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1 The Vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,
For the LORD hath spoken:
Children I have reared, and brought up,
And they have rebelled against Me.

³The ox knoweth his owner,
And the ass his master's crib;
But Israel doth not know,
My people doth not consider.

⁴Ah sinful nation,
A people laden with iniquity,
A seed of evil-doers,
Children that deal corruptly;
They have forsaken the LORD,
They have contemned the Holy One of

Israel,
They are turned away backward.

⁵On what part will ye yet be stricken,
Seeing ye stray away more and more?

The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart faint;

⁶From the sole of the foot even unto the head

There is no soundness in it;
But wounds, and bruises, and festering sores:

They have not been pressed, neither bound up,

Neither mollified with oil.

⁷Your country is desolate;
Your cities are burned with fire;
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,

And it is desolate, as overthrown by floods.

⁸And the daughter of Zion is left
As a booth in a vineyard,
As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers,
As a besieged city.

⁹Except the LORD of hosts
Had left unto us a very small remnant,

We should have been as Sodom,
We should have been like unto Gomorrah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
Ye rulers of Sodom;

Give ear unto the law of our God,
Ye people of Gomorrah.

¹¹To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me?

Saith the LORD;

I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams,

And the fat of fed beasts;

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And I delight not in the blood
Of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-
goats.

¹²When ye come to appear before
Me,
Who hath required this at your hand,
To trample My courts?

¹³Bring no more vain oblations;
It is an offering of abomination unto
Me;

New moon and sabbath, the holding
of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity along with
the solemn assembly.

¹⁴Your new moons and your
appointed seasons

My soul hateth;
They are a burden unto Me;
I am weary to bear them.

¹⁵And when ye spread forth your
hands,
I will hide Mine eyes from you;
Yea, when ye make many prayers,
I will not hear;

Your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶Wash you, make you clean,
Put away the evil of your doings
From before Mine eyes,

Cease to do evil;
¹⁷Learn to do well;
Seek justice, relieve the oppressed,
Judge the fatherless, plead for the
widow.

¹⁸Come now, and let us reason
together,
Saith the LORD;
Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;

Though they be red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.

¹⁹If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰But if ye refuse and rebel,
Ye shall be devoured with the
sword;
For the mouth of the LORD hath
spoken.

²¹How is the faithful city
Become a harlot!
She that was full of justice,
Righteousness lodged in her,
But now murderers.

²²Thy silver is become dross,
Thy wine mixed with water.

²³Thy princes are rebellious,
And companions of thieves;
Every one loveth bribes,
And followeth after rewards;
They judge not the fatherless,
Neither doth the cause of the widow
come unto them.

²⁴Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD
of hosts,

The Mighty One of Israel:
Ah, I will ease Me of Mine
adversaries,
And avenge Me of Mine enemies;

²⁵And I will turn My hand upon
thee,
And purge away thy dross as with
lye,

And will take away all thine alloy;

²⁶And I will restore thy judges as at
the first,

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And thy counsellors as at the beginning;
Afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness,
The faithful city.

²⁷Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
And they that return of her with righteousness.

²⁸But the destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together,
And they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

²⁹For they shall be ashamed of the terebinths which ye have desired,
And ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

³⁰For ye shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fadeth,
And as a garden that hath no water.

³¹And the strong shall be as tow,
And his work as a spark;
And they shall both burn together,
And none shall quench them.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²And it shall come to pass in the end of days,
That the mountain of the LORD'S house
Shall be established as the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow unto it.

³And many peoples shall go and say:

'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴And He shall judge between the nations,
And shall decide for many peoples;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruninghooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk
In the light of the LORD.

⁶For Thou hast forsaken Thy people the house of Jacob;
For they are replenished from the east,
And with soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they please themselves in the brood of aliens.

⁷Their land also is full of silver and gold,
Neither is there any end of their treasures;
Their land also is full of horses,

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Neither is there any end of their
chariots.

⁸Their land also is full of idols;
Every one worshippeth the work of
his own hands,
That which his own fingers have
made.

⁹And man boweth down,
And man lowereth himself;
And Thou canst not bear with them.

¹⁰Enter into the rock,
And hide thee in the dust,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty.

¹¹The lofty looks of man shall be
brought low,
And the haughtiness of men shall be
bowed down,
And the LORD alone shall be exalted
in that day.

¹²For the LORD of hosts hath a day
Upon all that is proud and lofty,
And upon all that is lifted up, and it
shall be brought low;

¹³And upon all the cedars of
Lebanon

That are high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;

¹⁴And upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills that are lifted
up; ¹⁵And upon every lofty tower,
And upon every fortified wall;

¹⁶And upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all delightful imagery.

¹⁷And the loftiness of man shall be
bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be
brought low;

And the LORD alone shall be exalted
in that day.

¹⁸And the idols shall utterly pass
away.

¹⁹And men shall go into the caves of
the rocks,

And into the holes of the earth,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty,
When He ariseth to shake mightily
the earth.

²⁰In that day a man shall cast away
His idols of silver, and his idols of
gold,
Which they made for themselves to
worship,

To the moles and to the bats;

²¹To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crevices of the crags,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty,
When he ariseth to shake mightily
the earth.

²²Cease ye from man, in whose
nostrils is a breath;

For how little is he to be accounted!

3 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts,

Doth take away from Jerusalem and
from Judah

Stay and staff,

Every stay of bread, and every stay
of water;

²The mighty man, and the man of
war;

The judge, and the prophet,

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And the diviner, and the elder;
³The captain of fifty, and the man of rank,
And the counsellor, and the cunning charmer, and the skilful enchanter.
⁴And I will give children to be their princes,
And babes shall rule over them.
⁵And the people shall oppress one another,
Every man his fellow, and every man his neighbour;
The child shall behave insolently against the aged,
And the base against the honourable,
⁶For a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father:
'Thou hast a mantle,
Be thou our ruler,
And let this ruin be under thy hand.'
⁷In that day shall he swear, saying:
'I will not be a healer;
For in my house is neither bread nor a mantle;
Ye shall not make me ruler of a people.'
⁸For Jerusalem is ruined,
And Judah is fallen;
Because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.
⁹The show of their countenance doth witness against them;
And they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.
Woe unto their soul!

For they have wrought evil unto themselves.
¹⁰Say ye of the righteous, that it shall be well with him;
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
¹¹Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him;
For the work of his hands shall be done to him.
¹²As for My people, a babe is their master,
And women rule over them.
O My people, they that lead thee cause thee to err,
And destroy the way of thy paths.

¹³The LORD standeth up to plead,
And standeth to judge the peoples.
¹⁴The LORD will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people, and the princes thereof:
'It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard;
The spoil of the poor is in your houses;
¹⁵What mean ye that ye crush My people,
And grind the face of the poor?'
Saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts.
¹⁶Moreover the LORD said:
Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with stretched-forth necks
And wanton eyes,
Walking and mincing as they go,
And making a tinkling with their feet;
¹⁷Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab

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The crown of the head of the
daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will lay bare their
secret parts.

¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away
the bravery of their anklets, and the
fillets, and the crescents; ¹⁹the
pendants, and the bracelets, and the
veils; ²⁰the headtires, and the armlets,
and the sashes, and the corselets, and
the amulets; ²¹the rings, and the nose-
jewels; ²²the aprons, and the mantelets,
and the cloaks, and the girdles; ²³and
the gauze robes, and the fine linen, and
the turbans, and the mantles. ²⁴And it
shall come to pass, that

Instead of sweet spices there shall
be rottenness;
And instead of a girdle rags;
And instead of curled hair baldness;
And instead of a stomacher a
girding of sackcloth;
Branding instead of beauty.
²⁵Thy men shall fall by the sword,
And thy mighty in the war.
²⁶And her gates shall lament and
mourn;
And utterly bereft she shall sit upon
the ground.

4 And seven women shall take hold
of one man in that day, saying:
'We will eat our own bread, and wear
our own apparel; only let us be called
by thy name; take thou away our
reproach.'

²In that day shall the growth of the
LORD be beautiful and glorious,

And the fruit of the land excellent
and comely

For them that are escaped of Israel.

³And it shall come to pass, that he
that is left in Zion, and he that
remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called
holy, even every one that is written
unto life in Jerusalem; ⁴when the Lord
shall have washed away the filth of the
daughters of Zion, and shall have
purged the blood of Jerusalem from
the midst thereof, by the spirit of
judgment, and by the spirit of
destruction. ⁵And the LORD will create
over the whole habitation of mount
Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud
and smoke by day, and the shining of a
flaming fire by night; for over all the
glory shall be a canopy. ⁶And there
shall be a pavilion for a shadow in the
day-time from the heat, and for a
refuge and for a covert from storm and
from rain.

5 Let me sing of my well-beloved,
A song of my beloved touching
his vineyard.

My well-beloved had a vineyard
In a very fruitful hill;
²And he digged it, and cleared it of
stones,
And planted it with the choicest
vine,
And built a tower in the midst of it,
And also hewed out a vat therein;
And he looked that it should bring
forth grapes,
And it brought forth wild grapes.

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³And now, O inhabitants of
Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and
my vineyard.
⁴What could have been done more
to my vineyard,
That I have not done in it?
Wherefore, when I looked that it
should bring forth grapes,
Brought it forth wild grapes?
⁵And now come, I will tell you
What I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof,
And it shall be eaten up;
I will break down the fence thereof,
And it shall be trodden down;
⁶And I will lay it waste:
It shall not be pruned nor hoed,
But there shall come up briers and
thorns;
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah the plant of
His delight;
And He looked for justice, but
behold violence;
For righteousness, but behold a cry.
⁸Woe unto them that join house to
house,
That lay field to field,
Till there be no room, and ye be
made to dwell
Alone in the midst of the land!
⁹In mine ears said the LORD of hosts:

Of a truth many houses shall be
desolate,
Even great and fair, without
inhabitant.
¹⁰For ten acres of vineyard shall
yield one bath,
And the seed of a homer shall yield
an ephah.
¹¹Woe unto them that rise up early
in the morning,
That they may follow strong drink;
That tarry late into the night,
Till wine inflame them!
¹²And the harp and the psaltery, the
tabret and the pipe,
And wine, are in their feasts;
But they regard not the work of the
LORD,
Neither have they considered the
operation of His hands.
¹³Therefore My people are gone into
captivity,
For want of knowledge;
And their honourable men are
famished,
And their multitude are parched
with thirst.
¹⁴Therefore the nether-world hath
enlarged her desire,
And opened her mouth without
measure;
And down goeth their glory, and
their tumult, and their uproar,
And he that rejoiceth among them.
¹⁵And man is bowed down,
And man is humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty are
humbled;

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¹⁶But the LORD of hosts is exalted
through justice,
And God the Holy One is sanctified
through righteousness.

¹⁷Then shall the lambs feed as in
their pasture,
And the waste places of the fat ones
shall wanderers eat.

¹⁸Woe unto them that draw iniquity
with cords of vanity,

And sin as it were with a cart rope,

¹⁹That say: 'Let Him make speed, let
Him hasten His work,
That we may see it;
And let the counsel of the Holy One
of Israel draw nigh and come,
That we may know it! '

²⁰Woe unto them that call evil good,
And good evil;
That change darkness into light,
And light into darkness;
That change bitter into sweet,
And sweet into bitter!

²¹Woe unto them that are wise in
their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!

²²Woe unto them that are mighty to
drink wine,
And men of strength to mingle
strong drink;

²³That justify the wicked for a
reward,
And take away the righteousness of
the righteous from him!

²⁴Therefore as the tongue of fire
devoureth the stubble,
And as the chaff is consumed in the
flame,

So their root shall be as rottenness,
And their blossom shall go up as
dust;

Because they have rejected the law
of the LORD of hosts,
And contemned the word of the
Holy One of Israel.

²⁵Therefore is the anger of the LORD
kindled against His people,
And He hath stretched forth His
hand against them, and hath
smitten them,

And the hills did tremble,
And their carcasses were as refuse
in the midst of the streets.

For all this His anger is not turned
away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

²⁶And He will lift up an ensign to
the nations from far,
And will hiss unto them from the
end of the earth;

And, behold, they shall come with
speed swiftly;

²⁷None shall be weary nor stumble
among them;

None shall slumber nor sleep;
Neither shall the girdle of their loins
be loosed,

Nor the latchet of their shoes be
broken; ²⁸Whose arrows are
sharp,

And all their bows bent;

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Their horses' hoofs shall be counted
like flint,

And their wheels like a whirlwind;

²⁹Their roaring shall be like a lion,

They shall roar like young lions,

yea, they shall roar,

And lay hold of the prey, and carry
it away safe,

And there shall be none to deliver.

³⁰And they shall roar against them in
that day

Like the roaring of the sea;

And if one look unto the land,

Behold darkness and distress,

And the light is darkened in the
skies thereof.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I
saw the Lord sitting upon a throne
high and lifted up, and His train filled
the temple. ²Above Him stood the
seraphim; each one had six wings:
with twain he covered his face and
with twain he covered his feet, and
with twain he did fly. ³And one called
unto another, and said:

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of
hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory.

⁴And the posts of the door were
moved at the voice of them that called,
and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵Then said I:

Woe is me! for I am undone;

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I dwell in the midst of a people
of

unclean lips;

For mine eyes have seen the King,

The LORD of hosts.

⁶Then flew unto me one of the
seraphim, with a glowing stone in his
hand, which he had taken with the
tongs from off the altar; ⁷and he
touched my mouth with it, and said:

Lo, this hath touched thy lips;

And thine iniquity is taken away,

And thy sin expiated.

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying:

Whom shall I send,

And who will go for us?

Then I said: 'Here am I; send me.'

⁹And He said: 'Go, and tell this
people:

Hear ye indeed, but understand not;

And see ye indeed, but perceive not.

¹⁰Make the heart of this people fat,

And make their ears heavy,

And shut their eyes;

Lest they, seeing with their eyes,

And hearing with their ears,

And understanding with their heart,

Return, and be healed.'

¹¹Then said I: 'Lord, how long?'
And He answered:

'Until cities be waste without
inhabitant,

And houses without man,

And the land become utterly waste,

¹²And the LORD have removed men

far away,

And the forsaken places be many in
the midst of the land.

¹³And if there be yet a tenth in it, it
shall again be eaten up; as a terebinth,
and as an oak, whose stock remaineth,

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when they cast their leaves, so the holy seed shall be the stock thereof.’

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it; but could not prevail against it. ²And it was told the house of David, saying: ‘Aram is confederate with Ephraim.’ And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

³Then said the LORD unto Isaiah: ‘Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ^aShear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fullers’ field; ⁴and say unto him: Keep calm, and be quiet; fear not, neither let thy heart be faint, because of these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and of the son of Remaliah. ⁵Because Aram hath counselled evil against thee, Ephraim also, and the son of Remaliah, saying: ⁶Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeel; ⁷thus saith the Lord God:

It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

⁸For the head of Aram is Damascus, And the head of Damascus is Rezin;

^a That is, *A remnant shall return.*

And within threescore and five years

Shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people;

⁹And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,

And the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son.

If ye will not have faith, surely ye shall not be established.’

¹⁰And the LORD spoke again unto Ahaz, saying: ¹¹‘Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God: ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.’ ¹²But Ahaz said: ‘I will not ask, neither will I try the LORD.’ ¹³And he said: ‘Hear ye now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to weary men, that ye will weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: behold, the young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name ^bImmanuel. ¹⁵Curd and honey shall he eat, when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. ¹⁶Yea, before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou hast a horror of shall be forsaken. ¹⁷The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father’s house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.’

¹⁸And it shall come to pass in that day,

^b That is, *God is with us.*

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That the LORD shall hiss for the fly
That is in the uttermost part of the
rivers of Egypt,

And for the bee that is in the land of
Assyria.

¹⁹And they shall come, and shall rest
all of them

In the rugged valleys, and in the
holes of the rocks,

And upon all thorns, and upon all
brambles.

²⁰In that day shall the Lord shave
with a razor that is hired in the parts
beyond the River, even with the king
of Assyria, the head and the hair of the
feet; and it shall also sweep away the
beard.

²¹And it shall come to pass in that
day, that a man shall rear a young cow,
and two sheep; ²²and it shall come to
pass, for the abundance of milk that
they shall give, he shall eat curd; for
curd and honey shall every one eat that
is left in the midst of the land.

²³And it shall come to pass in that
day, that every place, where there were
a thousand vines at a thousand
silverlings, shall even be for briers and
thorns. ²⁴With arrows and with bow
shall one come thither; because all the
land shall become briers and thorns.

²⁵And all the hills that were digged
with the mattock, thou shalt not come
thither for fear of briers and thorns, but
it shall be for the sending forth of
oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 And the LORD said unto me: 'Take
thee a great tablet, and write upon

it in common script: The spoil
speedeth, the prey hasteth; ²and I will
take unto Me faithful witnesses to
record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah
the son of Jeberechiah.' ³And I went
unto the prophetess; and she
conceived, and bore a son. Then said
the LORD unto me: 'Call his name
^aMaher-shalal-hashbaz. ⁴For before the
child shall have knowledge to cry: My
father, and: My mother, the riches of
Damascus and the spoil of Samaria
shall be carried away before the king
of Assyria.'

