the peoples flee;
when you rise, the nations scatter.
4 Your plunder will be gathered as locusts gather;
it will be swarmed over as locusts swarm.
5 The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high;
he has filled Zion with justice and
righteousness.
6 He will be the stability of your times, a wealth
of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Look, their valiant ones cry out in the streets;
the messengers of peace weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie desolate;
travelers have ceased.
He has broken the covenant, despised the
cities, and regarded no one.
9 The land mourns and languishes;
Lebanon is ashamed and withers.
Sharon has become like the wilderness, and
Bashan and Carmel shake off their foliage.
10 “Now I will rise,” says the LORD.
“Now I will be exalted;
now I will be lifted up.
11 You conceive dry grass and give birth to
stubble;
your breath is a fire that will consume you.
12 The peoples will be burned to lime;
like cut thorns they will be set ablaze.

13 Hear what I have done, you who are far away;
acknowledge my might, you who are near.”
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
trembling has seized the godless.
“Who among us can dwell with devouring
fire?
Who among us can dwell with everlasting
burning?”
15 The one who walks in righteousness and
speaks uprightly, who rejects gain from
extortion, shakes his hands free of bribes,
stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,
and shuts his eyes from seeing evil—
16 he will dwell on the heights;

rocky fortresses will be his refuge.
His bread will be given to him, and his
water will be sure.
17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;
they will behold a land stretching far away.
18 Your heart will ponder the terror: “Where is
the one who counted?
Where is the one who weighed?
Where is the one who counted the towers?”
19 You will no longer see the fierce people, a
people whose speech is too obscure to
understand, whose stammering tongue
cannot be comprehended.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed
festivals.
Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a tranquil
dwelling, a tent that will not be moved.
Its stakes will never be pulled up, and none
of its ropes will be broken.
21 For there the majestic LORD will be for us a
place of rivers and wide streams.
No boat with oars will go there, and no
mighty ship will pass through.
22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our
lawgiver, the LORD is our king;
he will save us.
23 Your rigging hangs loose;
it does not hold the base of their mast firm
or spread the sail.
Then abundant plunder will be divided;
even the lame will take the spoil.
24 No inhabitant will say, “I am sick.”
The people who dwell there will be forgiven
their iniquity.

34

1 Come near, nations, to hear;
pay attention, peoples.
Let the earth and all that fills it hear, the world and all that springs from it.
2 For the LORD is indignant against all the nations and furious against all their armies.
He has devoted them to destruction and given them over to slaughter.
3 Their slain will be thrown out, and the stench of their corpses will rise;
the mountains will melt with their blood.
4 All the host of heaven will waste away;
the heavens will be rolled up like a scroll, and all their host will fall like a withered leaf from a vine and a fading leaf from a fig tree.
5 "For my sword has drunk its fill in heaven.
Look, it will descend upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction, for judgment."
6 The sword of the LORD is full of blood, covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats and the fat of rams' kidneys.
For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
7 Wild oxen will fall with them, young bulls with mighty bulls.
Their land will drink its fill of blood, and their dust will be enriched with fat.
8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for Zion's cause.

9 Her streams will turn to pitch and her dust to
sulfur;
her land will become burning pitch.
10 It will not be quenched night or day;
its smoke will rise forever.
From generation to generation it will lie
desolate;
no one will pass through it forever and ever.
11 The pelican and the porcupine will possess it;
the great owl and the raven will dwell there.
He will stretch over it the measuring line of
chaos and the plumb stones of emptiness.
12 As for her nobles, there will be no one there to
proclaim king, and all her officials will
come to nothing.
13 Thorns will grow in her palaces, nettles and
briers in her fortresses.
She will become a haunt of jackals, a
dwelling for ostriches.
14 Desert beasts will meet with howling beasts,
and the goat demon will call to its fellow.
There too the night creature will settle and
find a resting place for herself.
15 There the owl will nest and lay eggs, hatch
them and gather her young under her
shade.
There too the kites will gather, each with her
mate.
16 Search the book of the LORD and read: not
one of these will be missing, and none will
lack her mate.
For my mouth has commanded it, and his
Spirit has gathered them.

17 He has cast the lot for them, and his hand has
apportioned it to them with the
measuring line.
They will possess it forever;
from generation to generation they will
dwell in it.

35

1 The wilderness and the dry land will rejoice;
the desert will be glad and blossom like the
crocus.
2 It will blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy
and singing.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the
splendor of Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the glory of the LORD, the
splendor of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands and steady the
faltering knees.
4 Say to those with anxious hearts, “Be strong;
do not fear.
Look, your God will come with vengeance,
with God’s recompense.
He will come and save you.”
5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and
the ears of the deaf unstopped.
6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the mute will sing for joy.
For waters will break forth in the
wilderness, and streams in the desert.
7 The parched ground will become a pool, and
the thirsty land springs of water.

In the haunt of jackals, their resting place,
grass will give way to reeds and rushes.
8 A highway will be there, a way, and it will be
called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not pass over it;
it will be for them.
Those who walk the way, though foolish,
will not go astray.
9 No lion will be there, nor will any ravenous
beast go up on it;
none will be found there.
The redeemed will walk there.
10 The ransomed of the LORD will return and
come to Zion with singing, with
everlasting joy upon their heads.
They will obtain joy and gladness, and
sorrow and sighing will flee.

36

1 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah,
Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all
the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.
2 The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from
Lachish to Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah, with a
large army. He stood by the conduit of the upper
pool, on the highway to the Washer's Field.
3 Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the
palace, Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of
Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.
4 The Rabshakeh said to them, "Please tell
Hezekiah: 'This is what the great king, the king
of Assyria, says: What is this confidence on
which you rely?

5 I say, your counsel and strength for war are
mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that
you have rebelled against me?
6 Look, you are trusting in this broken reed of
a staff, Egypt. If a man leans on it, it will enter
his palm and pierce it. Such is Pharaoh king of
Egypt to all who trust in him.
7 But if you tell me, “We trust in the LORD our
God,” is he not the one whose high places and
altars Hezekiah removed, telling Judah and
Jerusalem, “You shall worship before this altar”?
8 Now, please, make a wager with my master,
the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand
horses, if you can provide riders for them.
9 How then can you turn back a single
governor among the least of my master’s
servants, while you trust in Egypt for chariots
and horsemen?
10 Have I now come up against this land to
destroy it without the LORD? The LORD said to
me, “Go up against this land and destroy it.” ’ ”
11 Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the
Rabshakeh, “Please speak to your servants in
Aramaic, for we understand it. Do not speak to
us in the language of Judah within hearing of
the people on the wall.”
12 But the Rabshakeh said, “Has my master
sent me to speak these words to your master
and to you? Has he not sent me to the men
sitting on the wall, to eat their own excrement
and drink their own urine with you?”
13 The Rabshakeh stood and called out in a
loud voice in the language of Judah: “Hear the

words of the great king, the king of Assyria!
14 This is what the king says: ‘Do not let
Hezekiah deceive you, for he cannot deliver you.
15 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the
LORD, saying, “The LORD will surely deliver us;
this city will not be given into the hand of the
king of Assyria.” ’
16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what
the king of Assyria says: ‘Make peace with me
and come out to me. Each of you may eat from
his own vine and his own fig tree and drink
water from his own cistern,
17 until I come and take you to a land like your
own, a land of grain and new wine, a land of
bread and vineyards.
18 Do not let Hezekiah persuade you by saying,
“The LORD will deliver us.” Has any of the gods
of the nations delivered his land from the hand
of the king of Assyria?
19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad?
Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they
delivered Samaria from my hand?
20 Who among all the gods of these lands has
delivered his land from my hand, that the LORD
should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?’ ”
21 But they remained silent and did not
answer him a word, for the king’s command
was, “Do not answer him.”
22 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over
the palace, Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of
Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with
their clothes torn and told him the words of the
Rabshakeh.

37

1 When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his
clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and
went into the house of the LORD.
2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the palace,
Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests,
covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah
son of Amoz.
3 They said to him, “This is what Hezekiah
says: ‘This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and
disgrace, for the children have come to the point
of birth, but there is no strength to deliver them.
4 Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the
words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master, the
king of Assyria, has sent to insult the living God,
and will rebuke the words the LORD your God
has heard. So lift up a prayer for the remnant
that remains.’ ”
5 When the servants of King Hezekiah came to
Isaiah,
6 Isaiah said to them, “Tell your master: ‘This is
what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of the
words you have heard, with which the servants
of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7 Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will
hear a report and return to his own land. I will
make him fall by the sword in his own land.’ ”
8 The Rabshakeh returned and found the king
of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had
heard that he had left Lachish.
9 He heard concerning Tirhakah king of Cush,
“He has come out to fight against you.” When he
heard this, he sent messengers to Hezekiah,

saying,
10 “Tell Hezekiah king of Judah: ‘Do not let
your God, in whom you trust, deceive you by
saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the
hand of the king of Assyria.”
11 Look, you have heard what the kings of
Assyria have done to all the lands, devoting
them to destruction. Will you be delivered?
12 Did the gods of the nations my fathers
destroyed deliver them—Gozan, Haran, Rezeph,
and the children of Eden who were in Telassar?
13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of
Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of
Hena and Ivvah?’ ”
14 Hezekiah took the letters from the
messengers’ hands and read them. Then he
went up to the house of the LORD and spread
them before the LORD.
15 Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying,
16 “LORD of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned
above the cherubim, you alone are God over all
the kingdoms of the earth. You made heaven
and earth.
17 Incline your ear, LORD, and hear; open your
eyes, LORD, and see. Hear all the words
Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God.
18 Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid
waste all the lands and their territories
19 and cast their gods into the fire, for they
were not gods, but the work of human hands,
wood and stone. So they destroyed them.
20 Now, LORD our God, save us from his hand,
so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know
that you alone are the LORD.”

