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1 Burden of Nineveh. The Scroll of the Vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2 A God zealous and avenging [is] YHWH, || An avenger [is] YHWH, and possessing fury. An avenger [is] YHWH on His adversaries, || And He is watching for His enemies. 3 YHWH [is] slow to anger, and great in power, || And YHWH does not entirely acquit, || In a windstorm and in a storm [is] His way, || And a cloud [is] the dust of His feet. 4 He is pushing against a sea, and dries it up, || Indeed, He has made all the floods dry, || Bashan and Carmel [are] languishing, || Indeed, the flower of Lebanon [is] languishing. 5 Mountains have shaken because of Him, || And the hills have been melted; And the earth [is] lifted up at His presence, || And the world and all dwelling in it. 6 Who stands before His indignation? And who rises up in the heat of His anger? His fury has been poured out like fire, || And the rocks have been broken by Him. 7 Good [is] YHWH for a strong place in a day of distress. And He knows those trusting in Him. 8 And with a flood passing over, || An end He makes of its place, || And darkness pursues His enemies. 9 What do we devise against YHWH? He is making an end, distress does not arise twice. 10 For while princes [are] perplexed, || And with their drink are drunken, || They have been consumed as stubble fully dried. 11 From you has
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come forth a deviser of evil —a worthless counselor.  

12 Thus said YHWH: “Though complete, and thus many, Yet thus they have been cut off, And he has passed away. Though I afflicted you, I afflict you no longer.  

13 And now I break his rod from off you, And your bands I draw away.”  

14 And YHWH has commanded concerning you, “No more of your name spreads abroad, I cut off carved and molten image from the house of your gods, I appoint your grave, for you have been vile.”  

15 Behold, on the mountains the feet of one proclaiming tidings, sounding peace! Celebrate, O Judah, your festivals, complete your vows, For the worthless no longer pass over into you, He has been completely cut off!

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1 A scatterer has come up to your face, Keep the bulwark, watch the way, Strengthen the loins, strengthen power mightily.  

2 For YHWH has turned back to the excellence of Jacob, As [to] the excellence of Israel, For emptiers have emptied them out, And they have marred their branches.  

3 The shield of his mighty ones has become red, Men of might [are in] scarlet, With fiery torches [is] the chariot in a day of his preparation, And the firs have been caused to tremble.  

4 In out-places the chariots shine, They go to and fro in broad places, Their appearances [are] like torches, As lightnings they run.  

5 He remembers his majestic ones, They stumble in their goings, They hurry
[to] its wall,  And the covering is prepared.  
6 Gates of the rivers have been opened,  And the palace is dissolved.  
7 And it is established—she has removed,  She has been brought up,  And her handmaids are leading as the voice of doves,  Tabering on their hearts.  
8 And Nineveh [is] as a pool of waters,  From of old it [is]—and they are fleeing! “Stand, stand”; and none is turning!  
9 Seize silver, seize gold,  And there is no end to the prepared things,  [To] the abundance of all desirable vessels.  
10 She is empty, indeed, emptiness and waste,  And the heart has melted,  And the knees have struck together,  And great pain [is] in all loins,  And the faces of all of them have gathered paleness.  
11 Where [is] the habitation of lionesses? And a feeding-place it [is] for young lions  Where a lion has walked, an old lion,  A lion’s whelp, and there is none troubling.  
12 The lion is tearing parts [for] his whelps,  And is strangling for his lionesses,  And he fills his holes [with] prey,  And his habitations [with] torn flesh.  
13 “Behold, I [am] against you,”  A declaration of YHWH of Hosts,  “And I have burned its chariot in smoke,  And a sword consumes your young lions,  And I have cut off your prey from the land,  And the voice of your messengers is not heard anymore!”

1 Woe [to] the city of blood,  She is all full with lies [and] burglary,  Prey does not depart.  
2 The sound of a whip,  And the sound of the
rattling of a wheel, || And of a prancing horse, and of a bounding chariot, || Of a horseman mounting. 3 And the flame of a sword, and the lightning of a spear, || And the abundance of the wounded, || And the weight of carcasses, || Indeed, there is no end to the bodies, || They stumble over their bodies. 4 Because of the abundance of the fornications of a harlot, || The goodness of the grace of the lady of witchcrafts, || Who is selling nations by her fornications, || And families by her witchcrafts. 5 “Behold, I [am] against you,” || A declaration of YHWH of Hosts, || “And have removed your skirts before your face, || And have showed nations your nakedness, || And kingdoms your shame, 6 And I have cast on you abominations, || And dishonored you, and made you as a sight. 7 And it has come to pass, || Each of your beholders flees from you, || And has said: Nineveh is spoiled, || Who bemoans for her? From where do I seek comforters for you?” 8 Are you better than No-Ammon, || That is dwelling among brooks? Waters she has around her, || Whose bulwark [is] the sea, waters her wall. 9 Cush her might, and Egypt, and there is no end. Put and Lubim have been for your help. 10 Even she becomes an exile, || She has gone into captivity, || Even her sucklings are dashed to pieces || At the top of all out-places, || And for her honored ones they cast a lot, || And all her great ones have been bound in chains. 11 Even you are drunken, you are hidden, || Even you seek a strong place, because
of an enemy. 12 All your fortresses [are] fig trees with first-fruits, || If they are shaken, || They have fallen into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, your people [are] women in your midst, || To your enemies thoroughly opened || Have been the gates of your land, || Fire has consumed your bars. 14 Waters of a siege draw for yourself, || Strengthen your fortresses, || Enter into mire, and tread on clay, || Make strong a brick-kiln. 15 There a fire consumes you, || A sword cuts you off, || It consumes you as a cankerworm! Make yourself heavy as the cankerworm, || Make yourself heavy as the locust. 16 Multiply your merchants above the stars of the heavens, || The cankerworm has stripped off, and flees away. 17 Your crowned ones [are] as a locust, || And your princes as great grasshoppers, || That encamp in hedges in a day of cold, || The sun has risen, and it flees away, || And its place where they are is not known. 18 Your friends have slumbered, king of Asshur, || Your majestic ones rest, || Your people have been scattered on the mountains, || And there is none gathering. 19 There is no weakening of your destruction, || Your striking [is] grievous, || All hearing your fame have clapped the hand at you, || For over whom did your wickedness not pass continually?
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