⁵And the LORD spoke unto me yet
again, saying:

⁶Forasmuch as this people hath
refused

The waters of Shiloah that go softly,
And rejoiceth with Rezin and
Remaliah's son;

⁷Now therefore, behold, the Lord
bringeth up upon them

The waters of the River, mighty and
many,

Even the king of Assyria and all his
glory;

And he shall come up over all his
channels,

And go over all his banks;

⁸And he shall sweep through Judah
Overflowing as he passeth through

He shall reach even to the neck;

And the stretching out of his wings
Shall fill the breadth of thy land, O

Immanuel.

^a That is, *The spoil speedeth, the
prey hasteth.*

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⁹Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and ye shall be broken in pieces; And give ear, all ye of far countries; Gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

¹⁰Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nought; Speak the word, and it shall not stand;

For God is with us.

¹¹For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, admonishing me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹²Say ye not: A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people do say: A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor account it dreadful. ¹³The LORD of hosts, Him shall ye sanctify; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. ¹⁴And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.'

¹⁶Bind up the testimony, seal the instruction among My disciples.'

¹⁷And I will wait for the LORD, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him.

¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me shall be for signs and for wonders in Israel from the

LORD of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion. ¹⁹And when they shall say unto you: 'Seek unto the ghosts and the familiar spirits, that chirp and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? on behalf of the living unto the dead ²⁰for instruction and for testimony?'—Surely they will speak according to this word, wherein there is no light.—²¹And they shall pass this way that are sore bestead and hungry; and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse by their king and by their God, and, whether they turn their faces upward, ²²or look unto the earth, behold distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish, and outspread thick darkness. ²³For is there no gloom to her that was stedfast? Now the former hath lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but the latter hath dealt a more grievous blow by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in the district of the nations.

9 The people that walked in darkness Have seen a great light; They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them hath the light shined.

²Thou hast multiplied the nation,

Thou hast increased their joy;

They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest,

As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

³For the yoke of his burden, And the staff of his shoulder,

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The rod of his oppressor,
Thou hast broken as in the day of
Midian.
For every boot stamped with
fierceness,
And every cloak rolled in blood,
Shall even be for burning, for fuel of
fire.

⁵For a child is born unto us,
A son is given unto us;
And the government is upon his
shoulder;

And his name is called

^aPele-joez-el-gibbor-
Abi-ad-sar-shalom;

⁶That the government may be
increased, And of peace there be
no end,
Upon the throne of David, and upon
his kingdom,

To establish it, and to uphold it
Through justice and through
righteousness From henceforth
even for ever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts doth
perform this.

⁷The Lord sent a word into Jacob,
And it hath lighted upon Israel.

⁸And all the people shall know,
Even Ephraim and the inhabitant of
Samaria,

That say in pride and in arrogancy
of heart:

⁹The bricks are fallen, but we will
build with hewn stones;
The sycamores are cut down, but
cedars will we put in their place.⁷

¹⁰Therefore the LORD doth set upon
high the adversaries of Rezin
against him,

And spur his enemies;

¹¹The Arameans on the east, and the
Philistines on the west;
And they devour Israel with open
mouth.

For all this His anger is not turned
away,

But His hand is stretched out still.

¹²Yet the people turneth not unto
Him that smiteth them,
Neither do they seek the LORD of
hosts.

¹³Therefore the LORD doth cut off
from Israel head and tail,
Palm-branch and rush, in one day.

¹⁴The elder and the man of rank, he
is the head;
And the prophet that teacheth lies,
he is the tail.

¹⁵For they that lead this people
cause them to err;
And they that are led of them are
destroyed.

¹⁶Therefore the Lord shall have no
joy in their young men,
Neither shall He have compassion
on their fatherless and widows;
For every one is ungodly and an
evil-doer,

And every mouth speaketh
wantonness.

^a That is, *Wonderful in counsel is
God, the Mighty, the Everlasting
Father, the Ruler of peace.*

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For all this His anger is not turned
away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

¹⁷ For wickedness burneth as the
fire;
It devoureth the briers and thorns;
Yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the
forest,
And they roll upward in thick clouds
of smoke.

¹⁸ Through the wrath of the LORD of
hosts is the land burnt up;
The people also are as the fuel of
fire;

No man spareth his brother.

¹⁹ And one snatcheth on the right
hand, and is hungry;
And he eateth on the left hand, and
is not satisfied;
They eat every man the flesh of his
own arm:

²⁰ Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim,
Manasseh;
And they together are against Judah.
For all this His anger is not turned
away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree
unrighteous decrees,
And to the writers that write
iniquity;
² To turn aside the needy from
judgment,
And to take away the right of the
poor of My people,
That widows may be their spoil,

And that they may make the
fatherless their prey!

³ And what will ye do in the day of
visitation,
And in the ruin which shall come
from far?
To whom will ye flee for help?
And where will ye leave your glory?
⁴ They can do nought except crouch
under the captives,
And fall under the slain.
For all this His anger is not turned
away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

⁵ O Asshur, the rod of Mine anger,
In whose hand as a staff is Mine
indignation!

⁶ I do send him against an ungodly
nation, And against the people of My
wrath do I give him a charge,
To take the spoil, and to take the
prey,
And to tread them down like the
mire of the streets.

⁷ Howbeit he meaneth not so,
Neither doth his heart think so;
But it is in his heart to destroy,
And to cut off nations not a few.

⁸ For he saith: 'Are not my princes
all of them kings?

⁹ Is not Calno as Carchemish?
Is not Hamath as Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Damascus?

¹⁰ As my hand hath reached the
kingdoms of the idols,

Whose graven images did exceed
them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

¹¹ Shall I not, as I have done unto

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Samaria and her idols,

So do to Jerusalem and her idols?’

¹²Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.

¹³For he hath said:

By the strength of my hand I have done it,

And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;

In that I have removed the bounds of the peoples,

And have robbed their treasures, And have brought down as one mighty the inhabitants;

¹⁴And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples;

And as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken,

Have I gathered all the earth;

And there was none that moved the wing, Or that opened mouth, or chirped.

¹⁵Should the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?

Should the saw magnify itself against him that moveth it?

As if a rod should move them that lift it up,

Or as if a staff should lift up him that is not wood.

¹⁶Therefore will the Lord, the LORD of hosts,

Send among his fat ones leanness;

And under his glory there shall be kindled

A burning like the burning of fire.

¹⁷And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,

And his Holy One for a flame;

And it shall burn and devour his thorns

And his briers in one day.

¹⁸And the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,

He will consume both soul and body;

And it shall be as when a sick man wasteth away.

¹⁹And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few,

That a child may write them down.

²⁰And it shall come to pass in that day,

That the remnant of Israel,

And they that are escaped of the house of Jacob,

Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them;

But shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

²¹^aA remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob,

Unto God the Mighty.

²²For though thy people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,

Only a remnant of them shall return; An extermination is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

^a Heb. *shear jashub*.

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²³For an extermination wholly
determined
Shall the Lord, the God of hosts,
make in the midst of all the earth.

²⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord, the
God of hosts: O My people that
dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of
Asshur, though he smite thee with the
rod, and lift up his staff against thee,
after the manner of Egypt. ²⁵For yet a
very little while, and the indignation
shall be accomplished, and Mine anger
shall be to their destruction. ²⁶And the
LORD of hosts shall stir up against him
a scourge, as in the slaughter of
Midian at the Rock of Oreb; and as
His rod was over the sea, so shall He
lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
²⁷And it shall come to pass in that day,
that

His burden shall depart from off thy
shoulder,
And his yoke from off thy neck,
And the yoke shall be destroyed by
reason of fatness.

²⁸He is come to Aiath,
He is passed through Migron;
At Michmas he layeth up his
baggage;

²⁹They are gone over the pass;
They have taken up their lodging at
Geba; Ramah trembleth;
Gibeath-shaul is fled.

³⁰Cry thou with a shrill voice, O
daughter of Gallim!
Hearken, O Laish! O thou poor
Anathoth!

³¹Madmenah is in mad flight;

The inhabitants of Gebim flee to
cover.

³²This very day shall he halt at Nob,
Shaking his hand at the mount of the
daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

³³Behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts,
Shall lop the boughs with terror;
And the high ones of stature shall be
hewn down,
And the lofty shall be laid low.

³⁴And He shall cut down the
thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty
one.

11 And there shall come forth a
shoot out of the stock of
Jesse,

And a twig shall grow forth out of
his roots.

²And 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 of the
fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear
of the LORD;

And he shall not judge after the
sight of his eyes,
Neither decide after the hearing of
his ears;

⁴But with righteousness shall he
judge the poor,

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And decide with equity for the meek
of the land;

And he shall smite the land with the
rod of his mouth,

And with the breath of his lips shall
he slay the wicked.

⁵And righteousness shall be the
girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his
reins.

⁶And the wolf shall dwell with the
lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with
the kid;

And the calf and the young lion and
the fatling together;

And a little child shall lead them.

⁷And the cow and the bear feed;
Their young ones shall lie down
together;

And the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

⁸And the sucking child shall play on
the hole of the asp,
And the weaned child shall put his
hand on the basilisk's den.

⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy
In all My holy mountain;
For the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the root of Jesse, that standeth
for an ensign of the peoples,
Unto him shall the nations seek;
And his resting-place shall be
glorious.

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that
day,

That the Lord will set His hand
again the second time

To recover the remnant of His
people,

That shall remain from Assyria, and
from Egypt,

And from Pathros, and from Cush,
and from Elam,

And from Shinar, and from Hamath,
and from the islands of the sea.

¹²And He will set up an ensign for
the nations,

And will assemble the dispersed of
Israel,

And gather together the scattered of
Judah

From the four corners of the earth.

¹³The envy also of Ephraim shall
depart,

And they that harass Judah shall be
cut off;

Ephraim shall not envy Judah,

And Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

¹⁴And they shall fly down upon the
shoulder of the Philistines on the
west;

Together shall they spoil the
children of the east;

They shall put forth their hand upon
Edom and Moab;

And the children of Ammon shall
obey them.

¹⁵And the LORD will utterly destroy
the tongue of the Egyptian sea;

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And with His scorching wind will
He shake His hand over the
River,
And will smite it into seven streams,
And cause men to march over dry-
shod.
¹⁶And there shall be a highway for
the remnant of His people,
That shall remain from Assyria,
Like as there was for Israel
In the day that he came up out of the
land of Egypt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say:
'I will give thanks unto Thee,
O LORD;
For though Thou was angry with
me,
Thine anger is turned away, and
Thou comfortest me.
²Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
For GOD the LORD is my strength and
song;
And He is become my salvation.'
³Therefore with joy shall ye draw
water
Out of the wells of salvation.
⁴And in that day shall ye say:
'Give thanks unto the LORD,
proclaim His name,
Declare His doings among the
peoples,
Make mention that His name is
exalted.
⁵Sing unto the LORD; for He hath
done gloriously;
This is made known in all the earth.

⁶Cry aloud and shout, thou
inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel
in the midst of thee.'

13 The burden of Babylon, which
Isaiah the son of Amoz did
see.

²Set ye up an ensign upon the high
mountain,
Lift up the voice unto them,
Wave the hand, that they may go
Into the gates of the nobles.

³I have commanded My consecrated
ones,

Yea, I have called My mighty ones
for mine anger,
Even My proudly exulting ones.

⁴Hark, a tumult in the mountains,
Like as of a great people!
Hark, the uproar of the kingdoms
Of the nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts mustereth
The host of the battle.

⁵They come from a far country,
From the end of heaven,
Even the LORD, and the weapons of
His indignation,
To destroy the whole earth.

⁶Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is
at hand;
As destruction from the Almighty
shall it come.

⁷Therefore shall all hands be slack,
And every heart of man shall melt.

⁸And they shall be affrighted;

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Pangs and throes shall take hold of
them;
They shall be in pain as a woman in
travail;
They shall look aghast one at
another;
Their faces shall be faces of flame.

⁹Behold, the day of the LORD
cometh,
Cruel, and full of wrath and fierce
anger;
To make the earth a desolation,
And to destroy the sinners thereof
out of it,

¹⁰For the stars of heaven and the
constellations thereof
Shall not give their light;
The sun shall be darkened in his
going forth,
And the moon shall not cause her
light to shine.

¹¹And I will visit upon the world
their evil,
And upon the wicked their iniquity;
And I will cause the arrogance of
the proud to cease,
And will lay low the haughtiness of
the tyrants.

¹²I will make man more rare than
fine gold,
Even man than the pure gold of
Ophir.

¹³Therefore I will make the heavens
to tremble,
And the earth shall be shaken out of
her place,
For the wrath of the LORD of hosts,

And for the day of His fierce anger.
¹⁴And it shall come to pass, that as
the chased gazelle,
And as sheep that no man gathereth,
They shall turn every man to his
own people,
And shall flee every man to his own
land.

¹⁵Every one that is found shall be
thrust through;
And every one that is caught shall
fall by the sword.
¹⁶Their babes also shall be dashed in
pieces before their eyes;
Their houses shall be spoiled,
And their wives ravished.

¹⁷Behold, I will stir up the Medes
against them,
Who shall not regard silver,
And as for gold, they shall not
delight in it.

¹⁸And their bows shall dash the
young men in pieces;
And they shall have no pity on the
fruit of the womb;
Their eye shall not spare children.

¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of
kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Shall be as when God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah.

²⁰It shall never be inhabited,
Neither shall it be dwelt in from
generation to generation;
Neither shall the Arabian pitch tent
there;

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Neither shall the shepherds make
their fold there.

²¹But wild-cats shall lie there;
And their houses shall be full of
ferrets;

And ostriches shall dwell there,
And satyrs shall dance there.

²²And jackals shall howl in their
castles,

And wild-dogs in the pleasant
palaces;

And her time is near to come,
And her days shall not be
prolonged.

14 For the LORD will have
compassion on Jacob, and will
yet choose Israel, and set them in their
own land; and the stranger shall join
himself with them, and they shall
cleave to the house of Jacob. ²And the
peoples shall take them, and bring
them to their place; and the house of
Israel shall possess them in the land of
the LORD for servants and for
handmaids; and they shall take them
captive, whose captives they were; and
they shall rule over their oppressors.

³And it shall come to pass in the day
that the LORD shall give thee rest from
thy travail, and from thy trouble, and
from the hard service wherein thou
wast made to serve, ⁴that thou shalt
take up this parable against the king of
Babylon, and say:

How hath the oppressor ceased!
The exactress of gold ceased!

⁵The LORD hath broken the staff of
the wicked,

The sceptre of the rulers,
⁶That smote the peoples in wrath
With an incessant stroke,
That ruled the nations in anger,
With a persecution that none
restrained.

⁷The whole earth is at rest, and is
quiet;
They break forth into singing.

⁸Yea, the cypresses rejoice at thee,
And the cedars of Lebanon:
'Since thou art laid down,
No feller is come up against us.'

⁹The nether-world from beneath is
moved for thee
To meet thee at thy coming;
The shades are stirred up for thee,
Even all the chief ones of the earth;
All the kings of the nations
Are raised up from their thrones.

¹⁰All they do answer
And say unto thee:
'Art thou also become weak as we?
Art thou become like unto us?

¹¹Thy pomp is brought down to the
nether-world,
And the noise of thy psalteries;
The maggot is spread under thee,
And the worms cover thee.'

¹²How art thou fallen from heaven,
O day-star, son of the morning!
How art thou cut down to the
ground,
That didst cast lots over the nations!

¹³And thou saidst in thy heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
Above the stars of God

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Will I exalt my throne,
And I will sit upon the mount of
meeting,
In the uttermost parts of the north;
¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds;
I will be like the Most High.⁷
¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to
the nether-world,
To the uttermost parts of the pit.

¹⁶They that saw thee do narrowly
look upon thee,
They gaze earnestly at thee:
'Is this the man that made the earth
to tremble,
That did shake kingdoms;
¹⁷That made the world as a
wilderness,
And destroyed the cities thereof;
That opened not the house of his
prisoners?'
¹⁸All the kings of the nations,
All of them, sleep in glory,
Every one in his own house.
¹⁹But thou art cast forth away from
thy grave
Like an abhorred offshoot,
In the raiment of the slain, that are
thrust through with the sword,
That go down to the pavement of
the pit,
As a carcass trodden under foot.
²⁰Thou shalt not be joined with them
in burial,
Because thou hast destroyed thy
land,
Thou hast slain thy people;
The seed of evil-doers shall not

Be named for ever.

²¹Prepare ye slaughter for his
children

For the iniquity of their fathers;
That they rise not up, and possess
the earth,

And fill the face of the world with
cities.

²²And I will rise up against them,
saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off
from Babylon name and remnant, and
offshoot and offspring, saith the LORD.

²³I will also make it a possession for
the bittern, and pools of water; and I
will sweep it with the besom of
destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

²⁴The LORD of hosts hath sworn,
saying:

Surely as I have thought, so shall it
come to pass;

And as I have purposed, so shall it
stand,

²⁵That I will break Asshur in My
land,

And upon My mountains tread him
under foot;

Then shall his yoke depart from off
them,

And his burden depart from off their
shoulder.