21 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent word to
Hezekiah: “This is what the LORD, the God of
Israel, says: ‘Because you have prayed to me
concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,
22 this is the word the LORD has spoken
against him:
The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and
mocks you;
the daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head
behind you.
23 Whom have you insulted and blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised your voice
and lifted your eyes on high?
Against the Holy One of Israel!
24 Through your servants you have insulted the
Lord and said, “With my many chariots I
have climbed the heights of the
mountains, the remotest parts of Lebanon.
I will cut down its tallest cedars and its
choice cypresses.
I will reach its highest extremity, its lush
forest.
25 I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole
of my feet I have dried up all the streams
of Egypt.”
26 Have you not heard?
Long ago I made it;
from ancient days I formed it.
Now I have brought it about, that you should
turn fortified cities into heaps of ruins.
27 Their inhabitants, short of strength, were
dismayed and ashamed.

They were like the grass of the field and
green shoots, like grass on the rooftops
and a field before its grain has grown.
28 I know your sitting down, your going out and
coming in, and your raging against me.
29 Because your raging against me and your
arrogance have reached my ears, I will
put my hook in your nose and my bit in
your lips, and turn you back by the way
you came.
30 This will be the sign for you: this year eat
what grows of itself, and in the second
year what springs from that.
In the third year sow and reap, plant
vineyards and eat their fruit.
31 The surviving remnant of the house of Judah
will again take root below and bear fruit
above.
32 For a remnant will go out from Jerusalem, and
survivors from Mount Zion.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.' "

33 Therefore this is what the LORD says
concerning the king of Assyria: "He will
not enter this city or shoot an arrow there.
He will not approach it with a shield or
build a siege ramp against it.
34 By the way he came he will return;
he will not enter this city," declares the
LORD.
35 "I will defend this city to save it, for my own
sake and for the sake of my servant
David."

36 The angel of the LORD went out and struck
down one hundred eighty-five thousand in the
Assyrian camp. When they rose early in the
morning, look, they were all dead bodies.
37 Then Sennacherib king of Assyria broke
camp, departed, and returned; he lived in
Nineveh.
38 While he was worshiping in the house of
Nisroch his god, his sons Adrammelech and
Sharezer struck him down with the sword. They
escaped to the land of Ararat, and his son
Esarhaddon reigned in his place.

38

1 In those days Hezekiah became sick to the
point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz
came to him and said, "This is what the LORD
says: 'Put your house in order, for you are dying;
you will not live.' "
2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall
and prayed to the LORD.
3 He said, "Please, LORD, remember how I
have walked before you in faithfulness and with
a whole heart, and have done what is good in
your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah,
saying,
5 "Go and tell Hezekiah: 'This is what the
LORD, the God of David your father, says: I have
heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Look,
I will add fifteen years to your days.

6 I will deliver you and this city from the hand
of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this
city.' "
7 This will be the sign for you from the LORD,
that the LORD will do this thing he has spoken:
8 "Look, I will turn back the shadow that has
gone down with the sun on the steps of Ahaz,
backward ten steps." So the sun returned ten
steps on the steps down which it had gone.

9 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah when he
was sick and recovered from his illness:
10 I said, "In the middle of my days I must go to
the gates of Sheol;
I am deprived of the rest of my years."
11 I said, "I will not see the LORD, the LORD, in
the land of the living.
I will no longer look upon mankind among
those who dwell where life ceases.
12 My dwelling has been pulled up and removed
from me like a shepherd's tent.
Like a weaver I have rolled up my life;
he cuts me off from the loom.
From day to night you bring me to an end.
13 I composed myself until morning;
like a lion he breaks all my bones.
From day to night you bring me to an end.
14 Like a swallow, like a crane, I chirp;
I moan like a dove.
My eyes grow weak from looking upward.
Lord, I am oppressed;
be my guarantor!
15 What can I say?

He has spoken to me, and he himself has
done it.
I will walk slowly all my years because of
the bitterness of my soul.
16 Lord, by these things people live, and in all of
them is the life of my spirit.
Restore me to health and make me live.
17 Look, for my well-being I had bitterness, great
bitterness.
But in your love you have delivered my life
from the pit of destruction, for you have
cast all my sins behind your back.
18 For Sheol does not thank you, nor does death
praise you.
Those who go down to the pit do not hope
for your faithfulness.
19 The living, the living, they thank you, as I do
today.
A father makes your faithfulness known to
his children.
20 The LORD will save me, and we will play my
songs on stringed instruments all the days
of our lives at the house of the LORD."
21 Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs
and spread it on the boil, and he will live."
22 Hezekiah had said, "What is the sign that I
will go up to the house of the LORD?"

39

1 At that time Merodach-baladan son of
Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift
to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been
sick and had recovered.

2 Hezekiah welcomed them gladly and showed
them his treasure house—the silver, gold, spices,
and precious oil—his entire armory, and
everything found in his storehouses. There was
nothing in his house or in all his dominion that
Hezekiah did not show them.
3 Then the prophet Isaiah came to King
Hezekiah and asked him, “What did these men
say, and where did they come from?” Hezekiah
said, “They came to me from a distant land, from
Babylon.”
4 He asked, “What have they seen in your
house?” Hezekiah said, “They have seen
everything in my house. There is nothing in my
storehouses that I did not show them.”
5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word
of the LORD of hosts:
6 ‘Look, days are coming when everything in
your house and everything your fathers have
stored up to this day will be carried to Babylon.
Nothing will be left,’ says the LORD.
7 ‘Some of your sons who will come from you,
whom you will father, will be taken away, and
they will become eunuchs in the palace of the
king of Babylon.’ ”
8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the
LORD you have spoken is good.” He also said,
“For there will be peace and security in my days.”

40

1 “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.
2 “Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and proclaim
to her that her service is complete, that

her iniquity is pardoned, that she has
received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins."

3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare
the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.
4 Every valley will be lifted up, and every
mountain and hill brought low;
the uneven ground will become level, and
the rugged places a plain.
5 The glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all
flesh will see it together, for the mouth of
the LORD has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry out!"
And he says, "What shall I cry out?"
All flesh is grass, and all its faithfulness is
like a flower of the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because
the breath of the LORD blows upon it.
Surely the people are grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the
word of our God will stand forever.

9 Go up on a high mountain, Zion, bearer of good
news.
Lift up your voice with strength, Jerusalem,
bearer of good news.
Lift it up;
do not fear.
Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

10 Look, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his
arm rules for him.
Look, his reward is with him, and his
recompense before him.
11 Like a shepherd he will tend his flock;
with his arm he will gather the lambs and
carry them in his bosom.
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow
of his hand, measured the heavens with
his outstretched hand, gathered the dust
of the earth in a third of a measure,
weighed the mountains in scales and the
hills in a balance?
13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or
instructed him as his counselor?
14 Whom did he consult to give him
understanding, teach him the path of
justice, teach him knowledge, and make
known to him the way of discernment?
15 Look, the nations are like a drop from a
bucket and are regarded as fine dust on
the scales.
Look, he lifts the islands like a speck of dust.
16 Lebanon is not enough for the fire, nor are its
animals enough for a burnt offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are regarded by him as less than
nothing and emptiness.
18 To whom then will you compare God?
What likeness will you place beside him?

19 A craftsman casts an idol, and a goldsmith
overlays it with gold and casts silver
chains for it.
20 The one too poor for such an offering chooses
wood that will not rot;
he seeks a skilled craftsman to set up an idol
that will not totter.
21 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood the foundations of
the earth?
22 He sits above the circle of the earth, and its
inhabitants are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a thin
curtain and spreads them like a tent to
live in.
23 He brings rulers to nothing and makes the
judges of the earth emptiness.
24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely are they
sown, scarcely has their trunk taken root
in the ground, when he blows upon them
and they wither, and the tempest carries
them away like stubble.

25 "To whom will you compare me, that I should
be his equal?"
says the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who
created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name.
Because of his great might and mighty
strength, not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my
right is disregarded by my God”?
28 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator
of the ends of the earth.
He does not grow faint or weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives strength to the faint, and to those
without power he increases might.
30 Even youths grow faint and weary, and young
men stumble and fall.
31 But those who wait for the LORD will renew
their strength;
they will rise on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not grow faint.

41

1 “Keep silent before me, islands, and let the
peoples renew their strength.
Let them approach and then speak;
let us draw near together for judgment.
2 Who has stirred up one from the east, calling
him in righteousness to his feet?
He gives nations before him and makes him
rule over kings.
He makes them like dust before his sword,
like driven stubble before his bow.
3 He pursues them and passes on safely, by a
path his feet had not traveled.