²⁶This is the purpose that is
purposed upon the whole earth;
And this is the hand that is stretched
out upon all the nations.

²⁷For the LORD of hosts hath
purposed,

And who shall disannul it?

And His hand is stretched out,

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And who shall turn it back?

²⁸In the year that king Ahaz died
was this burden.

²⁹Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of thee,
Because the rod that smote thee is
broken:

For out of the serpent's root shall
come forth a basilisk,
And his fruit shall be a flying
serpent.

³⁰And the first-born of the poor shall
feed,

And the needy shall lie down in
safety;
And I will kill thy root with famine,
And thy remnant shall be slain

³¹Howl, O gate; cry, O city;
Melt away, O Philistia, all of thee;
For there cometh a smoke out of the
north,

And there is no straggler in his
ranks.

³²What then shall one answer the
messengers of the nation?
That the LORD hath founded Zion,
And in her shall the afflicted of His
people take refuge.

15 The burden of Moab.

For in the night that Ar of Moab is
laid waste,
He is brought to ruin;
For in the night that Kir of Moab is
laid waste,
He is brought to ruin.

²He is gone up to Baith, and to
Dibon,
To the high places, to weep;
Upon Nebo, and upon Medeba,
Moab howleth;

On all their heads is baldness,
Every beard is shaven.

³In their streets they gird themselves
with sackcloth;

On their housetops, and in their
broad places,
Every one howleth, weeping
profusely.

⁴And Heshbon crieth out, and
Elealeh;

Their voice is heard even unto
Jahaz;

Therefore the armed men of Moab
cry aloud;

His soul is faint within him.

⁵My heart crieth out for Moab;
Her fugitives reach unto Zoar,
A heifer of three years old;
For by the ascent of Luhith

With weeping they go up;
For in the way of Horonaim
They raise up a cry of destruction.

⁶For the Waters of Nimrim shall be
desolate;

For the grass is withered away, the
herbage faileth,

There is no green thing.

⁷Therefore the abundance they have
gotten,

And that which they have laid up,
Shall they carry away to the brook
of the willows.

⁸For the cry is gone round about
The borders of Moab;

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The howling thereof unto Eglaim,
And the howling thereof unto Beer-
elim.

⁹For the waters of Dimon are full of
blood;

For I will bring yet more upon
Dimon,

A lion upon him that escapeth of
Moab,

And upon the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lambs for the ruler
of the land

From the crags that are toward the
wilderness,

Unto the mount of the daughter of
Zion.

²For it shall be that, as wandering
birds,

As a scattered nest,

So shall the daughters of Moab be
At the fords of Arnon.

³Give counsel, execute justice;
Make thy shadow as the night in the
midst of the noonday;

Hide the outcasts; betray not the
fugitive.

⁴Let mine outcasts dwell with thee;
As for Moab, be thou a covert to
him from the face of the spoiler.⁷

For the extortion is at an end,
spoiling ceaseth,

They that trampled down are
consumed out of the land;

⁵And a throne is established through
mercy,

And there sitteth thereon in truth, in
the tent of David,

One that judgeth, and seeketh
justice, and is ready in
righteousness.

⁶We have heard of the pride of
Moab;

He is very proud;

Even of his haughtiness, and his
pride, and his arrogance,

His ill-founded boastings.

⁷Therefore shall Moab wail for
Moab,

Every one shall wail; for the sweet
cakes of Kir-hareseth shall ye
mourn,

Sorely stricken.

⁸For the fields of Heshbon languish,

And the vine of Sibmah,

Whose choice plants did overcome
The lords of nations;

They reached even unto Jazer,

They wandered into the wilderness;

Her branches were spread abroad,

They passed over the sea.

⁹Therefore I will weep with the
weeping of Jazer

For the vine of Sibmah;

I will water thee with my tears,

O Heshbon, and Elealeh;

For upon thy summer fruits and
upon thy harvest

The battle shout is fallen.

¹⁰And gladness and joy are taken
away

Out of the fruitful field;

And in the vineyards there shall be
no singing,

Neither shall there be shouting;

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No treader shall tread out wine in
the presses;
I have made the vintage shout to
cease.

¹¹Wherefore my heart moaneth like
a harp for Moab,
And mine inward parts for Kir-
heres.

¹²And it shall come to pass, when it
is seen that Moab hath wearied himself
upon the high place, that he shall come
to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall
not prevail

¹³This is the word that the LORD
spoke concerning Moab in time past.

¹⁴But now the LORD hath spoken,
saying: 'Within three years, as the
years of a hireling, and the glory of
Moab shall wax contemptible for all
his great multitude; and the remnant
shall be very small and without
strength.'

17 The burden of Damascus.

Behold, Damascus is taken away
from being a city,

And it shall be a ruinous heap.

²The cities of Aroer are forsaken;
They shall be for flocks,
Which shall lie down, and none
shall make them afraid.

³The fortress also shall cease from
Ephraim,

And the kingdom from Damascus;
And the remnant of Aram shall be
as the glory of the children of
Israel,

Sith the LORD of hosts.

⁴And it shall come to pass in that
day,

That the glory of Jacob shall be
made thin,
And the fatness of his flesh shall
wax lean.

⁵And it shall be as when the
harvestman gathereth the standing
corn,

And reapeth the ears with his arm;
Yea, it shall be as when one
gleaneth ears

In the valley of Rephaim.

⁶Yet there shall be left therein
gleanings,

As at the beating of an olive-tree,
Two or three berries

In the top of the uppermost bough,
Four or five in the branches of the
fruitful tree,

Saith the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁷In that day shall a man regard his
Maker,

And his eyes shall look to the Holy
One of Israel.

⁸And he shall not regard the altars,
The work of his hands,
Neither shall he look to that which
his fingers have made,
Either the Asherim, or the sun-
images.

⁹In that day shall his strong cities be
as the forsaken places, which were
forsaken from before the children of
Israel, after the manner of woods and

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lofty forests; and it shall be a desolation.

¹⁰For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation,
And thou hast not been mindful of the Rock of thy stronghold;
Therefore thou didst plant plants of pleasantness,
And didst set it with slips of a stranger;

¹¹In the day of thy planting thou didst make it to grow,
And in the morning thou didst make thy seed to blossom—
A heap of boughs in the day of grief
And of desperate pain.

¹²Ah, the uproar of many peoples,
That roar like the roaring of the seas;
And the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!

¹³The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters;
But He shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off,
And shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind,
And like the whirling dust before the storm.

¹⁴At eventide behold terror;
And before the morning they are not.
This is the portion of them that spoil us,
And the lot of them that rob us.

18 Ah, land of the buzzing of wings,

Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;

²That sendeth ambassadors by the sea,
Even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters!

Go, ye swift messengers,
To a nation tall and of glossy skin,
To a people terrible from their beginning onward;

A nation that is sturdy and treadeth down,

Whose land the rivers divide!

³All ye inhabitants of the world, and ye dwellers on the earth,
When an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye;
And when the horn is blown, hear ye.

⁴For thus hath the LORD said unto me:

I will hold Me still, and I will look on in My dwelling-place,
Like clear heat in sunshine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

⁵For before the harvest, when the blossom is over,
And the bud becometh a ripening grape,

He will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks,
And the shoots will He take away and lop off.

⁶They shall be left together unto the ravenous birds of the mountains,
And to the beasts of the earth;

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And the ravenous birds shall
summer upon them,
And all the beasts of the earth shall
winter upon them.

⁷In that time shall a present be
brought unto the LORD of hosts of
a people tall and of glossy skin,
and from a people terrible from
their beginning onward; a nation
that is sturdy and treadeth down,
whose land the rivers divide, to
the place of the name of the LORD
of hosts, the mount Zion.

19 The burden of Egypt.

Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift
cloud,

And cometh unto Egypt;
And the idols of Egypt shall be
moved at His presence,
And the heart of Egypt shall melt
within it.

²And I will spur Egypt against
Egypt;
And they shall fight every one
against his brother,
And everyone against his neighbour;
City against city, and kingdom
against kingdom.

³And the spirit of Egypt shall be
made empty within it;
And I will make void the counsel
thereof;
And they shall seek unto the idols,
and to the whisperers,
And to the ghosts, and to the
familiar spirits.

⁴And I will give over the Egyptians

into the hand of a cruel lord;
And a fierce king shall rule over
them,
Saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

⁵And the waters shall fail from the
sea,

And the river shall be drained dry,
⁶And the rivers shall become foul;
The streams of Egypt shall be
minished and dried up;

The reeds and flags shall wither.
⁷The mosses by the Nile, by the
brink of the Nile,

And all that is sown by the Nile,
Shall become dry, be driven away,
and be no more.

⁸The fishers also shall lament,
And all they that cast angle into the
Nile shall mourn,
And they that spread nets upon the
waters shall languish.

⁹Moreover they that work in
combed flax,
And they that weave cotton, shall
be ashamed.

¹⁰And her foundations shall be
crushed,
All they that make dams shall be
grieved in soul.

¹¹The princes of Zoan are utter
fools;

The wisest counsellors of Pharaoh
are a senseless counsel;

How can ye say unto Pharaoh: 'I
am the son of the wise,
The son of ancient kings'?

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12Where are they, then, thy wise men?

And let them tell thee now;
And let them know what the LORD
of hosts

Hath purposed concerning Egypt.

13The princes of Zoan are become
fools,

The princes of Noph are deceived;
They have caused Egypt to go
astray,

That are the corner-stone of her
tribes.

14The LORD hath mingled within
her

A spirit of dizziness;
And they have caused Egypt to
stagger in every work thereof,
As a drunken man staggereth in his
vomit.

15Neither shall there be for Egypt
any work,

Which head or tail, palm-branch or
rush, may do.

16In that day shall Egypt be like unto
women; and it shall tremble and fear
because of the shaking of the hand of
the LORD of hosts, which He shaketh
over it. 17And the land of Judah shall
become a terror unto Egypt,
whenever one maketh mention
thereof to it; it shall be afraid, because
of the purpose of the LORD of hosts,
which He purposeth against it.

18In that day there shall be five cities
in the land of Egypt that speak the
language of Canaan, and swear to the
LORD of hosts; one shall be called The
city of destruction. 19In that day shall

there be an altar to the LORD in the
midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar
at the border thereof to the LORD.

20And it shall be for a sign and for a
witness unto the LORD of hosts in the
land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto
the LORD because of the oppressors,
and He will send them a saviour, and a
defender, who will deliver them. 21And
the LORD shall make Himself known to
Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know
the LORD in that day; yea, they shall
worship with sacrifice and offering,
and shall vow a vow unto the LORD,
and shall perform it.

22And the LORD will smite Egypt,
smiting and healing; and they shall
return unto the LORD, and He will be
entreated of them, and will heal them.

23In that day shall there be a highway
out of Egypt to Assyria, and the
Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and
the Egyptian into Assyria; and the
Egyptians shall worship with the
Assyrians.

24In that day shall Israel be the third
with Egypt and with Assyria, a
blessing in the midst of the earth; 25for
that the LORD of hosts hath blessed
him, saying: 'Blessed be Egypt My
people and Assyria the work of My
hands, and Israel Mine inheritance.'

20 In the year that Tartan came
into Ashdod, when Sargon the
king of Assyria sent him, and he
fought against Ashdod and took it; 2at
that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the
son of Amoz, saying: 'Go, and loose

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the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put thy shoe from off thy foot.' And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

³And the LORD said: 'Like as My servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot to be for three years a sign and a wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia, ⁴so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵And they shall be dismayed and ashamed, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. ⁶And the inhabitant of this coast-land shall say in that day: Behold, such is our expectation, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?'

21 The burden of the wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the South
sweeping on,
It cometh from the wilderness, from
a dreadful land.

²A grievous vision is declared unto
me:

'The treacherous dealer dealeth
treacherously, and the spoiler
spoileth.

Go up, O Elam! besiege, O Media!
All the sighing thereof have I made
to cease.'

³Therefore are my loins filled with
convulsion;

Pangs have taken hold upon me, as
the pangs of a woman in travail;
I am bent so that I cannot hear;
I am affrighted so that I cannot see.

⁴My heart is bewildered, terror hath
overwhelmed me;

The twilight that I longed for hath
been turned for me into
trembling.

⁵They prepare the table, they light
the lamps, they eat, they drink—

'Rise up, ye princes, anoint the
shield.'

⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto
me:

Go, set a watchman; let him declare
what he seeth!

⁷And when he seeth a troop,
horsemen by pairs,

A troop of asses, a troop of camels,
He shall hearken diligently with
much heed.

⁸And he cried as a lion: 'Upon the
watch-tower, O Lord,

I stand continually in the daytime,
And I am set in my ward all the
nights.'

⁹And, behold, there came a troop of
men, horsemen by pairs.

And he spoke and said:

'Fallen, fallen is Babylon;

And all the graven images of her
gods are broken unto the ground.'

¹⁰O thou my threshing, and the
winnowing of my floor,

That which I have heard from the
LORD of hosts,

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The God of Israel, have I declared
unto you.

¹¹The burden of Dumah.

One calleth unto me out of Seir:
'Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?'

¹²The watchman said:
'The morning cometh, and also the
night—
If ye will inquire, inquire ye; return,
come.'

¹³The burden upon Arabia.

In the thickets in Arabia shall ye
lodge, O ye caravans of
Dedanites.

¹⁴Unto him that is thirsty bring ye
water!

The inhabitants of the land of Tema
did meet the fugitive with his
bread.

¹⁵For they fled away from the
swords, from the drawn sword,
And from the bent bow, and from
the grievousness of war.

¹⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me:
'Within a year, according to the years
of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar
shall fail; ¹⁷and the residue of the
number of the archers, the mighty men
of the children of Kedar, shall be
diminished; for the LORD, the God of
Israel, hath spoken it.'

22 The burden concerning the
Valley of Vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art
wholly gone up to the housetops,
²Thou that art full of uproar, a
tumultuous city, a joyous town?

Thy slain are not slain with the
sword, nor dead in battle.

³All thy rulers are fled together,
Without the bow they are bound;
All that are found of thee are bound
together, they are fled afar off.

⁴Therefore said I: 'Look away from
me, I will weep bitterly;
Strain not to comfort me, for the
destruction of the daughter of my
people.'

⁵For it is a day of trouble, and of
trampling, and of perplexity,
From the Lord, the God of hosts, in
the Valley of Vision;
Kir shouting, and Shoa at the mount.

⁶And Elam bore the quiver, with
troops of men, even horsemen;
And Kir uncovered the shield.

⁷And it came to pass, when thy
choicest valleys were full of
chariots,

And the horsemen set themselves in
array at the gate,

⁸And the covering of Judah was laid
bare,

that thou didst look in that day to the
armour in the house of the forest. ⁹And
ye saw the breaches of the city of
David, that they were many; and ye
gathered together the waters of the
lower pool. ¹⁰And ye numbered the
houses of Jerusalem, and ye broke
down the houses to fortify the wall;

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¹¹ye made also a basin between the two walls for the water of the old pool—

But ye looked not unto Him that had done this,

Neither had ye respect unto Him that fashioned it long ago.

12And in that day did the Lord, the GOD of hosts, call

To weeping, and to lamentation, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;

13And behold joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating flesh and drinking wine—

'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die!'

14And the LORD of hosts revealed Himself in mine ears:

Surely this iniquity shall not be expiated by you till ye die, Saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts.

15Thus saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts:

Go, get thee unto this steward, Even unto Shebna, who is over the house:

16What hast thou here, and whom hast thou here,

That thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre,

Thou that hewest thee out a sepulchre on high,

And gravest a habitation for thyself in the rock?

17Behold, the LORD will hurl thee up and down with a man's throw;

Yea, He will wind thee round and round;

18He will violently roll and toss thee like a ball into a large country;

There shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, Thou shame of the lord's house.

19And I will thrust thee from thy post,

And from thy station shalt thou be pulled down.

20And it shall come to pass in that day,

That I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;

21And I will clothe him with thy robe,

And bind him with thy girdle,

And I will commit thy government into his hand;

And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder;

And he shall open, and none shall shut;

And he shall shut, and none shall open.

23And I will fasten him as a peg in a sure place;

And he shall be for a throne of honour to his father's house.

²⁴And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of

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cups even to all the vessels of flagons.

²⁵In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the peg that was fastened in a sure place give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the LORD hath spoken it.

23 The burden of Tyre.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish,
For it is laid waste, so that there is
no house, no entering in;
From the land of Kittim it is
revealed to them.

²Be still, ye inhabitants of the coast-
land;

Thou whom the merchants of Zidon,
that pass over the sea, have
replenished.

³And on great waters the seed of
Shihor,

The harvest of the Nile, was her
revenue;

And she was the mart of nations.

⁴Be thou ashamed, O Zidon; for the
sea hath spoken,

The stronghold of the sea, saying:
‘I have not travailed, nor brought
forth,

Neither have I reared young men,
nor brought up virgins.’

⁵When the report cometh to Egypt,
They shall be sorely pained at the
report of Tyre.

⁶Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye
inhabitants of the coast-land.

⁷Is this your joyous city,

Whose feet in antiquity,

In ancient days,

Carried her afar off to sojourn?

⁸Who hath devised this against Tyre,
the crowning city,

Whose merchants are princes,

Whose traffickers are the
honourable of the earth?

⁹The LORD of hosts hath devised it,

To pollute the pride of all glory,

To bring into contempt all the
honourable of the earth.

¹⁰Overflow thy land as the Nile,

O daughter of Tarshish! there is no
girdle any more.

¹¹He hath stretched out His hand
over the sea,

He hath shaken the kingdoms;

The LORD hath given commandment
concerning Canaan,

To destroy the strongholds thereof;

¹²And He said: ‘Thou shalt no more
rejoice.’

O thou oppressed virgin daughter of
Zidon,

Arise, pass over to Kittim;

Even there shalt thou have no rest.

¹³Behold, the land of the
Chaldeans—this is the people that was
not, when Asshur founded it for
shipmen—they set up their towers,
they overthrew the palaces thereof; it
is made a ruin.

¹⁴Howl, ye ships of Tarshish,

For your stronghold is laid waste.

¹⁵And it shall come to pass in that
day, that Tyre shall be forgotten
seventy years, according to the days of

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one king; after the end of seventy years it shall fare with Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

¹⁶Take a harp,
Go about the city,
Thou harlot long forgotten;
Make sweet melody,
Sing many songs,
That thou mayest be remembered.

¹⁷And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will remember Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall have commerce with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. ¹⁸And her gain and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her gain shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat their fill, and for stately clothing.

24 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty and maketh it waste,

And turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

²And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;

As with the servant, so with his master;

As with the maid, so with her mistress;

As with the buyer, so with the seller;

As with the lender, so with the borrower;

As with the creditor, so with the debtor.

³The earth shall be utterly emptied, and clean despoiled;

For the LORD hath spoken this word.

⁴The earth fainteth and fadeth away,
The world faileth and fadeth away,
The lofty people of the earth do fail.

⁵The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof;

Because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statute,

Broken the everlasting covenant.

⁶Therefore hath a curse devoured the earth,

And they that dwell therein are found guilty;

Therefore the inhabitants of the earth waste away,

And men are left few.

⁷The new wine faileth, the vine fadeth;

All the merry-hearted do sigh.

⁸The mirth of tabrets ceaseth,

The noise of them that rejoice endeth,

The joy of the harp ceaseth.

⁹They drink not wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to them that drink it.

¹⁰Broken down is the city of wasteness;

Every house is shut up, that none may come in.

¹¹There is a crying in the streets amidst the wine;

All joy is darkened,

The mirth of the land is gone.

¹²In the city is left desolation,

And the gate is smitten unto ruin.

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¹³For thus shall it be in the midst of
the earth, among the peoples,
As at the beating of an olive-tree,
As at the gleanings when the vintage
is done.

¹⁴Those yonder lift up their voice,
they sing for joy;
For the majesty of the LORD they
shout from the sea:

¹⁵Therefore glorify ye the LORD in
the regions of light,
Even the name of the LORD, the God
of Israel, in the isles of the sea.'

¹⁶From the uttermost part of the
earth have we heard songs: 'Glory
to the righteous.'

But I say: I waste away, I waste
away, woe is me!
The treacherous deal treacherously;
Yea, the treacherous deal very
treacherously.

¹⁷Terror, and the pit, and the trap,
are upon thee, O inhabitant of the
earth.

¹⁸And it shall come to pass, that he
who fleeth from the noise of the
terror shall fall into the pit;
And he that cometh up out of the
midst of the pit shall be taken in
the trap;
For the windows on high are
opened,
And the foundations of the earth do
shake;

¹⁹The earth is broken, broken down,
The earth is crumbled in pieces,
The earth trembleth and tottereth;

²⁰The earth reeleth to and fro like a
drunken man,
And swayeth to and fro as a lodge;
And the transgression thereof is
heavy upon it,

And it shall fall, and not rise again.
²¹And it shall come to pass in that
day,

That the LORD will punish the host
of the high heaven on high,
And the kings of the earth upon the
earth.

²²And they shall be gathered
together, as prisoners are gathered
in the dungeon,
And shall be shut up in the prison,
And after many days shall they be
punished.

²³Then the moon shall be
confounded, and the sun
ashamed;
For the LORD of hosts will reign in
mount Zion,
And in Jerusalem, and before His
elders shall be Glory.

25 O LORD, Thou art my God,
I will exalt Thee, I will praise
Thy name,

For Thou hast done wonderful
things;
Even counsels of old, in faithfulness
and truth.

²For Thou hast made of a city a
heap,
Of a fortified city a ruin;
A castle of strangers to be no city,
It shall never be built.

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³Therefore shall the strong people
glorify Thee,
The city of the terrible nations shall
fear Thee.
⁴For Thou hast been a stronghold to
the poor,
A stronghold to the needy in his
distress,
A refuge from the storm, a shadow
from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones was
as a storm against the wall.
⁵As the heat in a dry place, Thou
didst subdue the noise of
strangers;
As the heat by the shadow of a
cloud, the song of the terrible
ones was brought low.

⁶And in this mountain will the LORD
of hosts make unto all peoples
A feast of fat things, a feast of wines
on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow, of
wines on the lees well refined.
⁷And He will destroy in this
mountain
The face of the covering that is cast
over all peoples,
And the veil that is spread over all
nations.
⁸He will swallow up death for ever;
And the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from off all faces;
And the reproach of His people will
He take away from off all the
earth;
For the LORD hath spoken it.

⁹And it shall be said in that day:
'Lo, this is our God,
For whom we waited, that He might
save us;
This is the LORD, for whom we
waited,
We will be glad and rejoice in His
salvation.'
¹⁰For in this mountain will the hand
of the LORD rest,
And Moab shall be trodden down in
his place,
Even as straw is trodden down in
the dunghill.
¹¹And when he shall spread forth his
hands in the midst thereof,
As he that swimmeth spreadeth
forth his hands to swim,
His pride shall be brought down
together with the cunning of his
hands.
¹²And the high fortress of thy walls
will He bring down, lay low,
And bring to the ground, even to the
dust.

26 In that day shall this song be
sung in the land of Judah:
We have a strong city;
Walls and bulwarks doth He appoint
for salvation.
²Open ye the gates,
That the righteous nation that
keepeth faithfulness may enter in.
³The mind stayed on Thee Thou
keepest in perfect peace;
Because it trusteth in Thee.
⁴Trust ye in the LORD for ever,

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For the LORD is God, an everlasting
Rock.

⁵For He hath brought down them
that dwell on high,
The lofty city, laying it low, laying
it low even to the ground,
Bringing it even to the dust.

⁶The foot shall tread it down,
Even the feet of the poor, and the
steps of the needy.

⁷The way of the just is straight;
Thou, Most Upright, makest plain
the path of the just.

⁸Yea, in the way of Thy judgments,
O LORD, have we waited for Thee;
To Thy name and to Thy memorial
is the desire of our soul.

⁹With my soul have I desired Thee
in the night;
Yea, with my spirit within me have I
sought Thee earnestly;
For when Thy judgments are in the
earth,

The inhabitants of the world learn
righteousness.

¹⁰Let favour be shown to the
wicked, yet will he not learn
righteousness;
In the land of uprightness will he
deal wrongfully,
And will not behold the majesty of
the LORD.

¹¹LORD, Thy hand was lifted up, yet
they see not;
They shall see with shame Thy zeal
for the people;

Yea, fire shall devour Thine
adversaries.

¹²LORD, Thou wilt establish peace
for us;

For Thou hast indeed wrought all
our works for us.

¹³O LORD our God, other lords
beside Thee have had dominion
over us;

But by Thee only do we make
mention of Thy name.

¹⁴The dead live not, the shades rise
not;

To that end hast Thou punished and
destroyed them,
And made all their memory to
perish.

¹⁵Thou hast gotten Thee honour with
the nations, O LORD,
Yea, exceeding great honour with
the nations;

Thou art honoured unto the farthest
ends of the earth.

¹⁶LORD, in trouble have they sought
Thee,

Silently they poured out a prayer
when Thy chastening was upon
them.

¹⁷Like as a woman with child, that
draweth near the time of her
delivery,

Is in pain and crieth out in her
pangs;

So have we been at Thy presence, O
LORD.

¹⁸We have been with child, we have
been in pain,

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We have as it were brought forth
wind;

We have not wrought any
deliverance in the land;

Neither are the inhabitants of the
world come to life.

¹⁹Thy dead shall live, my dead
bodies shall arise—

Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the
dust—

For Thy dew is as the dew of light,
And the earth shall bring to life the
shades.

²⁰Come, my people, enter thou into
thy chambers,

And shut thy doors about thee;
Hide thyself for a little moment,
Until the indignation be overpast.

²¹For, behold, the LORD cometh forth
out of His place

To visit upon the inhabitants of the
earth their iniquity;

The earth also shall disclose her
blood,

And shall no more cover her slain.

27 In that day the LORD with His
sore and great and strong
sword will punish leviathan the slant
serpent, and leviathan the tortuous
serpent; and He will slay the dragon
that is in the sea.

²In that day sing ye of her:

‘A vineyard of foaming wine!’

³I the LORD do guard it,
I water it every moment;

Lest Mine anger visit it,
I guard it night and day.

⁴Fury is not in Me;

Would that I were as the briers and
thorns in flame!

I would with one step burn it
altogether.

⁵Or else let him take hold of My
strength,

That he may make peace with Me;
yea, let him make peace with Me.

⁶In days to come shall Jacob take
root,

Israel shall blossom and bud;
And the face of the world shall be
filled with fruitage.

⁷Hath He smitten him as He smote
those that smote him?

Or is he slain according to the
slaughter of them that were slain
by Him?

⁸In full measure, when Thou sendest
her away, Thou dost contend with
her;

He hath removed her with His rough
blast in the day of the east wind.

⁹Therefore by this shall the iniquity
of Jacob be expiated,

And this is all the fruit of taking
away his sin:

When he maketh all the stones of
the altar as chalkstones that are
beaten in pieces,

So that the Asherim and the sun-
images shall rise no more.

¹⁰For the fortified city is solitary,
A habitation abandoned and
forsaken, like the wilderness;

There shall the calf feed, and there
shall he lie down,

And consume the branches thereof

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¹¹When the boughs thereof are
withered,
They shall be broken off;
The women shall come, and set
them on fire;
For it is a people of no
understanding;
Therefore He that made them will
not have compassion upon them,
And He that formed them will not
be gracious unto them.

¹²And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the LORD will beat off [His
fruit]
From the flood of the River unto the
Brook of Egypt,
And ye shall be gathered one by
one, O ye children of Israel.

¹³And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That a great horn shall be blown;
And they shall come that were lost
in the land of Assyria,
And they that were dispersed in the
land of Egypt;
And they shall worship the LORD in
the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of
the drunkards of Ephraim,
And to the fading flower of his
glorious beauty,
Which is on the head of the fat
valley of them that are smitten
down with wine!

²Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and
strong one,
As a storm of hail, a tempest of
destruction,
As a storm of mighty waters
overflowing,
That casteth down to the earth with
violence.

³The crown of pride of the
drunkards of Ephraim
Shall be trodden under foot;
⁴And the fading flower of his
glorious beauty,
Which is on the head of the fat
valley,
Shall be as the first-ripe fig before
the summer,
Which when one looketh upon it,
While it is yet in his hand he eateth
it up.

⁵In that day shall the LORD of hosts
be
For a crown of glory, and for a
diadem of beauty,
Unto the residue of His people;
⁶And for a spirit of judgment to him
that sitteth in judgment,
And for strength to them that turn
back the battle at the gate.

⁷But these also reel through wine,
And stagger through strong drink;
The priest and the prophet reel
through strong drink,
They are confused because of wine,
They stagger because of strong
drink;

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They reel in vision, they totter in judgment.

⁸For all tables are full of filthy vomit, and no place is clean.

⁹Whom shall one teach knowledge?

And whom shall one make to understand the message?
Them that are weaned from the milk,

Them that are drawn from the breasts?

¹⁰For it is precept by precept,
precept by precept,
Line by line, line by line;
Here a little, there a little.

¹¹For with stammering lips and with a strange tongue

Shall it be spoken to this people;

¹²To whom it was said: 'This is the rest,

Give ye rest to the weary;
And this is the refreshing';
Yet they would not hear.

¹³And so the word of the LORD is unto them

Precept by precept, precept by precept,

Line by line, line by line;
Here a little, there a little;
That they may go, and fall backward, and be broken,
And snared, and taken.

¹⁴Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scoffers,
The ballad-mongers of this people
which is in Jerusalem:

¹⁵Because ye have said: 'We have made a covenant with death,
And with the nether-world are we at agreement;

When the scouring scourge shall pass through,
It shall not come unto us;
For we have made lies our refuge,
And in falsehood have we hid ourselves';

¹⁶Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD:
Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
A tried stone, a costly corner-stone of sure foundation;
He that believeth shall not make haste.

¹⁷And I will make justice the line,
And righteousness the plummet;
And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters shall overflow the hiding-place.

¹⁸And your covenant with death shall be disannulled
And your agreement with the nether-world shall not stand;
When the scouring scourge shall pass through,
Then ye shall be trodden down by it,
¹⁹As often as it passeth through, it shall take you;

For morning by morning shall it pass through,
By day and by night;
And it shall be sheer terror to understand the message.

²⁰For the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself;

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And the covering too narrow when
he gathereth himself up.
²¹For the LORD will rise up as in
mount Perazim,
He will be wroth as in the valley of
Gibeon;
That He may do His work, strange is
His work,
And bring to pass His act, strange is
His act.
²²Now therefore be ye not scoffers,
Lest your bands be made strong;
For an extermination wholly
determined have I heard from the
Lord, the GOD of hosts,
Upon the whole land.
²³Give ye ear, and hear my voice;
attend, and hear my speech.
²⁴Is the plowman never done with
plowing to sow,
With the opening and harrowing of
his ground?
²⁵When he hath made plain the face
thereof,
Doth he not cast abroad the black
cummin, and scatter the cummin,
And put in the wheat in rows and
the barley in the appointed place
And the spelt in the border thereof?
²⁶For He doth instruct him aright;
His God doth teach him.
²⁷For the black cummin is not
threshed with a threshing-sledge,
Neither is a cart-wheel turned about
upon the cummin;
But the black cummin is beaten out
with a staff,
And the cummin with a rod.

²⁸Is bread corn crushed?
Nay, he will not ever be threshing it;
And though the roller of his wagon
and its sharp edges move noisily,
He doth not crush it.
²⁹This also cometh forth from the
LORD of hosts:
Wonderful is His counsel, and great
His wisdom.

29 Ah, ^aAriel, Ariel, the city
where David encamped!
Add ye year to year,
Let the feasts come round!
²Then will I distress Ariel,
And there shall be mourning and
moaning; and she shall be unto
Me as a hearth of God.
³And I will encamp against thee
round about,
And will lay siege against thee with
a mound,
And I will raise siege works against
thee.
⁴And brought down thou shalt
speak out of the ground,
And thy speech shall be low out of
the dust;
And thy voice shall be as of a ghost
out of the ground,
And thy speech shall chirp out of
the dust.
⁵But the multitude of thy foes shall
be like small dust,
And the multitude of the terrible
ones as chaff that passeth away;

^a That is, *The hearth of God.*

ISAIAH

Yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly—

⁶There shall be a visitation from the LORD of hosts

With thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise,

With whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.

⁷And the multitude of all the nations that war against Ariel,

Even all that war against her, and the bulwarks about her, and they that distress her,

Shall be as a dream, a vision of the night.

⁸And it shall be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth,

But he awaketh, and his soul is empty;

Or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh,

But he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite—

So shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

⁹Stupefy yourselves, and be stupid! Blind yourselves, and be blind!

Ye that are drunken, but not with wine,

That stagger, but not with strong drink.

¹⁰For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep,

And hath closed your eyes;

The prophets, and your heads, the seers, hath He covered.

¹¹And the vision of all this is become unto you as the words of a writing that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying: ‘Read this, I pray thee’; and he saith: ‘I cannot, for it is sealed’; ¹²and the writing is delivered to him that is not learned, saying: ‘Read this, I pray thee’; and he saith: ‘I am not learned.’

¹³And the Lord said: Forasmuch as this people draw near,

And with their mouth and with their lips do honour Me,

But have removed their heart far from Me,

And their fear of Me is a commandment of men learned by rote;

¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvellous work among this people,

Even a marvellous work and a wonder;

And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,

And the prudence of their prudent men shall be hid.

¹⁵Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD,

And their works are in the dark,

And they say: ‘Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?’

¹⁶O your perversity!

ISAIAH

Shall the potter be esteemed as
clay;

That the thing made should say of
him that made it: 'He made me
not';

Or the thing framed say of him that
framed it: 'He hath no
understanding?'

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while,
And Lebanon shall be turned into a
fruitful field,
And the fruitful field shall be
esteemed as a forest?

¹⁸And in that day shall the deaf hear
the words of a book,
And the eyes of the blind shall see
out of obscurity and out of
darkness.