4 Who has acted and done this, calling the
generations from the beginning?
I, the LORD, the first, and with the last, I am
he."
5 The islands see and fear;
the ends of the earth tremble.
They draw near and come.
6 Each helps his neighbor and says to his
brother, "Be strong!"
7 The craftsman encourages the goldsmith, and
the one who smooths with the hammer
the one who strikes the anvil, saying of
the soldering, "It is good."
He fastens it with nails so that it will not
totter.

8 "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I
have chosen, the offspring of Abraham my
friend,
9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth
and called from its farthest corners, I said
to you, 'You are my servant;
I have chosen you and have not rejected
you.'
10 Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
surely I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.
11 Look, all who rage against you will be
ashamed and disgraced;
those who contend with you will become
nothing and perish.

12 You will seek those who quarrel with you and
will not find them;
those who wage war against you will
become as nothing, as a thing of naught.
13 For I am the LORD your God, who holds your
right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear;
I will help you.'

14 Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of
Israel.
I will help you," declares the LORD, your
Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
15 "Look, I have made you a new, sharp
threshing sledge with teeth.
You will thresh mountains and crush them,
and make hills like chaff.
16 You will winnow them, the wind will carry
them away, and the tempest will scatter
them.
But you will rejoice in the LORD and glory
in the Holy One of Israel.

17 The poor and needy seek water, but there is
none;
their tongues are parched with thirst.
I, the LORD, will answer them;
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers on the bare heights and
springs in the midst of valleys.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
19 I will put cedars, acacias, myrtles, and olive
trees in the wilderness.

I will set cypresses, elms, and box trees
together in the desert,
20 so that they may see and know, consider and
understand together, that the hand of the
LORD has done this, and the Holy One of
Israel has created it.

21 Present your case," says the LORD.
"Bring forward your arguments," says the
King of Jacob.
22 "Let them bring them forward and tell us
what will happen.
Tell us what the former things were, so that
we may consider them and know their
outcome;
or let us hear what is coming.
23 Tell us what will happen afterward, so that we
may know you are gods.
Do good or do harm, so that we may be
dismayed and see it together.
24 Look, you are less than nothing, and your
work is worthless;
whoever chooses you is an abomination.
25 I have stirred up one from the north, and he
has come;
from the rising of the sun he will call on my
name.
He will come upon rulers as upon mortar,
like a potter trampling clay.
26 Who declared it from the beginning, so that
we might know, or beforehand, so that we
might say, 'He is right'?

Indeed, no one declares it, no one proclaims
it, and no one hears your words.
27 I was the first to say to Zion, ‘Look, here they
are!’ And I will give Jerusalem a bearer of
good news.
28 I look, but there is no one;
among these there is no counselor whom I
can question and who can answer a word.
29 Look, all of them are falsehood;
their works are nothing.
Their cast images are wind and emptiness.”

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1 “Look, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen
one, in whom my soul delights.
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry out or raise his voice or make it
heard in the street.
3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly
burning wick he will not extinguish.
He will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow dim or be crushed until he
establishes justice on the earth;
the islands will wait for his instruction.”

5 This is what God, the LORD, says, who created
the heavens and stretched them out, who
spread out the earth and what springs
from it, who gives breath to the people
upon it and spirit to those who walk on it:
6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness.
I will hold your hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,
as a light for the nations,
7 to open blind eyes, to bring the prisoner out of
confinement and those who sit in
darkness out of the prison house.
8 I am the LORD;
that is my name.
I will not give my glory to another or my
praise to carved images.
9 Look, the former things have come to pass, and
I declare new things;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from
the ends of the earth, you who go down to
the sea and all that fills it, the islands and
their inhabitants.
11 Let the wilderness and its cities raise their
voices, the villages where Kedar lives.
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy;
let them shout from the mountaintops.
12 Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim
his praise in the islands.
13 The LORD will go out like a warrior;
like a man of war he will stir up his zeal.
He will shout, yes, cry out;
he will prevail against his enemies.

14 "For a long time I have kept silent;
I have been still and restrained myself.
Now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant together.

15 I will lay waste mountains and hills and dry
up all their vegetation;
I will turn rivers into islands and dry up
pools.
16 I will lead the blind by a way they do not
know;
along paths they do not know I will guide
them.
I will turn darkness into light before them
and rough places into level ground.
These things I will do, and I will not forsake
them.
17 Those who trust in carved images, who say to
cast images, 'You are our gods,' will turn
back in utter shame.

18 Hear, you deaf!
Look, you blind, so that you may see!
19 Who is blind but my servant, or deaf like my
messenger whom I send?
Who is blind like the one at peace with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?
20 Seeing many things, you do not pay attention;
with ears open, he does not hear."
21 The LORD was pleased, for the sake of his
righteousness, to magnify his instruction
and make it glorious.
22 But this is a people robbed and plundered, all
trapped in holes and hidden in prison
houses.
They have become prey with no one to
deliver, plunder with no one to say, "Give
it back!"

23 Who among you will give ear to this, pay
attention and listen for the time to come?
24 Who gave Jacob over as plunder and Israel to
robbers?
Was it not the LORD, against whom we
sinned?
They were unwilling to walk in his ways
and did not obey his instruction.
25 So he poured upon him his burning anger and
the fury of battle.
It set him ablaze all around, but he did not
understand;
it burned within him, but he did not take it
to heart.

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1 But now this is what the LORD says, your
Creator, Jacob, and the one who formed
you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you;
I have called you by name;
you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you, and through the rivers, they will
not overwhelm you.
When you walk through fire, you will not be
burned, and the flame will not scorch you.
3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior.
I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush
and Seba in your place.
4 Because you are precious in my eyes, honored,
and I love you, I will give men in your

place and peoples in exchange for your
life.
5 Do not fear, for I am with you.
I will bring your offspring from the east and
gather you from the west.
6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to
the south, ‘Do not hold them back!’ Bring
my sons from afar and my daughters
from the ends of the earth,
7 everyone called by my name, whom I created
for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
8 Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and
the deaf who have ears.
9 All the nations gather together, and the peoples
assemble.
Who among them can declare this and let us
hear the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses and be
vindicated;
let them hear and say, “It is true.”
10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“and my servant whom I have chosen, so
that you may know and believe me and
understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed, nor will
there be one after me.

11 I, I am the LORD, and apart from me there is
no savior.
12 I have declared, saved, and proclaimed, when
there was no foreign god among you.
You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“and I am God.

13 Even from of old I am he, and no one can
deliver from my hand.
I act, and who can reverse it?”

14 This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the
Holy One of Israel, says: “For your sake I
have sent to Babylon, and I will bring
them all down as fugitives, the Chaldeans
in the ships in which they rejoice.
15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of
Israel, your King.”

16 This is what the LORD says, who makes a way
in the sea and a path through mighty
waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and
might—they lie down together, never to
rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 “Do not remember the former things or dwell
on the things of old.
19 Look, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert.
20 The beasts of the field will honor me, jackals
and ostriches, because I give water in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert, to
give drink to my people, my chosen.
21 The people I formed for myself will proclaim
my praise.

22 Yet you have not called upon me, Jacob, but
you have grown weary of me, Israel.
23 You have not brought me the sheep for your
burnt offerings or honored me with your
sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with grain
offerings or wearied you with
frankincense.
24 You have not bought fragrant cane for me
with silver or satisfied me with the fat of
your sacrifices.
Instead, you have burdened me with your
sins and wearied me with your iniquities.

25 I, I am the one who blots out your
transgressions for my own sake, and I will
not remember your sins.
26 Remind me;
let us argue our case together.
State your case, so that you may be
vindicated.
27 Your first father sinned, and your spokesmen
rebelled against me.
28 So I profaned the leaders of the sanctuary and
gave Jacob over to destruction and Israel
to insults."

44

1 "But now listen, Jacob my servant, Israel whom
I have chosen.
2 This is what the LORD says, who made you and
formed you from the womb, who will help
you: Do not fear, Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land and
streams on the dry ground.
I will pour my Spirit on your offspring and
my blessing on your descendants.
4 They will spring up among the grass, like
willows beside flowing streams.
5 One will say, ‘I belong to the LORD,’ and
another will call himself by the name of
Jacob.
Another will write on his hand, ‘The
LORD’s,’ and take the name of Israel.”

6 This is what the LORD, the King of Israel and
his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts, says: “I
am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.
7 Who is like me?
Let him proclaim it, declare it, and set it in
order before me, since I established the
ancient people.
Let them declare to them the things to come
and what will happen.
8 Do not tremble or be afraid.
Have I not told you and declared it long ago?
You are my witnesses.
Is there any God apart from me?
There is no other Rock;
I know of none.”
9 All who fashion idols are emptiness, and their
treasured objects bring no profit.
Their own witnesses neither see nor know,
so that they will be ashamed.