¹⁹The humble also shall increase
their joy in the **LORD**,
And the neediest among men shall
exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the terrible one is brought to
nought,
And the scorner ceaseth,
And all they that watch for iniquity
are cut off;

²¹That make a man an offender by
words,
And lay a snare for him that
reproveth in the gate,
And turn aside the just with a thing
of nought.

²²Therefore thus saith the **LORD**, who
redeemed Abraham, concerning the
house of Jacob:

Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Neither shall his face now wax
pale;

²³When he seeth his children, the
work of My hands, in the midst
of him,

That they sanctify My name;
Yea, they shall sanctify the Holy
One of Jacob,
And shall stand in awe of the God
of Israel.

²⁴They also that err in spirit shall
come to understanding,
And they that murmur shall learn
instruction.

30 Woe to the rebellious children,
saith the **LORD**,
That take counsel, but not of Me;
And that form projects, but not of
My spirit,

That they may add sin to sin;
²That walk to go down into Egypt,
And have not asked at My mouth;
To take refuge in the stronghold of
Pharaoh,
And to take shelter in the shadow
of Egypt!

³Therefore shall the stronghold of
Pharaoh turn to your shame,
And the shelter in the shadow of
Egypt to your confusion.

⁴For his princes are at Zoan,
And his ambassadors are come to
Hanes.

⁵They shall all be ashamed of a
people that cannot profit them,
That are not a help nor profit,
But a shame, and also a reproach.

⁶The burden of the beasts of the
South.

ISAIAH

Through the land of trouble and anguish,

From whence come the lioness and the lion,

The viper and flying serpent,
They carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses,
And their treasures upon the humps of camels,

To a people that shall not profit them.

⁷For Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose;

Therefore have I called her arrogance that sitteth still.

⁸Now go, write it before them on a tablet,

And inscribe it in a book,
That it may be for the time to come
For ever and ever.

⁹For it is a rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children that refuse to hear the teaching of the LORD;

¹⁰That say to the seers: 'See not',
And to the prophets: 'Prophesy not unto us right things,
Speak unto us smooth things,
prophesy delusions;

¹¹Get you out of the way,
Turn aside out of the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel
To cease from before us.'

¹²Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel:
Because ye despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perverseness,

And stay thereon;

¹³Therefore this iniquity shall be to you

As a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall,

Whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

¹⁴And He shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken,

Breaking it in pieces without sparing;

So that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd

To take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water out of the cistern.

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

In sitting still and rest shall ye be saved,

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength;

And ye would not.

¹⁶But ye said: 'No, for we will flee upon horses';

Therefore shall ye flee;

And: 'We will ride upon the swift';
Therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

¹⁷One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one,

At the rebuke of five shall ye flee;
Till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain,

And as an ensign on a hill.

¹⁸And therefore will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you,

ISAIAH

And therefore will He be exalted,
that He may have compassion
upon you;

For the LORD is a God of justice,
Happy are all they that wait for
Him.

¹⁹For, O people that dwellest in
Zion at Jerusalem,
Thou shalt weep no more;
He will surely be gracious unto
thee at the voice of thy cry,
When He shall hear, He will
answer thee.

²⁰And though the Lord give you
sparing bread and scant water,
Yet shall not thy Teacher hide
Himself any more,
But thine eyes shall see thy
Teacher;

²¹And thine ears shall hear a word
behind thee, saying:
‘This is the way, walk ye in it,
When ye turn to the right hand, and
when ye turn to the left.’

²²And ye shall defile thy graven
images overlaid with silver,
And thy molten images covered
with gold;
Thou shalt put them far away as
one unclean;
Thou shalt say unto it: ‘Get thee
hence.’

²³And He will give the rain for thy
seed, wherewith thou sowest the
ground,
And bread of the increase of the
ground, and it shall be fat and
plenteous;

In that day shall thy cattle feed in
large pastures.

²⁴The oxen likewise and the young
asses that till the ground
Shall eat savoury provender,
Which hath been winnowed with
the shovel and with the fan.

²⁵And there shall be upon every
lofty mountain, and upon every
high hill
Streams and watercourses,
In the day of the great slaughter,
when the towers fall.

²⁶Moreover the light of the moon
shall be as the light of the sun,
And the light of the sun shall be
sevenfold, as the light of the
seven days,
In the day that the LORD bindeth up
the bruise of His people,
And healeth the stroke of their
wound.

²⁷Behold, the name of the LORD
cometh from far,
With His anger burning, and in
thick uplifting of smoke;
His lips are full of indignation,
And His tongue is as a devouring
fire;

²⁸And His breath is as an
overflowing stream,
That divideth even unto the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of
destruction;
And a bridle that causeth to err
shall be in the jaws of the
peoples.

²⁹Ye shall have a song

ISAIAH

As in the night when a feast is hallowed;

And gladness of heart, as when one goeth with the pipe

To come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

³⁰And the LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And will show the lighting down of His arm,

With furious anger, and the flame of a devouring fire,

With a bursting of clouds, and a storm of rain, and hailstones.

³¹For through the voice of the LORD shall Asshur be dismayed, The rod with which He smote.

³²And in every place where the appointed staff shall pass, Which the LORD shall lay upon him, It shall be with tabrets and harps; And in battles of wielding will He fight with them.

³³For a hearth is ordered of old; Yea, for the king it is prepared, Deep and large; The pile thereof is fire and much wood;

The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, And trust in chariots, because they are many, And in horsemen, because they are exceeding mighty;

But they look not unto the Holy One of Israel,

Neither seek the LORD!

²Yet He also is wise,

And bringeth evil,

And doth not call back His words;

But will arise against the house of the evil-doers,

And against the help of them that work iniquity.

³Now the Egyptians are men, and not God,

And their horses flesh, and not spirit;

So when the LORD shall stretch out His hand,

Both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall, And they all shall perish together.

⁴For thus saith the LORD unto me:

Like as the lion, or the young lion, growling over his prey,

Though a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him,

Will not be dismayed at their voice, Nor abase himself for the noise of them;

So will the LORD of hosts come down

To fight upon mount Zion, and upon the hill thereof.

⁵As birds hovering,

So will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem;

He will deliver it as He protecteth it, He will rescue it as He passeth over.

⁶Turn ye unto Him

ISAIAH

Against whom ye have deeply
rebelled, O children of Israel.

⁷For in that day they shall cast away
every man his idols of silver, and
his idols of gold,

Which your own hands have made
unto you for a sin.

⁸Then shall Asshur fall with the
sword, not of man,

And the sword, not of men, shall
devour him;

And he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall become
tributary.

⁹And his rock shall pass away by
reason of terror,

And his princes shall be dismayed at
the ensign,

Saith the LORD, whose fire is in
Zion,

And His furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in
righteousness,

And as for princes, they shall rule in
justice.

²And a man shall be as in a hiding-
place from the wind,

And a covert from the tempest;

As by the watercourses in a dry
place,

As in the shadow of a great rock in a
weary land.

³And the eyes of them that see shall
not be closed,

And the ears of them that hear shall
attend.

⁴The heart also of the rash shall
understand knowledge,

And the tongue of the stammerers
shall be ready to speak plainly.

⁵The vile person shall be no more
called liberal,

Nor the churl said to be noble.

⁶For the vile person will speak
villainy,

And his heart will work iniquity,

To practise ungodliness, and to utter
wickedness against the LORD,

To make empty the soul of the
hungry,

And to cause the drink of the thirsty
to fail.

⁷The instruments also of the churl
are evil;

He deviseth wicked devices

To destroy the poor with lying
words,

And the needy when he speaketh
right.

⁸But the liberal deviseth liberal
things;

And by liberal things shall he stand.

⁹Rise up, ye women that are at ease,
and hear my voice;

Ye confident daughters, give ear
unto my speech.

¹⁰After a year and days shall ye be
troubled, ye confident women;

For the vintage shall fail, the
ingathering shall not come.

¹¹Tremble, ye women that are at
ease;

Be troubled, ye confident ones;

Strip you, and make you bare,

And gird sackcloth upon your loins,

¹²Smiting upon the breasts

ISAIAH

For the pleasant fields, for the
fruitful vine;
¹³For the land of my people
Whereon thorns and briers come up;
Yea, for all the houses of joy
And the joyous city.
¹⁴For the palace shall be forsaken;
The city with its stir shall be
deserted;
The mound and the tower shall be
for dens for ever,
A joy of wild asses, a pasture of
flocks;
¹⁵Until the spirit be poured upon us
from on high,
And the wilderness become a
fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be counted for
a forest.
¹⁶Then justice shall dwell in the
wilderness,
And righteousness shall abide in the
fruitful field.
¹⁷And the work of righteousness
shall be peace;
And the effect of righteousness
quietness and confidence for ever.
¹⁸And my people shall abide in a
peaceable habitation,
And in secure dwellings, and in
quiet resting-places.
¹⁹And it shall hail, in the downfall of
the forest;
But the city shall descend into the
valley.
²⁰Happy are ye that sow beside all
waters,
That send forth freely the feet of the
ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and
thou wast not spoiled;
And dealest treacherously, and they
dealt not treacherously with thee!
When thou hast ceased to spoil, thou
shalt be spoiled;
And when thou art weary with
dealing treacherously, they shall
deal treacherously with thee.

²O LORD, be gracious unto us;
We have waited for Thee;
Be Thou their arm every morning,
Our salvation also in the time of
trouble.
³At the noise of the tumult the
peoples are fled;
At the lifting up of Thyself the
nations are scattered.
⁴And your spoil is gathered as the
caterpillar gathereth;
As locusts leap do they leap upon it.
⁵The LORD is exalted, for He
dwelleth on high;
He hath filled Zion with justice and
righteousness.
⁶And the stability of thy times shall
be
A hoard of salvation—wisdom and
knowledge,
And the fear of the LORD which is
His treasure.
⁷Behold, their valiant ones cry
without;
The ambassadors of peace weep
bitterly.
⁸The highways lie waste,

ISAIAH

The wayfaring man ceaseth;
He hath broken the covenant,
He hath despised the cities,
He regardeth not man.
⁹The land mourneth and
languisheth;
Lebanon is ashamed, it withereth;
Sharon is like a wilderness;
And Bashan and Carmel are clean
bare.

¹⁰Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
Now will I be exalted;
Now will I lift Myself up.

¹¹Ye conceive chaff, ye shall bring
forth stubble;
Your breath is a fire that shall
devour you.

¹²And the peoples shall be as the
burnings of lime;
As thorns cut down, that are burned
in the fire.

¹³Hear, ye that are far off, what I
have done;
And, ye that are near, acknowledge
My might.

¹⁴The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Trembling hath seized the ungodly:
'Who among us shall dwell with the
devouring fire?'

Who among us shall dwell with
everlasting burnings?'

¹⁵He that walketh righteously, and
speaketh uprightly;
He that despiseth the gain of
oppressions,
That shaketh his hands from holding
of bribes,

That stoppeth his ears from hearing
of blood,
And shutteth his eyes from looking
upon evil;
¹⁶He shall dwell on high;
His place of defence shall be the
munitions of rocks;
His bread shall be given, his waters
shall be sure.

¹⁷Thine eyes shall see the king in his
beauty;
They shall behold a land stretching
afar.

¹⁸Thy heart shall muse on the terror:
'Where is he that counted, where is
he that weighed?
Where is he that counted the
towers?'

¹⁹Thou shalt not see the fierce
people;
A people of a deep speech that thou
canst not perceive,
Of a stammering tongue that thou
canst not understand.

²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our
solemn gatherings;
Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a
peaceful habitation,
A tent that shall not be removed,
The stakes whereof shall never be
plucked up,
Neither shall any of the cords
thereof be broken.

²¹But there the LORD will be with us
in majesty,
In a place of broad rivers and
streams;

ISAIAH

Wherein shall go no galley with
oars,

Neither shall gallant ship pass
thereby.

²²For the LORD is our Judge,

The LORD is our Lawgiver,

The LORD is our King;

He will save us.

²³Thy tacklings are loosed;

They do not hold the stand of their
mast,

They do not spread the sail;

Then is the prey of a great spoil
divided;

The lame take the prey.

²⁴And the inhabitant shall not say: 'I
am sick';

The people that dwell therein shall
be forgiven their iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear,
And attend, ye peoples;

Let the earth hear, and the fulness
thereof,

The world, and all things that come
forth of it.

²For the LORD hath indignation
against all the nations,

And fury against all their host;

He hath utterly destroyed them,

He hath delivered them to the
slaughter.

³Their slain also shall be cast out,
And the stench of their carcasses
shall come up,

And the mountains shall be melted
with their blood.

⁴And all the host of heaven shall
moulder away,

And the heavens shall be rolled
together as a scroll;

And all their host shall fall down,
As the leaf falleth off from the vine,
And as a falling fig from the fig-
tree.

⁵For My sword hath drunk its fill in
heaven;

Behold, it shall come down upon
Edom,

And upon the people of My ban, to
judgment.

⁶The sword of the LORD is filled with
blood,

It is made fat with fatness,
With the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams;

For the LORD hath a sacrifice in
Bozrah,

And a great slaughter in the land of
Edom.

⁷And the wild-oxen shall come
down with them,

And the bullocks with the bulls;

And their land shall be drunken with
blood,

And their dust made fat with
fatness.

⁸For the LORD hath a day of
vengeance,

A year of recompense for the
controversy of Zion.

⁹And the streams thereof shall be
turned into pitch,

And the dust thereof into brimstone,
And the land thereof shall become
burning pitch.

¹⁰It shall not be quenched night nor
day,

ISAIAH

The smoke thereof shall go up for ever;
From generation to generation it shall lie waste:
None shall pass through it for ever and ever.
¹¹But the pelican and the bittern shall possess it,
And the owl and the raven shall dwell therein;
And He shall stretch over it
The line of confusion, and the plummet of emptiness.
¹²As for her nobles, none shall be there to be called to the kingdom;
And all her princes shall be nothing.
¹³And thorns shall come up in her palaces,
Nettles and thistles in the fortresses thereof;
And it shall be a habitation of wild-dogs,
An enclosure for ostriches.
¹⁴And the wild-cats shall meet with the jackals,
And the satyr shall cry to his fellow;
Yea, the night-monster shall repose there,
And shall find her a place of rest.
¹⁵There shall the arrowsnake make her nest, and lay,
And hatch, and brood under her shadow;
Yea, there shall the kites be gathered,
Every one with her mate.
¹⁶Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read;
No one of these shall be missing,

None shall want her mate;
For My mouth it hath commanded,
And the breath thereof it hath gathered them.
¹⁷And He hath cast the lot for them,
And His hand hath divided it unto them by line;
They shall possess it for ever,
From generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

35 The wilderness and the parched land shall be glad;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
²It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing;
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
The excellency of Carmel and Sharon;
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
The excellency of our God.
³Strengthen ye the weak hands,
And make firm the tottering knees.
⁴Say to them that are of a fearful heart: 'Be strong, fear not';
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
With the recompense of God He will come and save you.
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
⁶Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,

ISAIAH

And the tongue of the dumb shall sing;
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
And streams in the desert.
⁷And the parched land shall become a pool,
And the thirsty ground springs of water;
In the habitation of jackals herds shall lie down,
It shall be an enclosure for reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there, and a way,
And it shall be called The way of holiness;
The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those;
The wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein.
⁹No lion shall be there,
Nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon,
They shall not be found there;
But the redeemed shall walk there;
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the

fortified cities of Judah, and took them. ²And the king of Assyria sent Rab-shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fullers' field. ³Then came forth unto him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. ⁴And Rab-shakeh said unto them: 'Say ye now to Hezekiah: Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria: What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? ⁵I said: It is but vain words; for counsel and strength are for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? ⁶Behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him. ⁷But if thou say unto me: We trust in the LORD our God; is not that He, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem: Ye shall worship before this altar? ⁸Now therefore, I pray thee, make a wager with my master, the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. ⁹How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain, even of the least of my master's servants? yet thou puttest thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen! ¹⁰And am I now come up

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without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me: Go up against this land, and destroy it.'

¹¹Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rab-shakeh: 'Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Aramean language, for we understand it; and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.' ¹²But Rab-shakeh said: 'Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you?'

¹³Then Rab-shakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said: 'Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. ¹⁴Thus saith the king: Let not Hezekiah beguile you, for he will not be able to deliver you; ¹⁵neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying: The LORD will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹⁶Hearken not to Hezekiah; for thus saith the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; ¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying: The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of

the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who are they among all the gods of these countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'

²¹But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying: 'Answer him not.' ²²Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

37 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. ²And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³And they said unto him: 'Thus saith Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. ⁴It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to taunt the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD thy God hath heard;

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wherefore make prayer for the remnant that is left.' ⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶And Isaiah said unto them: 'Thus shall ye say to your master: Thus saith the LORD: Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. ⁷Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return unto his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'

⁸So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. ⁹And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia: 'He is come out to fight against thee.' And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying: ¹⁰'Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: Let not thy God in whom thou trustest beguile thee, saying: Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar? ¹³Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?'

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying: ¹⁶'O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, that sittest upon the cherubim, Thou art the God, even Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made heaven and earth. ¹⁷Incline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who hath sent to taunt the living God. ¹⁸Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries, and their land, ¹⁹and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. ²⁰Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the LORD, even Thou only.'

²¹Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying: 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Whereas thou hast prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, ²²this is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him:

The virgin daughter of Zion
Hath despised thee and laughed thee
to scorn;

The daughter of Jerusalem
Hath shaken her head at thee.

²³Whom hast thou taunted and
blasphemed?

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And against whom hast thou exalted
thy voice?

Yea, thou hast lifted up thine eyes
on high,

Even against the Holy One of Israel!

²⁴By thy servants hast thou taunted
the Lord,

And hast said: With the multitude of
my chariots

Am I come up to the height of the
mountains,

To the innermost parts of Lebanon;

And I have cut down the tall cedars
thereof,

And the choice cypress-trees
thereof;

And I have entered into his farthest
height,

The forest of his fruitful field.

²⁵I have digged and drunk water,

And with the sole of my feet have I
dried up

All the rivers of Egypt.

²⁶Hast thou not heard?

Long ago I made it,

In ancient times I fashioned it;

Now have I brought it to pass,

Yea, it is done; that fortified cities

Should be laid waste into ruinous
heaps.

²⁷Therefore their inhabitants were of
small power,

They were dismayed and
confounded;

They were as the grass of the field,

And as the green herb,

As the grass on the housetops,

And as a field of corn before it is
grown up.

²⁸But I know thy sitting down, and
thy going out, and thy coming in,
And thy raging against Me.

²⁹Because of thy raging against Me,
And for that thine uproar is come up
into Mine ears,

Therefore will I put My hook in thy
nose,

And My bridle in thy lips,

And I will turn thee back by the way
By which thou camest.

³⁰And this shall be the sign unto thee:
ye shall eat this year that which
groweth of itself, and in the second
year that which springeth of the same;
and in the third year sow ye, and reap,
and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
thereof. ³¹And the remnant that is

escaped of the house of Judah shall
again take root downward, and bear
fruit upward. ³²For out of Jerusalem
shall go forth a remnant, and out of
mount Zion they that shall escape; the
zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform
this. ³³Therefore thus saith the LORD

concerning the king of Assyria: He
shall not come unto this city, nor shoot
an arrow there, neither shall he come
before it with shield, nor cast a mound
against it. ³⁴By the way that he came,

by the same shall he return, and he
shall not come unto this city, saith the
LORD. ³⁵For I will defend this city to
save it, for Mine own sake, and for My
servant David's sake. ³⁶And the angel

of the LORD went forth, and smote in
the camp of the Assyrians a hundred
and fourscore and five thousand; and

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when men arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

³⁷So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went, and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. ³⁸And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sarezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him: 'Thus saith the LORD: Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.' ²Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, ³and said: 'Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a whole heart, and have done that which is good in Thy sight.' And Hezekiah wept sore. ⁴Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying: ⁵'Go, and say to Hezekiah: Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father: I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. ⁶And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city. ⁷And this shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He hath spoken: ⁸behold, I will cause the shadow of the dial, which is gone down on the sun-dial of Ahaz, to

return backward ten degrees.' So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

⁹The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

¹⁰I said: In the noontide of my days I shall go,

Even to the gates of the nether-world;

I am deprived of the residue of my years.

¹¹I said: I shall not see the LORD, Even the LORD in the land of the living;

I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

¹²My habitation is plucked up and carried away from me

As a shepherd's tent;

I have rolled up like a weaver my life;

He will cut me off from the thrum; From day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.

¹³The more I make myself like unto a lion until morning,

The more it breaketh all my bones; From day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.

¹⁴Like a swallow or a crane, so do I chatter,

I do moan as a dove;

Mine eyes fail with looking upward.

O LORD, I am oppressed, be Thou my surety.

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¹⁵What shall I say? He hath both
spoken unto me,
And Himself hath done it;
I shall go softly all my years for the
bitterness of my soul.

¹⁶O Lord, by these things men live,
And altogether therein is the life of
my spirit;
Wherefore recover Thou me, and
make me to live.

¹⁷Behold, for my peace I had great
bitterness;
But Thou hast in love to my soul
delivered it
From the pit of corruption;
For Thou hast cast all my sins
behind Thy back.

¹⁸For the nether-world cannot praise
Thee,

Death cannot celebrate Thee;
They that go down into the pit
cannot hope for Thy truth.

¹⁹The living, the living, he shall
praise Thee,
As I do this day;
The father to the children shall make
known Thy truth.

²⁰The LORD is ready to save me;
Therefore we will sing songs to the
stringed instruments
All the days of our life in the house
of the LORD.

²¹And Isaiah said: 'Let them take a
cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster
upon the boil, and he shall recover.'

²²And Hezekiah said: 'What is the sign

that I shall go up to the house of the
LORD?'

39 At that time Merodach-
baladan the son of Baladan,
king of Babylon, sent a letter and a
present to Hezekiah; for he heard that
he had been sick, and was recovered.

²And Hezekiah was glad of them, and
showed them his treasure-house, the
silver, and the gold, and the spices,
and the precious oil, and all the house
of his armour, and all that was found
in his treasures; there was nothing in
his house, nor in all his dominion, that
Hezekiah showed them not. ³Then
came Isaiah the prophet unto king
Hezekiah, and said unto him: 'What
said these men? and from whence
came they unto thee?' And Hezekiah
said: 'They are come from a far
country unto me, even from Babylon.'

⁴Then said he: 'What have they seen in
thy house?' And Hezekiah answered:
'All that is in my house have they
seen; there is nothing among my
treasures that I have not shown them.'

⁵Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah: 'Hear
the word of the LORD of hosts:

⁶Behold, the days come, that all that is
in thy house, and that which thy
fathers have laid up in store until this
day, shall be carried to Babylon;
nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

⁷And of thy sons that shall issue from
thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they
take away; and they shall be officers in
the palace of the king of Babylon.'

⁸Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah:
'Good is the word of the LORD which

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thou hast spoken.' He said moreover:
'If but there shall be peace and truth in
my days.'

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye My
people,
Saith your God.
²Bid Jerusalem take heart,
And proclaim unto her,
That her time of service is
accomplished,
That her guilt is paid off;
That she hath received of the
LORD'S hand
Double for all her sins.

³Hark! one calleth:
'Clear ye in the wilderness the way
of the LORD,
Make plain in the desert
A highway for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill shall
be made low;
And the rugged shall be made level,
And the rough places a plain;
⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be
revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD hath
spoken it.'

⁶Hark! one saith: 'Proclaim!'
And he saith: 'What shall I
proclaim?'
⁷All flesh is grass,
And all the goodness thereof is as
the flower of the field;

⁷The grass withereth, the flower
fadeth;
Because the breath of the LORD
bloweth upon it—

Surely the people is grass.

⁸The grass withereth, the flower
fadeth;
But the word of our God shall stand
for ever.'

⁹O thou that tellest good tidings to
Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to
Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah:
'Behold your God!'

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD will come as
a Mighty One,
And His arm will rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His recompense before Him.
¹¹Even as a shepherd that feedeth his
flock,
That gathereth the lambs in his arm,
And carrieth them in his bosom,
And gently leadeth those that give
suck.

¹²Who hath measured the waters in
the hollow of his hand,
And meted out heaven with the
span,
And comprehended the dust of the
earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in
scales,

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And the hills in a balance?

¹³Who hath meted out the spirit of
the LORD?

Or who was His counsellor that he
might instruct Him?

¹⁴With whom took He counsel, and
who instructed Him,

And taught Him in the path of right,

And taught Him knowledge,

And made Him to know the way of
discernment?

¹⁵Behold, the nations are as a drop
of a bucket,

And are counted as the small dust of
the balance;

Behold the isles are as a mote in
weight.

¹⁶And Lebanon is not sufficient fuel,
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for
burnt-offerings.

¹⁷All the nations are as nothing
before Him;

They are accounted by Him as
things of nought, and vanity.

¹⁸To whom then will ye liken God?
Or what likeness will ye compare
unto Him?

¹⁹The image perchance, which the
craftsman hath melted,
And the goldsmith spread over with
gold,

The silversmith casting silver
chains?

²⁰A holm-oak is set apart,
He chooseth a tree that will not rot;
He seeketh unto him a cunning
craftsman

To set up an image, that shall not be
moved.

²¹Know ye not? hear ye not?

Hath it not been told you from the
beginning?

Have ye not understood the
foundations of the earth?

²²It is He that sitteth above the circle
of the earth,

And the inhabitants thereof are as
grasshoppers;

That stretcheth out the heavens as a
curtain,

And spreadeth them out as a tent to
dwell in;

²³That bringeth princes to nothing;
He maketh the judges of the earth as
a thing of nought.

²⁴Scarce are they planted,
Scarce are they sown,
Scarce hath their stock taken root in
the earth;

When He bloweth upon them, they
wither,

And the whirlwind taketh them
away as stubble.

²⁵To whom then will ye liken Me,
that I should be equal?

Saith the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high,
And see: who hath created these?

He that bringeth out their host by
number,

He calleth them all by name;

By the greatness of His might, and
for that He is strong in power,

Not one faileth.

²⁷Why sayest thou, O Jacob,
And speakest, O Israel:

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‘My way is hid from the LORD,
And my right is passed over from
my God?’

²⁸Hast thou not known? hast thou
not heard

That the everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Fainteth not, neither is weary?
His discernment is past searching
out.

²⁹He giveth power to the faint;
And to him that hath no might He
increaseth strength.

³⁰Even the youths shall faint and be
weary,
And the young men shall utterly
fall;

³¹But they that wait for the LORD
shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as
eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
They shall walk, and not faint.

41 Keep silence before Me, O
islands,

And let the peoples renew their
strength;
Let them draw near, then let them
speak;
Let us come near together to
judgment.

²Who hath raised up one from the
east,
At whose steps victory attendeth?
He giveth nations before him,
And maketh him rule over kings;
His sword maketh them as the dust,
His bow as the driven stubble.

³He pursueth them, and passeth on
safely;
The way with his feet he treadeth
not.

⁴Who hath wrought and done it?
He that called the generations from
the beginning.

I, the LORD, who am the first,
And with the last am the same.

⁵The isles saw, and feared;
The ends of the earth trembled;
They drew near, and came.

⁶They helped every one his
neighbour;
And every one said to his brother:
‘Be of good courage.’

⁷So the carpenter encouraged the
goldsmith,
And he that smootheth with the
hammer him that smiteth the
anvil,
Saying of the soldering: ‘It is good’;
And he fastened it with nails, that it
should not be moved.

⁸But thou, Israel, My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The seed of Abraham My friend;

⁹Thou whom I have taken hold of
from the ends of the earth,
And called thee from the uttermost
parts thereof,
And said unto thee: ‘Thou art My
servant,

I have chosen thee and not cast thee
away’;

¹⁰Fear thou not, for I am with thee,
Be not dismayed, for I am thy God;

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I strengthen thee, yea, I help thee;
Yea, I uphold thee with My
victorious right hand.
¹¹Behold, all they that were incensed
against thee
Shall be ashamed and confounded;
They that strove with thee
Shall be as nothing, and shall perish.
¹²Thou shalt seek them, and shalt
not find them,
Even them that contended with thee;
They that warred against thee
Shall be as nothing, and as a thing
of nought.
¹³For I the LORD thy God
Hold thy right hand,
Who say unto thee: 'Fear not,
I help thee.'

¹⁴Fear not, thou worm Jacob,
And ye men of Israel;
I help thee, saith the LORD,
And thy Redeemer, the Holy One of
Israel.
¹⁵Behold, I make thee a new
threshing-sledge
Having sharp teeth;
Thou shalt thresh the mountains,
and beat them small,
And shalt make the hills as chaff.
¹⁶Thou shalt fan them, and the wind
shall carry them away,
And the whirlwind shall scatter
them;
And thou shalt rejoice in the LORD,
Thou shalt glory in the Holy One of
Israel.

¹⁷The poor and needy seek water
and there is none,
And their tongue faileth for thirst;
I the LORD will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake
them.
¹⁸I will open rivers on the high hills,
And fountains in the midst of the
valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of
water,
And the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹I will plant in the wilderness the
cedar, the acacia-tree,
And the myrtle, and the oil-tree;
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane-tree, and the larch
together;
²⁰That they may see, and know,
And consider, and understand
together,
That the hand of the LORD hath done
this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath
created it.

²¹Produce your cause, saith the
LORD;
Bring forth your reasons, saith the
King of Jacob.
²²Let them bring them forth, and
declare unto us
The things that shall happen;
The former things, what are they?
Declare ye, that we may consider,
And know the end of them;
Or announce to us things to come.
²³Declare the things that are to come
hereafter,

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That we may know that ye are gods;
Yea, do good, or do evil,
That we may be dismayed, and
 behold it together.

²⁴Behold, ye are nothing,
And your work a thing of nought;
An abomination is he that chooseth
 you.

²⁵I have roused up one from the
 north, and he is come,
From the rising of the sun one that
 calleth upon My name;
And he shall come upon rulers as
 upon mortar,
And as the potter treadeth clay.

²⁶Who hath declared from the
 beginning, that we may know?
And beforetime, that we may say
 that he is right?

Yea, there is none that declareth,
Yea, there is none that announceth,
Yea, there is none that heareth your
 utterances.

²⁷A harbinger unto Zion will I give:
 ‘Behold, behold them’,
And to Jerusalem a messenger of
 good tidings.

²⁸And I look, but there is no man;
Even among them, but there is no
 counsellor,
That, when I ask of them, can give
 an answer.

²⁹Behold, all of them,
Their works are vanity and nought;
Their molten images are wind and
 confusion.

42 Behold My servant, whom I
 uphold;

Mine elect, in whom My soul
 delighteth;

I have put My spirit upon him,
He shall make the right to go forth
 to the nations.

²He shall not cry, nor lift up,
Nor cause his voice to be heard in
 the street.

³A bruised reed shall he not break,
And the dimly burning wick shall he
 not quench;

He shall make the right to go forth
 according to the truth.

⁴He shall not fail nor be crushed,
Till he have set the right in the
 earth;

And the isles shall wait for his
 teaching.

⁵Thus saith God the LORD,
He that created the heavens, and
 stretched them forth,

He that spread forth the earth and
 that which cometh out of it,
He that giveth breath unto the
 people upon it,

And spirit to them that walk therein:

⁶I the LORD have called thee in
 righteousness,

And have taken hold of thy hand,
And kept thee, and set thee for a
 covenant of the people,

For a light of the nations;

⁷To open the blind eyes,
To bring out the prisoners from the
 dungeon,

And them that sit in darkness out of
 the prison-house.

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⁸I am the LORD, that is My name;
And My glory will I not give to
another,
Neither My praise to graven images.
⁹Behold, the former things are come
to pass,
And new things do I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of
them.
¹⁰Sing unto the LORD a new song,
And His praise from the end of the
earth;
Ye that go down to the sea, and all
that is therein,
The isles, and the inhabitants
thereof.
¹¹Let the wilderness and the cities
thereof lift up their voice,
The villages that Kedar doth inhabit;
Let the inhabitants of Sela exult,
Let them shout from the top of the
mountains.
¹²Let them give glory unto the LORD,
And declare His praise in the
islands.
¹³The LORD will go forth as a mighty
man,
He will stir up jealousy like a man
of war;
He will cry, yea, He will shout
aloud,
He will prove Himself mighty
against His enemies.
¹⁴I have long time held My peace,
I have been still, and refrained
Myself;
Now will I cry like a travailing
woman,

Gasping and panting at once.
¹⁵I will make waste mountains and
hills,
And dry up all their herbs;
And I will make the rivers islands,
And will dry up the pools.
¹⁶And I will bring the blind by a
way that they knew not,
In paths that they knew not will I
lead them;
I will make darkness light before
them, and rugged places plain.
These things will I do,
And I will not leave them undone.
¹⁷They shall be turned back, greatly
ashamed,
That trust in graven images,
That say unto molten images:
'Ye are our gods.'
¹⁸Hear, ye deaf,
And look, ye blind, that ye may see.
¹⁹Who is blind, but My servant?
Or deaf, as My messenger that I
send?
Who is blind as he that is
wholehearted,
And blind as the LORD'S servant?
²⁰Seeing many things, thou
observest not;
Opening the ears, he heareth not.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for His
righteousness's sake,
To make the teaching great and
glorious.
²²But this is a people robbed and
spoiled,
They are all of them snared in holes,
And they are hid in prison-houses;

ISAIAH

They are for a prey, and none
delivereth,

For a spoil, and none saith:
'Restore.'

²³Who among you will give ear to
this? Who will hearken and hear
for the time to come?

²⁴Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and
Israel to the robbers?

Did not the **LORD**?

He against whom we have sinned,
And in whose ways they would not
walk,

Neither were they obedient unto His
law.

²⁵Therefore He poured upon him the
fury of His anger,

And the strength of battle;

And it set him on fire round about,
yet he knew not,

And it burned him, yet he laid it not
to heart.

43 But now thus saith the **LORD**
that created thee, O Jacob,
And He that formed thee, O Israel:
Fear not, for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name, thou
art Mine.

²When thou passest through the
waters, I will be with thee,
And through the rivers, they shall
not overflow thee;
When thou walkest through the fire,
thou shalt not be burned,
Neither shall the flame kindle upon
thee.