10 Who fashions a god or casts an idol that
brings no profit?
11 Look, all his companions will be ashamed, and
the craftsmen are only human.
Let them all gather and stand forth;
they will tremble and be ashamed together.
12 The blacksmith works with a cutting tool over
the coals.
He shapes it with hammers and works it
with his strong arm.
He grows hungry and has no strength;
he drinks no water and grows faint.
13 The woodworker stretches out a measuring
line and marks it with a stylus.
He shapes it with scraping tools and
outlines it with a compass.
He makes it in the form of a man, with
human beauty, to dwell in a house.
14 He cuts down cedars for himself, takes a
cypress and an oak, and lets it grow
strong among the trees of the forest.
He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.
15 It serves a man for fuel.
He takes some of it and warms himself;
he also kindles a fire and bakes bread.
He also makes a god and worships it;
he makes it a carved image and bows down
to it.
16 Half of it he burns in the fire;
over that half he eats meat, roasting a roast
and satisfying himself.
He also warms himself and says, “Ah, I am
warm;
I have seen the fire!”

17 With the rest he makes a god, his carved
image.
He bows down to it, worships it, and prays
to it, saying, “Deliver me, for you are my
god!”
18 They neither know nor understand, for he has
smeared their eyes so that they cannot see
and their hearts so that they cannot
understand.
19 No one takes it to heart or has knowledge or
understanding to say, “Half of it I burned
in the fire;
I also baked bread on its coals, roasted
meat, and ate it.
Shall I make the rest into an abomination?
Shall I bow down to a block of wood?”
20 He feeds on ashes;
a deceived heart has led him astray.
He cannot deliver his life or say, “Is there
not a lie in my right hand?”

21 “Remember these things, Jacob and Israel, for
you are my servant.
I formed you;
you are my servant.
Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
22 I have blotted out your transgressions like a
thick cloud and your sins like a cloud.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”
23 Sing for joy, heavens, for the LORD has done it!
Shout, depths of the earth!
Break into singing, mountains, forest, and
every tree in it!

For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and will
glorify himself in Israel.

24 This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, who
formed you from the womb, says: “I am
the LORD, who makes all things, who
stretches out the heavens alone, who
spreads out the earth by myself,
25 who frustrates the signs of impostors and
makes fools of diviners, who turns wise
men back and makes their knowledge
foolish,
26 who confirms the word of his servant and
fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who
says of Jerusalem, ‘She will be inhabited,’
and of the cities of Judah, ‘They will be
rebuilt, and I will raise up her ruins,’
27 who says to the deep, ‘Be dry;
I will dry up your rivers,’
28 who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he
will fulfill all my purpose,’ saying of
Jerusalem, ‘She will be rebuilt,’ and of the
temple, ‘Your foundation will be laid.’ ”

45

1 This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to
Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to
subdue nations before him and loosen the
belts of kings, to open doors before him so
that gates will not be shut:
2 “I will go before you and level the rough places.
I will shatter bronze doors and cut through
iron bars.

3 I will give you treasures of darkness and riches
hidden in secret places, so that you may
know that I am the LORD, the God of
Israel, who calls you by name.

4 For the sake of Jacob my servant and Israel my
chosen, I have called you by name and
given you a title, though you did not know
me.

5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.
I will gird you, though you did not know me,

6 so that from the rising of the sun to the west
they may know that there is none apart
from me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

7 I form light and create darkness;
I make peace and create calamity.
I, the LORD, do all these things.

8 Drip down, heavens, from above, and let the
skies pour down righteousness.
Let the earth open and bring forth salvation,
and let righteousness spring up together.
I, the LORD, have created it.

9 Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker, a
potsherd among the potsherds of the
earth!
Will the clay say to the one who forms it,
'What are you making?' or your work, 'He
has no hands'?

10 Woe to the one who says to a father, ‘What are
you fathering?’ or to a woman, ‘What are
you giving birth to?’ ”

11 This is what the LORD, the Holy One of Israel
and his Maker, says: “Ask me about things
to come concerning my children;
will you command me concerning the work
of my hands?
12 I made the earth and created mankind upon it.
My own hands stretched out the heavens,
and I commanded all their host.
13 I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I
will make all his ways straight.
He will rebuild my city and release my
exiles, without payment or bribe,” says the
LORD of hosts.

14 This is what the LORD says: “The labor of
Egypt, the merchandise of Cush, and the
Sabeans, men of stature, will come over to
you and be yours.
They will follow you and come over in
chains;
they will bow down to you and plead with
you: ‘Surely God is with you, and there is
no other;
there is no other God.’ ”
15 Truly you are a God who hides himself, the
God of Israel, the Savior.
16 All of them will be ashamed and disgraced;
the makers of idols will go away in disgrace
together.

17 But Israel will be saved by the LORD with
everlasting salvation.
You will never be ashamed or disgraced,
forever and ever.

18 For this is what the LORD says, who created
the heavens—he is God—who formed the
earth and made it, who established it;
he did not create it to be empty, but formed
it to be inhabited: “I am the LORD, and
there is no other.
19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place in a
land of darkness.
I did not say to Jacob’s offspring, ‘Seek me in
vain.’ I, the LORD, speak righteousness
and declare what is right.
20 Gather and come;
draw near together, you survivors of the
nations.
Those who carry the wood of their carved
image and pray to a god that cannot save
have no knowledge.
21 Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together.
Who made this known long ago and
declared it from of old?
Was it not I, the LORD?
There is no other God apart from me, a
righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.
22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the
earth, for I am God, and there is no other.
23 By myself I have sworn;

a word has gone out from my mouth in
righteousness and will not return: To me
every knee will bow, and every tongue
will swear.
24 Of me it will be said, ‘Only in the LORD are
righteousness and strength.’ To him they
will come, and all who rage against him
will be ashamed.
25 In the LORD all the offspring of Israel will be
justified and will glory.”

46

1 Bel bows down;
Nebo stoops.
Their images are on beasts and livestock.
What you carried has become a heavy load,
a burden for the weary animal.
2 They stoop and bow down together;
they cannot rescue the burden, but they
themselves go into captivity.

3 “Listen to me, house of Jacob and all the
remnant of the house of Israel, you who
have been carried from the womb, borne
from birth.
4 Even to your old age I am he, and to your gray
hairs I will carry you.
I have made you, and I will bear you;
I will carry you and deliver you.

5 To whom will you liken me and make me
equal?

With whom will you compare me, that we
may be alike?
6 They pour out gold from a bag and weigh
silver on a balance.
They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into
a god;
they bow down and worship it.
7 They lift it onto a shoulder and carry it;
they set it in its place, and there it stands.
It cannot move from its place.
Though someone cries out to it, it does not
answer or save him from his distress.

8 Remember this and stand firm;
take it to heart, you rebels.
9 Remember the former things of old, for I am
God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.
10 I declare the end from the beginning and from
ancient times things not yet done.
I say, 'My counsel will stand, and I will do all
my pleasure.'
11 I call a bird of prey from the east, the man of
my counsel from a distant land.
I have spoken, and I will bring it about;
I have formed it, and I will do it.

12 Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, who are
far from righteousness.
13 I have brought my righteousness near;
it is not far away, and my salvation will not
delay.

I will grant salvation in Zion for Israel, my
glory.”

47

1 “Come down and sit in the dust, virgin
daughter of Babylon.
Sit on the ground without a throne,
daughter of the Chaldeans, for you will no
longer be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones and grind flour.
Remove your veil, lift your skirt, bare your
leg, and cross the rivers.

3 Your nakedness will be uncovered, and your
shame will be seen.
I will take vengeance and spare no one.”

4 Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his
name—is the Holy One of Israel.

5 “Sit in silence and go into darkness, daughter of
the Chaldeans, for you will no longer be
called the mistress of kingdoms.

6 I was angry with my people;
I profaned my inheritance and gave them
into your hand.
You showed them no mercy;
on the elderly you laid your yoke very
heavily.

7 You said, ‘I will be mistress forever.’ You did
not take these things to heart or
remember their outcome.

8 Now hear this, you lover of pleasure, who
dwell securely, who say in your heart, ‘I
am, and there is no one besides me.
I will not sit as a widow or know the loss of
children.’
9 But these two things will come upon you in an
instant, in one day: loss of children and
widowhood.
They will come upon you in full measure,
despite your many sorceries and the great
power of your spells.
10 You trusted in your wickedness and said, ‘No
one sees me.’ Your wisdom and
knowledge led you astray, and you said in
your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one
besides me.’
11 Disaster will come upon you whose onset you
will not know;
calamity will fall upon you that you cannot
ward off.
Ruin you do not know will come upon you
suddenly.
12 Persist, then, in your spells and your many
sorceries, in which you have labored from
your youth.
Perhaps you can gain some benefit;
perhaps you can inspire terror.
13 You are weary with your many counsels.
Let them stand up now and save you, those
who divide the heavens, who gaze at the
stars, who announce month by month
what will come upon you.
14 Look, they are like stubble;
fire burns them.

They cannot deliver themselves from the
power of the flame.
There is no coal for warming oneself, no fire
to sit before.
15 So will they be to you, those with whom you
have labored, your merchants from your
youth.
Each wanders his own way;
there is no one to save you."

48

1 "Hear this, house of Jacob, you who are called
by the name of Israel and have come from
the waters of Judah, who swear by the
name of the LORD and invoke the God of
Israel, but not in truth or righteousness.
2 For they call themselves of the holy city and
rely on the God of Israel;
the LORD of hosts is his name.

3 I declared the former things long ago;
they went out from my mouth, and I made
them known.
Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew you were stubborn, your neck
an iron sinew and your forehead bronze,
5 I declared them to you long ago;
before they came to pass I made them
known to you, so that you could not say,
'My idol did them;
my carved image and my cast image
commanded them.'
6 You have heard;
look at all of it.

Will you not declare it?
From now on I make you hear new things,
hidden things you have not known.
7 They are created now, not long ago;
before today you had not heard them, so
that you could not say, ‘Look, I knew
them.’
8 You had not heard, you had not known, and
from of old your ear had not been opened.
For I knew you would act very
treacherously, and you were called a rebel
from the womb.
9 For my name’s sake I defer my anger, and for
my praise I restrain it toward you, so that
I do not cut you off.
10 Look, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have chosen you in the furnace of
affliction.
11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I will act.
For how could it be profaned?
I will not give my glory to another.

12 Listen to me, Jacob, Israel whom I have called.
I am he;
I am the first, and I am also the last.
13 My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and
my right hand spread out the heavens.
When I call to them, they stand together.
14 Gather, all of you, and hear.
Who among them has declared these things?
The LORD loves him;

he will carry out his purpose against
Babylon, and his arm will be against the
Chaldeans.
15 I, I have spoken;
I have called him.
I have brought him, and his way will
prosper.
16 Come near to me and hear this: From the
beginning I have not spoken in secret;
from the time it came to be, I was there."
And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his
Spirit.

17 This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the
Holy One of Israel, says: "I am the LORD
your God, who teaches you for your
benefit, who leads you in the way you
should go.
18 If only you had paid attention to my
commandments!
Your peace would have been like a river,
and your righteousness like the waves of
the sea.
19 Your offspring would have been like the sand,
and the descendants of your body like its
grains.
His name would not have been cut off or
destroyed from before me."
20 Go out from Babylon;
flee from the Chaldeans!
With a voice of joy declare it, make it
known, send it out to the ends of the earth.
Say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant
Jacob."

21 They did not thirst when he led them through
the deserts.
He made water flow from the rock for them;
he split the rock, and waters gushed out.
22 “There is no peace for the wicked,” says the
LORD.

49

1 Listen to me, islands, and pay attention,
peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb;
from my mother’s body he spoke my name.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me.
He made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he concealed me.
3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in
whom I will show my glory.”
4 But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for emptiness and
futility.
Yet my cause is with the LORD, and my
recompense with my God.”
5 Now the LORD speaks, who formed me from
the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob
back to him and gather Israel to him.
I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and
my God has been my strength.
6 He says, “It is too small a thing for you to be my
servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and
restore the preserved of Israel.

I will also give you as a light to the nations,
to be my salvation to the ends of the
earth."

7 This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,
his Holy One, says to the one despised,
abhorred by the nation, the servant of
rulers: "Kings will see and rise;
princes will bow down, because of the
LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of
Israel, who has chosen you."
8 This is what the LORD says: "In a time of favor
I answered you, and in a day of salvation I
helped you.
I will keep you and give you as a covenant
for the people, to restore the land and
apportion the desolate inheritances,
9 saying to the prisoners, 'Come out!' and to
those in darkness, 'Show yourselves!'
They will graze along the roads, and on all
the bare heights will be their pasture.
10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, and
neither scorching heat nor sun will strike
them.
For the one who has compassion on them
will lead them and guide them beside
springs of water.
11 I will turn all my mountains into a road, and
my highways will be raised up.
12 Look, these will come from afar;
look, those from the north and the west, and
these from the land of Sinim."
13 Sing for joy, heavens, and rejoice, earth!

Break into singing, mountains!
For the LORD has comforted his people and
will have compassion on his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;
the Lord has forgotten me.”
15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child and
have no compassion on the son of her
womb?
Even these may forget, but I will not forget
you.
16 Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my
hands;
your walls are always before me.
17 Your children hurry;
your destroyers and those who laid you
waste will go out from you.
18 Lift up your eyes all around and see: all of
them gather and come to you.
As I live,” declares the LORD, “you will wear
them all like an ornament and bind them
on like a bride.
19 As for your ruins, your desolate places, and
your devastated land, now you will be too
narrow for your inhabitants, and those
who devoured you will be far away.
20 The children of your bereavement will yet say
in your hearing, ‘This place is too narrow
for me;
make room for me to live.’
21 Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has
borne these for me?
I was bereaved and alone, exiled and put
away.

Who raised these?
Look, I was left alone;
where were these?' "

22 This is what the Lord GOD says: "Look, I will
lift my hand to the nations and raise my
banner to the peoples.
They will bring your sons in their arms, and
your daughters will be carried on their
shoulders.
23 Kings will be your guardians and their
princesses your nursing mothers.
They will bow down to you with their faces
to the ground and lick the dust of your
feet.
Then you will know that I am the LORD;
those who wait for me will not be ashamed."

24 Can plunder be taken from a warrior, or the
captive of a righteous man escape?
25 For this is what the LORD says: "Even the
captives of a warrior will be taken away,
and the plunder of the ruthless will be
rescued.
I will contend with those who contend with
you, and I will save your children.
26 I will make your oppressors eat their own
flesh, and they will be drunk with their
own blood as with sweet wine.
All flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your
Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty
One of Jacob."

50

1 This is what the LORD says: “Where is your
mother’s certificate of divorce with which
I sent her away?
Or to which of my creditors did I sell you?
Look, because of your iniquities you were
sold, and because of your transgressions
your mother was sent away.
2 Why, when I came, was there no one, and
when I called, no one answered?
Is my hand too short to redeem, or have I no
power to deliver?
Look, at my rebuke I dry up the sea and
turn rivers into a desert.
Their fish stink for lack of water and die of
thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens in darkness and make
sackcloth their covering.”

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of
those who are taught, so that I may know
how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens me;
he awakens my ear to listen as those who
are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I did not
rebel or turn back.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me and my
cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.
I did not hide my face from insults and
spitting.
7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced.

Therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I will not be ashamed.
8 The one who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him approach me.
9 Look, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will condemn me?
Look, all of them will wear out like a
garment;
the moth will eat them.
10 Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the
voice of his servant?
Let the one who walks in darkness and has
no light trust in the name of the LORD and
rely on his God.
11 "Look, all of you who kindle a fire and
surround yourselves with firebrands:
walk in the light of your fire and among
the firebrands you have kindled.
This is what you will have from my hand:
you will lie down in torment."

51

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry pit from which you
were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who
bore you.
For I called him when he was but one, and I
blessed him and multiplied him."

3 For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her ruins.
He will make her wilderness like Eden and
her desert like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

4 “Pay attention to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation.
For instruction will go out from me, and I
will establish my justice as a light for the
peoples.
5 My righteousness is near;
my salvation has gone forth, and my arms
will judge the peoples.
The islands will wait for me and hope in my
arm.
6 Lift your eyes to the heavens and look at the
earth below.
For the heavens will vanish like smoke, the
earth will wear out like a garment, and its
inhabitants will die in the same way.
But my salvation will be forever, and my
righteousness will not be broken.

7 Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the
people with my instruction in their hearts.
Do not fear human insults or be dismayed at
their taunts.
8 For the moth will eat them like a garment, and
the worm will eat them like wool.
But my righteousness will be forever, and
my salvation from generation to
generation.”

9 Awake, awake, clothe yourself with strength,
arm of the LORD!
Awake as in days of old, the generations of
long ago.
Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces and
pierced the sea monster?
10 Was it not you who dried up the sea, the
waters of the great deep, who made the
depths of the sea a road for the redeemed
to cross?
11 The ransomed of the LORD will return and
come to Zion with singing, with
everlasting joy upon their heads.
They will obtain joy and gladness, and
sorrow and sighing will flee.

12 “I, I am the one who comforts you.
Who are you that you fear a mortal man, a
son of man who is made like grass?
13 You have forgotten the LORD your Maker, who
stretched out the heavens and laid the
foundation of the earth.
You fear continually, all day long, because of
the fury of the oppressor as he prepares
to destroy.
But where is the fury of the oppressor?
14 The one bowed down will soon be released;
he will not die in the pit, nor will his bread
be lacking.
15 For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the
sea so that its waves roar;
the LORD of hosts is his name.
16 I have put my words in your mouth and
covered you in the shadow of my hand, to

plant the heavens, lay the foundation of
the earth, and say to Zion, ‘You are my
people.’ ”

17 Awake, awake, rise up, Jerusalem!
You have drunk from the hand of the LORD
the cup of his wrath;
you have drunk the bowl, the cup of
staggering, and drained it.
18 Among all the sons she has borne there is no
one to guide her;
among all the sons she has raised there is no
one to take her by the hand.
19 These two things have befallen you—who will
grieve with you?—devastation and
destruction, famine and sword.
By whom shall I comfort you?
20 Your sons have fainted;
they lie at the head of every street like an
antelope in a net, filled with the wrath of
the LORD and the rebuke of your God.
21 Therefore hear this now, you afflicted one,
drunk, but not with wine:

22 This is what your Lord, the LORD, and your
God, who pleads his people’s cause, says:
“Look, I have taken from your hand the
cup of staggering, the bowl, the cup of my
wrath.
You will never drink it again.
23 I will put it in the hand of your tormentors,
who said to you, ‘Bow down so that we
may walk over you.’ You made your back

like the ground, like a street for those who
passed over."