³For I am the **LORD** thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour;

I have given Egypt as thy ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

⁴Since thou art precious in My sight,
and honourable,

And I have loved thee;

Therefore will I give men for thee,
And peoples for thy life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with thee;

I will bring thy seed from the east,
And gather thee from the west;

⁶I will say to the north: 'Give up',
And to the south: 'Keep not back,

Bring My sons from far,

And My daughters from the end of
the earth;

⁷Every one that is called by My
name,

And whom I have created for My
glory,

I have formed him, yea, I have made
him.'

⁸The blind people that have eyes
shall be brought forth,

And the deaf that have ears.

⁹All the nations are gathered
together,

And the peoples are assembled;

Who among them can declare this,
And announce to us former things?

Let them bring their witnesses, that
they may be justified;

And let them hear, and say: 'It is
truth.'

¹⁰Ye are My witnesses, saith the
LORD,

And My servant whom I have
chosen;

That ye may know and believe Me,
and understand

ISAIAH

That I am He;
Before Me there was no God
formed,
Neither shall any be after Me.

¹¹I, even I, am the LORD;
And beside Me there is no saviour.
¹²I have declared, and I have saved,
And I have announced,
And there was no strange god
among you;
Therefore ye are My witnesses, saith
the LORD, and I am God.
¹³Yea, since the day was I am He,
And there is none that can deliver
out of My hand;
I will work, and who can reverse it?

¹⁴Thus saith the LORD, your
Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I have sent to
Babylon,
And I will bring down all of them as
fugitives,
Even the Chaldeans, in the ships of
their shouting.
¹⁵I am the LORD, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁶Thus saith the LORD, who maketh a
way in the sea,
And a path in the mighty waters;
¹⁷Who bringeth forth the chariot and
horse,
The army and the power—
They lie down together, they shall
not rise,

They are extinct, they are quenched
as a wick:

¹⁸Remember ye not the former
things,

Neither consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing;
Now shall it spring forth; shall ye
not know it?

I will even make a way in the
wilderness,

And rivers in the desert.

²⁰The beasts of the field shall
honour Me,

The jackals and the ostriches;

Because I give waters in the
wilderness,

And rivers in the desert,

To give drink to My people, Mine
elect;

²¹The people which I formed for
Myself,

That they might tell of My praise.

²²Yet thou hast not called upon Me,
O Jacob,

Neither hast thou wearied thyself
about Me, O Israel.

²³Thou hast not brought Me the
small cattle of thy burnt-
offerings;

Neither hast thou honoured Me with
thy sacrifices.

I have not burdened thee with a
meal-offering,

Nor wearied thee with frankincense.

²⁴Thou hast bought Me no sweet
cane with money,

Neither hast thou satisfied Me with
the fat of thy sacrifices;

ISAIAH

But thou hast burdened Me with thy
sins,

Thou hast wearied Me with thine
iniquities.

²⁵I, even I, am He that blotteth out
thy transgressions for Mine own
sake;

And thy sins I will not remember.

²⁶Put Me in remembrance, let us
plead together;

Declare thou, that thou mayest be
justified.

²⁷Thy first father sinned,
And thine intercessors have
transgressed against Me.

²⁸Therefore I have profaned the
princes of the sanctuary,
And I have given Jacob to
condemnation,
And Israel to reviling.

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob My
servant,

And Israel, whom I have chosen;

²Thus saith the LORD that made thee,
And formed thee from the womb,
who will help thee:

Fear not, O Jacob My servant,
And thou, Jeshurun, whom I have
chosen.

³For I will pour water upon the
thirsty land,

And streams upon the dry ground;
I will pour My spirit upon thy seed,
And My blessing upon thine
offspring;

⁴And they shall spring up among the
grass,
As willows by the watercourses.

⁵One shall say: 'I am the LORD's';
And another shall call himself by
the name of Jacob;
And another shall subscribe with his
hand unto the LORD,
And surname himself by the name
of Israel.

⁶Thus saith the LORD, the King of
Israel,

And his Redeemer the LORD of
hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last,
And beside Me there is no God.

⁷And who, as I, can proclaim—
Let him declare it, and set it in order
for Me—

Since I appointed the ancient
people?

And the things that are coming, and
that shall come to pass, let them
declare.

⁸Fear ye not, neither be afraid;
Have I not announced unto thee of
old, and declared it?

And ye are My witnesses.

Is there a God beside Me?

Yea, there is no Rock; I know not
any.

⁹They that fashion a graven image
are all of them vanity,
And their delectable things shall not
profit;

And their own witnesses see not,
nor know;

That they may be ashamed.

¹⁰Who hath fashioned a god, or
molten an image

ISAIAH

That is profitable for nothing?

¹¹Behold, all the fellows thereof
shall be ashamed;
And the craftsmen skilled above
men;

Let them all be gathered together,
let them stand up;
They shall fear, they shall be
ashamed together.

¹²The smith maketh an axe,
And worketh in the coals, and
fashioneth it with hammers,
And worketh it with his strong arm;
Yea, he is hungry, and his strength
faileth;

He drinketh no water, and is faint.

¹³The carpenter stretcheth out a line;
He marketh it out with a pencil;
He fitteth it with planes,
And he marketh it out with the
compasses,
And maketh it after the figure of a
man,
According to the beauty of a man, to
dwell in the house.

¹⁴He heweth him down cedars,
And taketh the ilex and the oak,
And strengtheneth for himself one
among the trees of the forest;
He planteth a bay-tree, and the rain
doth nourish it.

¹⁵Then a man useth it for fuel;
And he taketh thereof, and warmeth
himself;
Yea, he kindleth it, and baketh
bread;
Yea, he maketh a god, and
worshippeth it;

He maketh it a graven image, and
falleth down thereto.

¹⁶He burneth the half thereof in the
fire;
With the half thereof he eateth flesh;
He roasteth roast, and is satisfied;
Yea, he warmeth himself, and saith:
'Aha,

I am warm, I have seen the fire';

¹⁷And the residue thereof he maketh
a god, even his graven image;
He falleth down unto it and
worshippeth, and prayeth unto it,
And saith: 'Deliver me, for thou art
my god.'

¹⁸They know not, neither do they
understand;
For their eyes are bedaubed, that
they cannot see,
And their hearts, that they cannot
understand.

¹⁹And none considereth in his heart,
Neither is there knowledge nor
understanding to say:
'I have burned the half of it in the
fire;

Yea, also I have baked bread upon
the coals thereof;
I have roasted flesh and eaten it;
And shall I make the residue thereof
an abomination?
Shall I fall down to the stock of a
tree?'

²⁰He striveth after ashes,
A deceived heart hath turned him
aside,
That he cannot deliver his soul, nor
say:

ISAIAH

‘Is there not a lie in my right hand?’

²¹Remember these things, O Jacob,
And Israel, for thou art My servant;
I have formed thee, thou art Mine
own servant;

O Israel, thou shouldest not forget
Me.

²²I have blotted out, as a thick cloud,
thy transgressions,
And, as a cloud, thy sins;
Return unto Me, for I have
redeemed thee.

²³Sing, O ye heavens, for the LORD
hath done it;
Shout, ye lowest parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing, ye
mountains,
O forest, and every tree therein;
For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob,
And doth glorify Himself in Israel.

²⁴Thus saith the LORD, thy
Redeemer,
And He that formed thee from the
womb:

I am the LORD, that maketh all
things;
That stretched forth the heavens
alone;
That spread abroad the earth by
Myself;

²⁵That frustrateth the tokens of the
imposters,
And maketh diviners mad;
That turneth wise men backward,
And maketh their knowledge
foolish;

²⁶That confirmeth the word of His
servant,
And performeth the counsel of His
messengers;

That saith of Jerusalem: ‘She shall
be inhabited’;
And of the cities of Judah: ‘They
shall be built,
And I will raise up the waste places
thereof’;

²⁷That saith to the deep: ‘Be dry,
and I will dry up thy rivers’;

²⁸That saith of Cyrus: ‘He is My
shepherd,
And shall perform all My pleasure’;
Even saying of Jerusalem: ‘She
shall be built’;
And to the temple: ‘My foundation
shall be laid.’

45 Thus saith the LORD to His
anointed,

To Cyrus, whose right hand I have
holden,

To subdue nations before him,
And to loose the loins of kings;
To open the doors before him,
And that the gates may not be shut:

²I will go before thee,
And make the crooked places
straight;

I will break in pieces the doors of
brass,

And cut in sunder the bars of iron;

³And I will give thee the treasures of
darkness,

And hidden riches of secret places,
That thou mayest know that I am the
LORD,

ISAIAH

Who call thee by thy name, even the
God of Israel.

⁴For the sake of Jacob My servant,
And Israel Mine elect,
I have called thee by thy name,
I have surnamed thee, though thou
hast not known Me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is none
else,
Beside Me there is no God;
I have girded thee, though thou hast
not known Me;

⁶That they may know from the
rising of the sun, and from the
west,
That there is none beside Me;
I am the LORD; and there is none
else;

⁷I form the light, and create
darkness;
I make peace, and create evil;
I am the LORD, that doeth all these
things.

⁸Drop down, ye heavens, from
above,
And let the skies pour down
righteousness;
Let the earth open, that they may
bring forth salvation,
And let her cause righteousness to
spring up together;
I the LORD have created it.

⁹Woe unto him that striveth with his
Maker,
As a potsherd with the potsherds of
the earth!

Shall the clay say to him that
fashioned it: 'What makest thou?'
Or: 'Thy work, it hath no hands?'

¹⁰Woe unto him that saith unto his
father: 'Wherefore begetteth
thou?'

Or to a woman: 'Wherefore
travailest thou?'

¹¹Thus saith the LORD,
The Holy One of Israel, and his
Maker:

Ask Me of the things that are to
come;

Concerning My sons, and
concerning the work of My
hands, command ye Me.

¹²I, even I, have made the earth,
And created man upon it;
I, even My hands, have stretched out
the heavens,
And all their host have I
commanded.

¹³I have roused him up in victory,
And I make level all his ways;
He shall build My city,
And he shall let Mine exiles go free,
Not for price nor reward,
Saith the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴Thus saith the LORD:
The labour of Egypt, and the
merchandise of Ethiopia,
And of the Sabeans, men of stature,
Shall come over unto thee, and they
shall be thine;
They shall go after thee, in chains
they shall come over;
And they shall fall down unto thee,

ISAIAH

They shall make supplication unto thee:

Surely God is in thee, and there is none else,

There is no other God.

¹⁵Verily Thou art a God that hidest Thyself,

O God of Israel, the Saviour.

¹⁶They shall be ashamed, yea, confounded, all of them;

They shall go in confusion together that are makers of idols.

¹⁷O Israel, that art saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation;

Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

¹⁸For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens,

He is God;

That formed the earth and made it,

He established it,

He created it not a waste, He formed it to be inhabited:

I am the LORD, and there is none else.

¹⁹I have not spoken in secret,

In a place of the land of darkness;

I said not unto the seed of Jacob:

‘Seek ye Me in vain’;

I the LORD speak righteousness,

I declare things that are right.

²⁰Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together,

Ye that are escaped of the nations;

They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image,

And pray unto a god that cannot save.

²¹Declare ye, and bring them near, Yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath announced this from ancient time,

And declared it of old?

Have not I the LORD?

And there is no God else beside Me,

A just God and a Saviour;

There is none beside Me.

²²Look unto Me, and be ye saved,

All the ends of the earth;

For I am God, and there is none else.

²³By Myself have I sworn,

The word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness,

And shall not come back,

That unto Me every knee shall bow,

Every tongue shall swear.

²⁴Only in the LORD, shall one say of Me, is victory and strength;

Even to Him shall men come in confusion,

All they that were incensed against Him.

²⁵In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel

Be justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth;

Their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle;

The things that ye carried about are made a load,

A burden to the weary beast.

²They stoop, they bow down together,

They could not deliver the burden;

ISAIAH

And themselves are gone into
captivity.

³Hearken unto Me, O house of
Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of
Israel,

That are borne [by Me] from the
birth,

That are carried from the womb:

⁴Even to old age I am the same,
And even to hoar hairs will I carry
you;

I have made, and I will bear;
Yea, I will carry, and will deliver.

⁵To whom will ye liken Me, and
make Me equal,
And compare Me, that we may be
like?

⁶Ye that lavish gold out of the bag,
And weigh silver in the balance;
Ye that hire a goldsmith, that he
make it a god,
To fall down thereto, yea, to
worship.

⁷He is borne upon the shoulder, he is
carried,
And set in his place, and he
standeth,
From his place he doth not remove;
Yea, though one cry unto him, he
cannot answer,
Nor save him out of his trouble.

⁸Remember this, and stand fast;
Bring it to mind, O ye transgressors.

⁹Remember the former things of
old:

That I am God, and there is none
else;

I am God, and there is none like Me;

¹⁰Declaring the end from the
beginning,

And from ancient times things that
are not yet done;

Saying: 'My counsel shall stand,
And all My pleasure will I do';

¹¹Calling a bird of prey from the
east,

The man of My counsel from a far
country;

Yea, I have spoken, I will also bring
it to pass,

I have purposed, I will also do it.

¹²Hearken unto Me, ye stout-
hearted,

That are far from righteousness:

¹³I bring near My righteousness, it
shall not be far off,

And My salvation shall not tarry;
And I will place salvation in Zion
For Israel My glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the
dust,

O virgin daughter of Babylon,
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called
Tender and delicate.

²Take the millstones, and grind
meal;

Remove thy veil,

Strip off the train, uncover the leg,
Pass through the rivers.

³Thy nakedness shall be uncovered,

ISAIAH

Yea, thy shame shall be seen;
I will take vengeance,
And will let no man intercede.
⁴Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is
His name,
The Holy One of Israel.
⁵Sit thou silent, and get thee into
darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called
The mistress of kingdoms.
⁶I was wroth with My people,
I profaned Mine inheritance,
And gave them into thy hand;
Thou didst show them no mercy;
Upon the aged hast thou very
heavily
Laid thy yoke.
⁷And thou saidst:
'For ever shall I be mistress';
So that thou didst not lay these
things to thy heart,
Neither didst remember the end
thereof.

⁸Now therefore hear this, thou that
art given to pleasures,
That sittest securely,
That sayest in thy heart:
'I am, and there is none else beside
me;
I shall not sit as a widow,
Neither shall I know the loss of
children';
⁹But these two things shall come to
thee in a moment
In one day, the loss of children, and
widow-hood;

In their full measure shall they come
upon thee,
For the multitude of thy sorceries,
And the great abundance of thine
enchantments.

¹⁰And thou hast been secure in thy
wickedness,
Thou hast said: 'None seeth me';
Thy wisdom and thy knowledge,
It hath perverted thee;
And thou hast said in thy heart.
'I am, and there is none else beside
me.'

¹¹Yet shall evil come upon thee;
Thou shalt not know how to charm
it away;
And calamity shall fall upon thee;
Thou shalt not be able to put it
away;
And ruin shall come upon thee
suddenly,
Before thou knowest.

¹²Stand now with thine
enchantments,
And with the multitude of thy
sorceries,
Wherein thou hast laboured from
thy youth;
If so be thou shalt be able to profit,
If so be thou mayest prevail.

¹³Thou art wearied in the multitude
of thy counsels;
Let now the astrologers, the
stargazers,
The monthly prognosticators,
Stand up, and save thee

ISAIAH

From the things that shall come
upon thee.

¹⁴Behold, they shall be as stubble;
The fire shall burn them;
They shall not deliver themselves
From the power of the flame;
It shall not be a coal to warm at,
Nor a fire to sit before.

¹⁵Thus shall they be unto thee
With whom thou hast laboured;
They that have trafficked with thee
from thy youth
Shall wander every one to his
quarter;
There shall be none to save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of
Jacob,
Who are called by the name of
Israel,
And are come forth out of the
fountain of Judah;
Who swear by the name of the
LORD,
And make mention of the God of
Israel,
But not in truth, nor in
righteousness.
²For they call themselves of the holy
city,
And stay themselves upon the God
of Israel,
The **LORD** of hosts is His name.
³I have declared the former things
from of old;
Yea, they went forth out of My
mouth, and I announced them;
Suddenly I did them, and they came
to pass.

⁴Because I knew that thou art
obstinate,
And thy neck is an iron sinew, and
thy brow brass;
⁵Therefore I have declared it to thee
from of old;
Before it came to pass I announced
it to thee;
Lest thou shouldest say: 'Mine idol
hath done them,
And my graven image, and my
molten image, hath commanded
them.'

⁶Thou hast heard, see, all this;
And ye, will ye not declare it?
I have announced unto thee new
things from this time,
Even hidden things, which thou hast
not known.

⁷They are created now, and not from
of old,
And before this day thou heardest
them not;
Lest thou shouldest say: 'Behold, I
knew them.'

⁸Yea, thou heardest not;
Yea, thou knewest not;
Yea, from of old thine ear was not
opened;
For I knew that thou wouldest deal
very treacherously,
And wast called a transgressor from
the womb.

⁹For My name's sake will I defer
Mine anger,
And for My praise will I refrain for
thee, that I cut thee not off.

¹⁰Behold, I have refined thee, but
not as silver;

ISAIAH

I have tried thee in the furnace of affliction.