52

1 Awake, awake, clothe yourself with your
strength, Zion!
Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem,
the holy city, for the uncircumcised and
unclean will never enter you again.
2 Shake off the dust;
rise and sit, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the bonds on your neck,
captive daughter of Zion.

3 For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold
for nothing, and you will be redeemed
without silver."
4 For this is what the Lord GOD says: "At first my
people went down to Egypt to live there,
and Assyria oppressed them without
cause.
5 Now what have I here," declares the LORD,
"when my people have been taken away
for nothing?
Their rulers howl," declares the LORD, "and
continually, all day long, my name is
blasphemed.
6 Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know that I
am the one who speaks: 'Here I am!' "
7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of
the bearer of good news, who proclaims
peace, who brings good news of good

things, who proclaims salvation, who says
to Zion, “Your God reigns!”
8 The voice of your watchmen!
They lift up their voices and sing for joy
together, for with their own eyes they will
see the LORD returning to Zion.
9 Break into singing together, ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the
eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of
the earth will see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch nothing unclean.
Go out from her midst;
purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels
of the LORD.
12 For you will not go out in haste or leave in
flight, for the LORD will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear
guard.

13 “Look, my servant will act wisely;
he will be exalted, lifted up, and very high.
14 Just as many were appalled at you—his
appearance was so marred beyond that of
a man, and his form beyond that of the
sons of men—
15 so he will sprinkle many nations.
Kings will shut their mouths because of him,
for what they had not been told they will

see, and what they had not heard they
will understand."

53

1 Who has believed our report, and to whom has
the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot and
like a root out of dry ground.
He had no form or majesty that we should
look at him, no appearance that we
should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of
sorrows and acquainted with illness.
Like one from whom people hide their
faces, he was despised, and we did not
esteem him.
4 Surely he bore our illnesses and carried our
sorrows, yet we considered him stricken,
struck by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities.
The punishment that brought us peace was
upon him, and by his wound we were
healed.
6 All of us like sheep have gone astray;
each has turned to his own way.
But the LORD laid upon him the iniquity of
us all.
7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not
open his mouth.
Like a lamb led to the slaughter, and like a
ewe silent before her shearers, he did not
open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken
away;
and his generation, who considered it?
For he was cut off from the land of the
living;
for the transgression of my people the blow
fell on him.
9 His grave was assigned with the wicked, and
with a rich man in his death, though he
had done no violence and there was no
deceit in his mouth.
10 Yet the LORD willed to crush him;
he made him ill.
If you make his life a guilt offering, he will
see offspring and prolong his days, and
the will of the LORD will prosper in his
hand.
11 From the anguish of his soul he will see and
be satisfied.
By his knowledge my righteous servant will
justify many, and he will bear their
iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion among the
many, and he will divide the spoil with the
strong, because he poured out his life to
death and was numbered with
transgressors.
He bore the sin of many and interceded for
transgressors.

54

1 “Sing for joy, barren one who has not borne!
Break into singing and shout, you who have
not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate woman are
more than the children of the married
woman," says the LORD.
2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them
stretch out the curtains of your dwellings.
Do not hold back;
lengthen your ropes and strengthen your
stakes.
3 For you will spread out to the right and to the
left.
Your offspring will possess nations and
populate desolate cities.
4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;
do not be dismayed, for you will not be
disgraced.
You will forget the shame of your youth and
remember the reproach of your
widowhood no more.
5 For your Maker is your husband;
the LORD of hosts is his name.
Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel;
he will be called the God of all the earth.
6 For the LORD has called you like a wife
forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a wife
of youth who has been rejected," says
your God.
7 "For a brief moment I forsook you, but with
great compassion I will gather you.
8 In an outburst of wrath I hid my face from you
for a moment, but with everlasting
steadfast love I will have compassion on
you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9 “This is like the waters of Noah to me: as I
swore that the waters of Noah would
never again pass over the earth, so I have
sworn not to be angry with you or rebuke
you.
10 Though the mountains depart and the hills
totter, my steadfast love will not depart
from you, and my covenant of peace will
not totter,” says the LORD, who has
compassion on you.

11 “Afflicted one, tossed by storms and not
comforted, look, I will set your stones in
antimony and lay your foundations with
sapphires.
12 I will make your battlements of rubies, your
gates of sparkling stones, and all your
border of precious stones.
13 All your children will be taught by the LORD,
and great will be the peace of your
children.
14 You will be established in righteousness.
Stay far from oppression, for you will not
fear, and from terror, for it will not come
near you.
15 Look, if anyone gathers against you, it will not
be from me.
Whoever gathers against you will fall
because of you.
16 Look, I have created the smith who blows on
the coals in the fire and produces a tool
for his work.
I have also created the destroyer to destroy.

17 No weapon formed against you will prosper,
and every tongue that rises against you in
judgment you will condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the
LORD, and their righteousness is from
me," declares the LORD.

55

1 "Come, all who thirst, come to the waters!
You who have no money, come, buy and eat.
Come, buy wine and milk without money
and without price.
2 Why do you spend silver on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight in rich food.
3 Incline your ear and come to me;
hear, so that your soul may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with
you, the sure mercies promised to David.
4 Look, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the peoples.
5 Look, you will call a nation you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you will
run to you, because of the LORD your God
and the Holy One of Israel, for he has
glorified you."

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.
7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the
unrighteous man his thoughts.

Let him return to the LORD, and he will
have compassion on him, and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon.
8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways," declares the
LORD.
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as rain and snow come down from heaven
and do not return there without watering
the earth, making it bear and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the
eater,
11 so will my word be that goes out from my
mouth.
It will not return to me empty, but will
accomplish what I desire and succeed in
what I sent it to do.
12 For you will go out with joy and be led in
peace.
The mountains and hills will break into
singing before you, and all the trees of the
field will clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thornbush a cypress will grow,
and instead of the nettle a myrtle will
grow.
This will be for the LORD a name, an
everlasting sign that will not be cut off."

56

1 This is what the LORD says: "Keep justice and
do righteousness, for my salvation is near

to come and my righteousness to be
revealed.
2 Blessed is the man who does this, the son of
man who holds fast to it, who keeps the
Sabbath from profaning it and keeps his
hand from doing any evil."

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to
the LORD say, "The LORD will surely
separate me from his people."
Let not the eunuch say, "Look, I am a dry
tree."

4 For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs
who keep my Sabbaths, choose what
pleases me, and hold fast to my covenant,
5 I will give in my house and within my walls a
memorial and a name better than sons
and daughters.
I will give him an everlasting name that will
not be cut off.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the
LORD to serve him, to love the name of
the LORD, and to be his servants, all who
keep the Sabbath from profaning it and
hold fast to my covenant—
7 I will bring them to my holy mountain and
make them joyful in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will be
called a house of prayer for all peoples."
8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of
Israel, declares, "I will gather still others

to him, besides those already gathered to
him.”
9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, all
you beasts in the forest!

10 His watchmen are blind;
none of them knows.
They are all mute dogs, unable to bark,
dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.
11 The dogs are greedy and never know
satisfaction.
They are shepherds who do not understand;
all have turned to their own way, each to his
own gain, every last one.
12 “Come, I will get wine, and let us fill ourselves
with strong drink.
Tomorrow will be like today, even more
abundant.”

57

1 The righteous one perishes, and no one takes it
to heart;
people of steadfast love are taken away,
with no one understanding that the
righteous one is taken away from evil.
2 He enters into peace;
they rest on their beds, each one who walks
uprightly.
3 “But you, come near, children of a sorceress,
offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.
4 Whom are you mocking?
Against whom do you open your mouth
wide and stick out your tongue?

Are you not children of rebellion, offspring
of falsehood,
5 you who burn with passion among the oaks,
under every leafy tree, who slaughter
children in the ravines, under the
overhangs of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is your
portion;
they, they are your lot.
To them you have poured out a drink
offering and brought a grain offering.
Should I relent over these things?
7 On a high and lofty mountain you set your bed;
there too you went up to offer sacrifice.
8 Behind the door and the doorpost you set your
memorial.
Away from me you uncovered yourself and
went up;
you enlarged your bed and made a
covenant with them.
You loved their bed and gazed on their
manhood.
9 You went to the king with oil and multiplied
your perfumes;
you sent your envoys far away and humbled
yourself as far as Sheol.
10 You grew weary with the length of your way,
yet you did not say, ‘There is no hope.’ You
found renewed vigor in your hand, so you
did not grow weak.
11 Whom did you dread and fear, that you lied
and did not remember me or take me to
heart?

Have I not kept silent for a long time, and
you do not fear me?
12 I will declare your righteousness and your
works, but they will not benefit you.
13 When you cry out, let your collection of idols
deliver you!
The wind will carry them all away;
a breath will sweep them off.
But whoever takes refuge in me will inherit
the land and possess my holy mountain."
14 And he will say, "Build up, build up, prepare
the way!
Remove the stumbling block from the way
of my people."

15 For thus says the high and exalted One, who
inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I
dwell in the high and holy place, and with
the contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive
the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart
of the contrite.
16 For I will not contend forever or always be
angry, for the spirit would faint before
me, and the breaths of life I have made.
17 Because of his sinful greed I was angry and
struck him;
I hid myself and was angry, yet he went on
turning away in the way of his heart.
18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will guide him and restore comfort to him
and to his mourners,
19 creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace to the far and to the near," says
the LORD, "and I will heal him."
20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which
cannot be still, whose waters cast up mire
and mud.
21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the
wicked."

58

1 "Cry out at full voice;
do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their rebellion, and to
the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Day after day they seek me and delight to know
my ways, like a nation that had practiced
righteousness and had not forsaken the
justice of its God.
They ask me for righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.
3 'Why have we fasted, and you have not seen?
Why have we afflicted our souls, and you
take no notice?' Look, on the day of your
fast you pursue your own pleasure and
oppress all your workers.
4 Look, you fast for strife and quarrels, and to
strike with a wicked fist.
You cannot fast as you do today and make
your voice heard on high.
5 Is this the fast I choose, a day for a person to
afflict his soul?
To bow his head like a reed and spread out
sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast and a day acceptable
to the LORD?
6 Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds
of wickedness, undo the straps of the
yoke, let the oppressed go free, and break
every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover him, and
not hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will spring up quickly.
Your righteousness will go before you, and
the glory of the LORD will be your rear
guard.
9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I
am.' If you remove from your midst the
yoke, the pointing finger, and evil speech,
10 if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy
the afflicted soul, then your light will rise
in the darkness, and your gloom will be
like noon.
11 The LORD will guide you continually, satisfy
your soul in parched places, and
strengthen your bones.
You will be like a watered garden, like a
spring whose waters never fail.
12 Those from among you will rebuild the
ancient ruins;
you will raise up the foundations of
generations past.

You will be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of paths to dwell in.
13 If you turn your foot back from the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own pleasure on my
holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it by not following your own
ways, pursuing your own pleasure, or
talking of your own affairs,
14 then you will delight in the LORD.
I will make you ride on the heights of the
land and feed you with the inheritance of
Jacob your father, for the mouth of the
LORD has spoken."

59

1 Look, the LORD's hand is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated you from
your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you, so
that he does not hear.
3 For your hands are stained with blood and
your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue
mutters wickedness.
4 No one pleads with justice, and no one argues a
case honestly.
They trust in emptiness and speak
falsehood;
they conceive trouble and give birth to
iniquity.

5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave spiders'
webs.
Whoever eats their eggs will die, and from a
crushed egg a viper breaks out.
6 Their webs will not become clothing, nor will
they cover themselves with what they
make.
Their works are works of iniquity, and acts
of violence are in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, and they hurry to shed
innocent blood.
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;
devastation and destruction are in their
highways.
8 They do not know the way of peace, and there
is no justice in their tracks.
They have made their paths crooked;
whoever walks in them does not know
peace.
9 Therefore justice is far from us, and
righteousness does not reach us.
We wait for light, but look, darkness;
for brightness, but we walk in gloom.
10 We grope for the wall like the blind;
we grope like those without eyes.
We stumble at noon as at twilight;
among the vigorous we are like the dead.
11 We all growl like bears and moan mournfully
like doves.
We wait for justice, but there is none;
for salvation, but it is far from us.
12 For our rebellions are many before you, and
our sins testify against us.

Our rebellions are with us, and we know
our iniquities:
13 rebelling and denying the LORD, turning back
from following our God, speaking
oppression and revolt, conceiving and
uttering lying words from the heart.
14 Justice is driven back, and righteousness
stands far away, for truth has stumbled in
the public square, and uprightness cannot
enter.
15 Truth is missing, and whoever turns from evil
becomes prey.
The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that
there was no justice.
16 He saw that there was no one, and was
appalled that no one interceded.
So his own arm brought him salvation, and
his righteousness upheld him.
17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a
helmet of salvation on his head.
He put on garments of vengeance for
clothing and wrapped himself in zeal as a
robe.
18 According to their deeds, so he will repay:
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his
enemies;
to the coastlands he will give repayment.
19 From the west they will fear the name of the
LORD, and from the rising of the sun his
glory, for he will come like a pent-up river
driven on by the wind of the LORD.

20 “A redeemer will come to Zion, and to those in
Jacob who turn from rebellion,” declares
the LORD.
21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them,”
says the LORD: “My Spirit who is upon
you, and my words that I have put in your
mouth, will not depart from your mouth,
or from the mouth of your offspring, or
from the mouth of your offspring’s
offspring,” says the LORD, “from now and
forever.”

60

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For look, darkness will cover the earth, and
thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will rise upon you, and his
glory will appear over you.
3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to
the brightness of your rising.
4 Lift up your eyes all around and see: they all
gather and come to you.
Your sons will come from far away, and
your daughters will be carried on the hip.
5 Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble and swell, for the
abundance of the sea will turn to you, and
the wealth of the nations will come to you.
6 A multitude of camels will cover you, young
camels of Midian and Ephah.
All those from Sheba will come;

they will carry gold and frankincense and
proclaim the praises of the LORD.
7 “All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth will serve you.
They will ascend with acceptance on my
altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.
8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, like doves
to their windows?
9 For the coastlands wait for me, with the ships
of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your sons
from far away, their silver and gold with
them, for the name of the LORD your God
and for the Holy One of Israel, because he
has glorified you.
10 Foreigners will build your walls, and their
kings will serve you;
for in my wrath I struck you, but in my
favor I have had compassion on you.
11 Your gates will remain open continually;
day and night they will not be shut, so that
the wealth of the nations may be brought
to you, with their kings led along.
12 For the nation and kingdom that will not
serve you will perish;
those nations will be utterly devastated.
13 The glory of Lebanon will come to you,
cypress, elm, and box tree together, to
beautify the place of my sanctuary;
I will honor the place of my feet.
14 The children of those who afflicted you will
come bowing to you, and all who despised
you will bow down at the soles of your
feet.

They will call you the City of the LORD, Zion
of the Holy One of Israel.
15 Instead of your being forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through, I will make
you an everlasting pride, a joy from
generation to generation.
16 You will suck the milk of nations and nurse at
the breast of kings.
You will know that I, the LORD, am your
Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty
One of Jacob.
17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and
instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze, and instead of
stones, iron.
I will make peace your overseer and
righteousness your taskmasters.
18 Violence will no longer be heard in your land,
nor devastation and destruction within
your borders.
You will call your walls Salvation and your
gates Praise.
19 The sun will no longer be your light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine
on you;
the LORD will be your everlasting light, and
your God your glory.
20 Your sun will no longer set, and your moon
will not withdraw, for the LORD will be
your everlasting light, and the days of
your mourning will end.
21 Your people will all be righteous;

they will possess the land forever, a shoot of
my plantings, the work of my hands, that I
may be glorified.
22 The least will become a thousand, and the
smallest a mighty nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

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1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because
the LORD has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the
captives and the opening of prison to
those who are bound,
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and
the day of our God's vengeance, to
comfort all who mourn,
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion, to give
them a headdress instead of ashes, the oil
of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of
praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be
glorified.
4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins, raise up
the desolate places of old, and restore the
ruined cities, the places desolate for
generations.
5 Foreigners will stand and shepherd your flocks;
strangers will be your farmers and your
vinedressers.
6 But you will be called priests of the LORD;

you will be spoken of as ministers of our
God.
You will eat the wealth of nations and boast
in their glory.
7 Instead of your shame, a double portion;
instead of disgrace, they will rejoice in their
portion.
Therefore they will possess a double portion
in their land;
everlasting joy will be theirs.
8 “For I, the LORD, love justice;
I hate robbery in a burnt offering.
I will faithfully give them their recompense
and make an everlasting covenant with
them.
9 Their offspring will be known among the
nations, and their descendants among the
peoples.
All who see them will recognize that they
are offspring whom the LORD has
blessed.”

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul will exult in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of
salvation and wrapped me in a robe of
righteousness, like a bridegroom who puts
on a headdress as a priest does, and like a
bride who adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots and a
garden makes what is sown in it sprout,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness

and praise to spring up before all the
nations.

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1 For Zion's sake I will not be silent, and for
Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her
righteousness goes forth like brightness
and her salvation burns like a torch.
2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all
kings your glory.
You will be called by a new name that the
mouth of the LORD will designate.
3 You will be a crown of splendor in the hand of
the LORD, a royal diadem in the palm of
your God.
4 You will no longer be called Forsaken, nor will
your land be called Desolate.
You will be called My Delight Is in Her, and
your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you, and your land
will be married.
5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so your
sons will marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so your God will rejoice over you.
6 On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed
watchmen;
all day and all night they will never be
silent.
You who remind the LORD, take no rest,
7 and give him no rest until he establishes
Jerusalem and makes her a praise in the
earth.

8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by
his mighty arm: “I will never again give
your grain as food to your enemies, nor
will foreigners drink your new wine for
which you have labored.
9 But those who gather it will eat it and praise
the LORD;
those who collect it will drink it in the
courts of my sanctuary.”

10 Pass through, pass through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway!
Clear away the stones;
lift up a banner over the peoples!
11 Look, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of
the earth: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘Look,
your salvation is coming!
Look, his reward is with him, and his
recompense before him.’ ”
12 They will be called the Holy People, the
Redeemed of the LORD;
and you will be called Sought Out, a City Not
Forsaken.

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1 Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah in
stained garments, this one splendid in his
clothing, leaning forward in his great
strength?
“It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to
save.”

2 Why is your clothing red, and your garments
like those of someone treading a
winepress?
3 “I have trodden the winepress alone;
from the peoples no one was with me.
I trod them in my anger and trampled them
in my wrath;
their blood spattered my garments, and I
stained all my clothing.
4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and
the year of my redeemed had come.
5 I looked, but there was no one to help;
I was appalled, but there was no one to
uphold me.
So my own arm brought me salvation, and
my wrath upheld me.
6 I trampled the peoples in my anger and made
them drunk in my wrath;
I poured their blood down to the earth.”

7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD, according to all
that the LORD has bestowed on us, and
the great goodness he has bestowed on
the house of Israel according to his
compassion and the abundance of his
steadfast love.
8 He said, “Surely they are my people, children
who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior.
9 In all their distress he was distressed, and the
angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and compassion he redeemed
them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the
days of old.
10 But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit.
So he turned to be their enemy;
he himself fought against them.
11 Then his people remembered the days of old,
the days of Moses: “Where is he who
brought them up from the sea with the
shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put his Holy Spirit within
him,
12 who made his glorious arm go at the right
hand of Moses, who divided the waters
before them to make for himself an
everlasting name,
13 who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the wilderness, they did not
stumble.”
14 Like livestock going down into the valley, the
Spirit of the LORD gave him rest.
So you led your people, to make for yourself
a glorious name.
15 Look down from heaven and see, from your
holy and glorious dwelling.
Where are your zeal and your mighty
deeds?
Your deep yearning and compassion are
withheld from me.
16 For you are our Father, though Abraham does
not know us and Israel does not
acknowledge us.
You, LORD, are our Father;

Our Redeemer from of Old is your name.
17 Why, LORD, do you make us stray from your
ways and harden our heart so that we do
not fear you?
Return for the sake of your servants, the
tribes of your inheritance.
18 For a little while your holy people possessed it;
our adversaries have trampled your
sanctuary.
19 We have become like those over whom you
never ruled, those who were not called by
your name.

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1 Oh, that you would tear open the heavens and
come down, that the mountains would
quake at your presence,
2 as fire kindles brushwood, as fire makes water
boil, to make your name known to your
adversaries, that the nations might
tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down;
the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From of old no one has heard or perceived, nor
has any eye seen a God besides you, who
acts for those who wait for him.
5 You meet the one who rejoices and does
righteousness, those who remember you
in your ways.
Look, you were angry, and we sinned;
we have continued in sin for a long
time—can we be saved?

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a
menstrual cloth.
We all wither like a leaf, and our iniquities
carry us away like the wind.
7 There is no one who calls on your name, who
rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us and
made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8 Yet now, LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter.
We are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, LORD, or
remember iniquity forever.
Look, please see: we are all your people.
10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a
desolation.
11 Our holy and glorious house, where our
fathers praised you, has been burned with
fire, and all our precious things have
become ruins.
12 In the face of these things will you hold back,
LORD?
Will you keep silent and afflict us so
severely?

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1 “I let myself be sought by those who did not ask
for me;
I let myself be found by those who did not
seek me.
I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ to a nation not
called by my name.

2 I spread out my hands all day long to a
rebellious people, who walk in a way that
is not good, following their own thoughts,
3 a people who continually provoke me to my
face, sacrificing in gardens and burning
incense on bricks,
4 who sit among the graves and spend the night
in secret places, who eat pork, with broth
of unclean things in their vessels,
5 who say, ‘Keep to yourself;
do not come near me, for I am holier than
you.’ These are smoke in my nostrils, a
fire burning all day long.
6 Look, it is written before me: I will not keep
silent, but I will repay;
I will repay into their lap
7 your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities
together,” says the LORD.
“Because they burned incense on the
mountains and reviled me on the hills, I
will measure into their lap the
recompense for their former works.”

8 Thus says the LORD: “As when new wine is
found in a cluster and someone says, ‘Do
not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’
so I will act for my servants’ sake, so as
not to destroy them all.
9 I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and
from Judah an heir of my mountains.
My chosen ones will inherit it, and my
servants will dwell there.

10 Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and
the Valley of Achor a resting place for
cattle, for my people who seek me.
11 But you who forsake the LORD and forget my
holy mountain, who prepare a table for
Fortune and fill vessels with mixed wine
for Destiny,
12 I will destine you for the sword, and all of you
will bow down for slaughter, because I
called and you did not answer;
I spoke and you did not listen.
You did evil in my eyes and chose what did
not please me."

13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Look, my
servants will eat, but you will be hungry;
look, my servants will drink, but you will be
thirsty;
look, my servants will rejoice, but you will
be put to shame.
14 Look, my servants will sing for joy of heart,
but you will cry out in pain of heart and
wail from a broken spirit.
15 You will leave your name as a curse to my
chosen ones;
the Lord GOD will put you to death, but he
will call his servants by another name.
16 Whoever blesses himself in the land will bless
himself by the God of truth, and whoever
swears in the land will swear by the God
of truth, because the former troubles are
forgotten and hidden from my eyes.

17 For look, I am creating new heavens and a
new earth;
the former things will not be remembered
or come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am
creating, for look, I am creating Jerusalem
as a delight and her people as a joy.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my
people;
the sound of weeping and the sound of
crying will no longer be heard in her.
20 No longer will there be an infant there who
lives only a few days, or an old man who
does not fulfill his days.
For the young man will die at a hundred
years old, and the sinner at a hundred
years old will be accursed.
21 They will build houses and inhabit them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22 They will not build for another to inhabit or
plant for another to eat;
for the days of my people will be like the
days of a tree, and my chosen ones will
long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They will not labor in vain or bear children
for calamity, for they are the offspring of
those blessed by the LORD, and their
descendants with them.
24 Before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together, the
lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust
will be the serpent's food.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain," says the LORD.

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1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and
the earth is my footstool.
Where is the house you will build for me,
and where is the place of my rest?
2 My hand made all these things, and so all these
things came to be," declares the LORD.
"But this is the one to whom I will look: the
humble and contrite in spirit, who
trembles at my word.
3 Whoever slaughters an ox is like one who kills
a man;
whoever sacrifices a lamb, like one who
breaks a dog's neck;
whoever presents a grain offering, like one
who offers pig's blood;
whoever makes a memorial offering of
frankincense, like one who blesses an idol.
They have chosen their own ways, and their
soul delights in their abominations.
4 So I too will choose harsh treatment for them
and bring upon them what they dread,
because I called and no one answered;
I spoke and they did not listen.
They did evil in my eyes and chose what did
not please me."

5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble
at his word: "Your brothers who hate you
and exclude you for my name's sake have
said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we

may see your joy!' But they will be put to
shame."
6 A sound of tumult from the city, a voice from
the temple!
The voice of the LORD, repaying his
enemies!
7 Before she went into labor, she gave birth;
before pain came upon her, she delivered a
son.
8 Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?
Can a land be brought forth in one day, or a
nation be born all at once?
Yet as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave
birth to her children.
9 "Will I bring to the point of birth and not bring
forth?"
says the LORD.
"Or will I, who bring forth, shut the womb?"
says your God.

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all
who love her.
Rejoice greatly with her, all who mourn over
her,
11 that you may nurse and be satisfied at her
comforting breast, that you may drink
deeply and delight in the abundance of
her glory.

12 For thus says the LORD: "Look, I am extending
peace to her like a river, and the glory of
nations like an overflowing stream.

You will nurse, be carried on the hip, and be
dandled on the knees.
13 As a mother comforts her son, so I will
comfort you, and in Jerusalem you will be
comforted."
14 You will see, and your heart will rejoice;
your bones will flourish like grass.
The hand of the LORD will be made known
to his servants, and his indignation to his
enemies.
15 For look, the LORD will come with fire, and his
chariots like a whirlwind, to render his
anger in fury and his rebuke in flames of
fire.
16 For by fire and by his sword the LORD will
judge all flesh, and those slain by the
LORD will be many.
17 "Those who consecrate and purify themselves
for the gardens, following one in the
midst, eating pork and detestable things
and mice, will come to an end together,"
declares the LORD.
18 "But I know their deeds and their thoughts;
the time is coming to gather all nations and
tongues.
They will come and see my glory.
19 I will set a sign among them and send
survivors from them to the nations: to
Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the
bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant
coastlands that have not heard my fame
or seen my glory.
They will declare my glory among the
nations.

20 They will bring all your brothers from all the
nations as an offering to the LORD, on
horses, in chariots and litters, on mules
and camels, to my holy mountain,
Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the
Israelites bring the grain offering in a
clean vessel to the house of the LORD.
21 And from them also I will take some for
priests and Levites," says the LORD.
22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I am making will remain before me,"
declares the LORD, "so your offspring and
your name will remain.
23 From new moon to new moon, and from
Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh will come to
bow down before me," says the LORD.
24 "They will go out and look on the corpses of
the people who rebelled against me.
For their worm will not die, and their fire
will not be quenched, and they will be an
abhorrence to all flesh."

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