¹¹For Mine own sake, for Mine own sake, will I do it; For how should it be profaned? And My glory will I not give to another.

¹²Hearken unto Me, O Jacob, And Israel My called: I am He; I am the first, I also am the last.

¹³Yea, My hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand hath spread out the heavens; When I call unto them, They stand up together.

¹⁴Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear; Which among them hath declared these things? He whom the LORD loveth shall perform His pleasure on Babylon, And show His arm on the Chaldeans.

¹⁵I, even I, have spoken, yea, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

¹⁶Come ye near unto Me, hear ye this: From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; From the time that it was, there am I; And now the Lord GOD hath sent me, and His spirit.

¹⁷Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD thy God, Who teacheth thee for thy profit, Who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

¹⁸Oh that thou wouldest hearken to My commandments! Then would thy peace be as a river, And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea;

¹⁹Thy seed also would be as the sand, And the offspring of thy body like the grains thereof; His name would not be cut off Nor destroyed from before Me.

²⁰Go ye forth from Babylon, Flee ye from the Chaldeans; With a voice of singing Declare ye, tell this, Utter it even to the end of the earth; Say ye: 'The LORD hath redeemed His servant Jacob.

²¹And they thirsted not When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; He cleaved the rock also, and the waters gushed out.'

²²There is no peace, Saith the LORD concerning the wicked.

ISAIAH

49 Listen, O isles, unto me,
And hearken, ye peoples, from
far:

The LORD hath called me from the
womb,

From the bowels of my mother hath
He made mention of my name;

²And He hath made my mouth like a
sharp sword,

In the shadow of His hand hath He
hid me;

And He hath made me a polished
shaft,

In His quiver hath He concealed me;

³And He said unto me: 'Thou art
My servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴But I said: 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nought
and vanity;

Yet surely my right is with the
LORD,

And my recompense with my God.'

⁵And now saith the LORD

That formed me from the womb to
be His servant,

To bring Jacob back to Him,

And that Israel be gathered unto
Him—

For I am honourable in the eyes of
the LORD,

And my God is become my
strength—

⁶Yea, He saith: 'It is too light a
thing that thou shouldest be My
servant

To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to restore the offspring of
Israel;

I will also give thee for a light of the
nations,
That My salvation may be unto the
end of the earth.'

⁷Thus saith the LORD,
The Redeemer of Israel, his Holy
One,

To him who is despised of men,
To him who is abhorred of nations,
To a servant of rulers:
Kings shall see and arise,
Princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves;

Because of the LORD that is faithful,
Even the Holy One of Israel, who
hath chosen thee.

⁸Thus saith the LORD:
In an acceptable time have I
answered thee,

And in a day of salvation have I
helped thee;

And I will preserve thee, and give
thee

For a covenant of the people,

To raise up the land,

To cause to inherit the desolate
heritages;

⁹Saying to the prisoners: 'Go forth';
To them that are in darkness: 'Show
yourselves';

They shall feed in the ways,
And in all high hills shall be their
pasture;

¹⁰They shall not hunger nor thirst,
Neither shall the heat nor sun smite
them;

ISAIAH

For He that hath compassion on
them will lead them,
Even by the springs of water will He
guide them.

¹¹And I will make all My mountains
a way,
And My highways shall be raised on
high.

¹²Behold, these shall come from far;
And, lo, these from the north and
from the west,
And these from the land of Sinim.

¹³Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O
earth,
And break forth into singing, O
mountains;
For the LORD hath comforted His
people,
And hath compassion upon His
afflicted.

¹⁴But Zion said: 'The LORD hath
forsaken me,
And the Lord hath forgotten me.'

¹⁵Can a woman forget her sucking
child,
That she should not have
compassion on the son of her
womb?

Yea, these may forget,
Yet will not I forget thee.

¹⁶Behold, I have graven thee upon
the palms of My hands;
Thy walls are continually before
Me.

¹⁷Thy children make haste;

Thy destroyers and they that made
thee waste shall go forth from
thee.

¹⁸Lift up thine eyes round about, and
behold:

All these gather themselves
together, and come to thee.

As I live, saith the LORD,
Thou shalt surely clothe thee with
them all as with an ornament,
And gird thyself with them, like a
bride.

¹⁹For thy waste and thy desolate
places

And thy land that hath been
destroyed—

Surely now shalt thou be too strait
for the inhabitants,

And they that swallowed thee up
shall be far away.

²⁰The children of thy bereavement
Shall yet say in thine ears:

'The place is too strait for me;
Give place to me that I may dwell.'

²¹Then shalt thou say in thy heart:

'Who hath begotten me these,
Seeing I have been bereaved of my
children, and am solitary,
An exile, and wandering to and fro?
And who hath brought up these?
Behold, I was left alone;
These, where were they?'

²²Thus saith the Lord GOD:

Behold, I will lift up My hand to the
nations,

And set up Mine ensign to the
peoples,

ISAIAH

And they shall bring thy sons in
their bosom,
And thy daughters shall be carried
upon their shoulders.

²³And kings shall be thy foster-
fathers,

And their queens thy nursing
mothers;

They shall bow down to thee with
their face to the earth,

And lick the dust of thy feet;

And thou shalt know that I am the
LORD,

For they shall not be ashamed that
wait for Me.

²⁴Shall the prey be taken from the
mighty,

Or the captives of the victorious be
delivered?

²⁵But thus saith the LORD:

Even the captives of the mighty
shall be taken away,

And the prey of the terrible shall be
delivered;

And I will contend with him that
contendeth with thee,

And I will save thy children.

²⁶And I will feed them that oppress
thee with their own flesh;

And they shall be drunken with their
own blood, as with sweet wine;

And all flesh shall know that I the
LORD am thy Saviour,

And thy Redeemer, the Mighty One
of Jacob.

50 Thus saith the LORD:
Where is the bill of your

mother's divorcement,
Wherewith I have put her away?

Or which of My creditors is it
To whom I have sold you?

Behold, for your iniquities were ye
sold,

And for your transgressions was
your mother put away.

²Wherefore, when I came, was there
no man?

When I called, was there none to
answer?

Is My hand shortened at all, that it
cannot redeem?

Or have I no power to deliver?

Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the
sea,

I make the rivers a wilderness;

Their fish become foul, because
there is no water,

And die for thirst.

³I clothe the heavens with blackness,
And I make sackcloth their
covering.

⁴The Lord GOD hath given me
The tongue of them that are taught,

That I should know how to sustain
with words him that is weary;

He wakeneth morning by morning,
He wakeneth mine ear

To hear as they that are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD hath opened mine
ear,

And I was not rebellious,
Neither turned away backward.

⁶I gave my back to the smiters,
And my checks to them that plucked
off the hair;

ISAIAH

I hid not my face from shame and
spitting.

⁷For the Lord GOD will help me;
Therefore have I not been
confounded;

Therefore have I set my face like a
flint,

And I know that I shall not be
ashamed.

⁸He is near that justifieth me;
Who will contend with me? let us
stand up together;

Who is mine adversary? let him
come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD will help me;
Who is he that shall condemn me?
Behold, they all shall wax old as a
garment,

The moth shall eat them up.

¹⁰Who is among you that feareth the
LORD,

That obeyeth the voice of His
servant?

Though he walketh in darkness,
And hath no light,

Let him trust in the name of the
LORD,

And stay upon his God.

¹¹Behold, all ye that kindle a fire,
That gird yourselves with
firebrands,

Begone in the flame of your fire,
And among the brands that ye have
kindled.

This shall ye have of My hand;
Ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Harken to Me, ye that follow
after righteousness,

Ye that seek the LORD;

Look unto the rock whence ye were
hewn,

And to the hole of the pit whence ye
were digged.

²Look unto Abraham your father,
And unto Sarah that bore you;

For when he was but one I called
him,

And I blessed him, and made him
many.

³For the LORD hath comforted Zion;
He hath comforted all her waste
places,

And hath made her wilderness like
Eden,

And her desert like the garden of the
LORD;

Joy and gladness shall be found
therein,

Thanksgiving, and the voice of
melody.

⁴Attend unto Me, O My people,
And give ear unto Me, O My nation;

For instruction shall go forth from
Me,

And My right on a sudden for a light
of the peoples.

⁵My favour is near,

My salvation is gone forth,

And Mine arms shall judge the
peoples;

The isles shall wait for Me,

And on Mine arm shall they trust.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look upon the earth beneath;

ISAIAH

For the heavens shall vanish away
like smoke,
And the earth shall wax old like a
garment,
And they that dwell therein shall die
in like manner;
But My salvation shall be for ever,
And My favour shall not be
abolished.

⁷Hearken unto Me, ye that know
righteousness,
The people in whose heart is My
law;
Fear ye not the taunt of men,
Neither be ye dismayed at their
revilings.

⁸For the moth shall eat them up like
a garment,
And the worm shall eat them like
wool;
But My favour shall be for ever,
And My salvation unto all
generations.

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD;
Awake, as in the days of old,
The generations of ancient times.
Art thou not it that hewed Rahab in
pieces,
That pierced the dragon?

¹⁰Art thou not it that dried up the
sea,
The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a
way
For the redeemed to pass over?

¹¹And the ransomed of the LORD
shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee
away.

¹²I, even I, am He that comforteth
you:
Who art thou, that thou art afraid of
man that shall die,
And of the son of man that shall be
made as grass;

¹³And hast forgotten the LORD thy
Maker,

That stretched forth the heavens,
And laid the foundations of the
earth;

And fearest continually all the day
Because of the fury of the
oppressor,

As he maketh ready to destroy?
And where is the fury of the
oppressor?

¹⁴He that is bent down shall speedily
be loosed;
And he shall not go down dying into
the pit,

Neither shall his bread fail.

¹⁵For I am the LORD thy God,
Who stirreth up the sea, that the
waves thereof roar;

The LORD of hosts is His name.

¹⁶And I have put My words in thy
mouth,

And have covered thee in the
shadow of My hand,

ISAIAH

That I may plant the heavens,
And lay the foundations of the earth,
And say unto Zion: 'Thou art My
people.'

¹⁷Awake, awake,
Stand up, O Jerusalem,
That hast drunk at the hand of the
LORD
The cup of His fury;
Thou hast drunken the beaker, even
the cup of staggering,
And drained it.

¹⁸There is none to guide her
Among all the sons whom she hath
brought forth;
Neither is there any that taketh her
by the hand
Of all the sons that she hath brought
up.

¹⁹These two things are befallen thee;
Who shall bemoan thee?
Desolation and destruction,
And the famine and the sword;
How shall I comfort thee?

²⁰Thy sons have fainted, they lie at
the head of all the streets,
As an antelope in a net;
They are full of the fury of the **LORD**,
The rebuke of thy God.

²¹Therefore hear now this, thou
afflicted,
And drunken, but not with wine;
²²Thus saith thy Lord the **LORD**,
And thy God that pleadeth the cause
of His people:
Behold, I have taken out of thy hand
The cup of staggering;

The beaker, even the cup of My
fury,
Thou shalt no more drink it again;
²³And I will put it into the hand of
them that afflict thee;
That have said to thy soul:
'Bow down, that we may go over';
And thou hast laid thy back as the
ground,
And as the street, to them that go
over.

52 Awake, awake,
Put on thy strength, O Zion;
Put on thy beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
For henceforth there shall no more
come into thee
The uncircumcised and the unclean.
²Shake thyself from the dust;
Arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem;
Loose thyself from the bands of thy
neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

³For thus saith the **LORD**:
Ye were sold for nought;
And ye shall be redeemed without
money.

⁴For thus saith the Lord God:
My people went down aforetime
into Egypt to sojourn there;
And the Assyrian oppressed them
without cause.

⁵Now therefore, what do I here,
saith the **LORD**,
Seeing that My people is taken away
for nought?

ISAIAH

They that rule over them do howl,
saith the LORD,
And My name continually all the
day is blasphemed.
⁶Therefore My people shall know
My name;
Therefore they shall know in that
day
That I, even He that spoke, behold,
here I am.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of the messenger of
good tidings,
That announceth peace, the
harbinger of good tidings,
That announceth salvation;
That saith unto Zion:
'Thy God reigneth!'
⁸Hark, thy watchmen! they lift up
the voice,
Together do they sing;
For they shall see, eye to eye,
The LORD returning to Zion.
⁹Break forth into joy, sing together,
Ye waste places of Jerusalem;
For the LORD hath comforted His
people,
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The LORD hath made bare His holy
arm
In the eyes of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall
see
The salvation of our God.
¹¹Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out
from thence,
Touch no unclean thing;

Go ye out of the midst of her; be ye
clean,
Ye that bear the vessels of the LORD.
¹²For ye shall not go out in haste,
Neither shall ye go by flight;
For the LORD will go before you,
And the God of Israel will be your
rearward.

¹³Behold, My servant shall prosper,
He shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
¹⁴According as many were appalled
at thee—
So marred was his visage unlike that
of a man,
And his form unlike that of the sons
of men—
¹⁵So shall he startle many nations,
Kings shall shut their mouths
because of him;
For that which had not been told
them shall they see,
And that which they had not heard
shall they perceive.

53 ¹Who would have believed our
report?
And to whom hath the arm of the
LORD been revealed?
²For he shot up right forth as a
sapling,
And as a root out of a dry ground;
He had no form nor comeliness, that
we should look upon him,
Nor beauty that we should delight in
him.
³He was despised, and forsaken of
men,

ISAIAH

A man of pains, and acquainted with
disease,
And as one from whom men hide
their face:
He was despised, and we esteemed
him not.
⁴Surely our diseases he did bear, and
our pains he carried;
Whereas we did esteem him
stricken,
Smitten of God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded because of
our transgressions,
He was crushed because of our
iniquities:
The chastisement of our welfare was
upon him,
And with his stripes we were
healed.
⁶All we like sheep did go astray,
We turned every one to his own
way;
And the LORD hath made to light on
him
The iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, though he
humbled himself
And opened not his mouth;
As a lamb that is led to the
slaughter,
And as a sheep that before her
shearers is dumb;
Yea, he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he
was taken away,
And with his generation who did
reason?
For he was cut off out of the land of
the living,

For the transgression of my people
to whom the stroke was due.
⁹And they made his grave with the
wicked,
And with the rich his tomb;
Although he had done no violence,
Neither was any deceit in his
mouth.'

¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to crush
him by disease;
To see if his soul would offer itself
in restitution,
That he might see his seed, prolong
his days,
And that the purpose of the LORD
might prosper by his hand:
¹¹Of the travail of his soul he shall
see to the full, even My servant,
Who by his knowledge did justify
the Righteous One to the many,
And their iniquities he did bear.
¹²Therefore will I divide him a
portion among the great,
And he shall divide the spoil with
the mighty;
Because he bared his soul unto
death,
And was numbered with the
transgressors;
Yet he bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the
transgressors.

54 Sing, O barren, thou that didst
not bear,
Break forth into singing, and cry
aloud, thou that didst not travail;

ISAIAH

For more are the children of the
desolate
Than the children of the married
wife, saith the LORD.
²Enlarge the place of thy tent,
And let them stretch forth the
curtains of thy habitations, spare
not;
Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen
thy stakes.
³For thou shalt spread abroad on the
right hand and on the left;
And thy seed shall possess the
nations,
And make the desolate cities to be
inhabited.
⁴Fear not, for thou shalt not be
ashamed.
Neither be thou confounded, for
thou shalt not be put to shame;
For thou shalt forget the shame of
thy youth,
And the reproach of thy widowhood
shalt thou remember no more.
⁵For thy Maker is thy husband,
The LORD of hosts is His name;
And the Holy One of Israel is thy
Redeemer,
The God of the whole earth shall He
be called.
⁶For the LORD hath called thee
As a wife forsaken and grieved in
spirit;
And a wife of youth, can she be
rejected?
Saith thy God.
⁷For a small moment have I
forsaken thee;

But with great compassion will I
gather thee.
⁸In a little wrath I hid My face from
thee for a moment;
But with everlasting kindness will I
have compassion on thee,
Saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
⁹For this is as the waters of Noah
unto Me;
For as I have sworn that the waters
of Noah
Should no more go over the earth,
So have I sworn that I would not be
wroth with thee,
Nor rebuke thee.
¹⁰For the mountains may depart,
And the hills be removed;
But My kindness shall not depart
from thee,
Neither shall My covenant of peace
be removed,
Saith the LORD that hath compass-
ion on thee.
¹¹O thou afflicted, tossed with
tempest,
And not comforted,
Behold, I will set thy stones in fair
colours,
And lay thy foundations with
sapphires.
¹²And I will make thy pinnacles of
rubies,
And thy gates of carbuncles,
And all thy border of precious
stones.
¹³And all thy children shall be
taught of the LORD;

ISAIAH

And great shall be the peace of thy children.

¹⁴In righteousness shalt thou be established;

Be thou far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear,
And from ruin, for it shall not come near thee.

¹⁵Behold, they may gather together, but not by Me;

Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall because of thee.

¹⁶Behold, I have created the smith That bloweth the fire of coals,
And bringeth forth a weapon for his work;

And I have created the waster to destroy.

¹⁷No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper;

And every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,

And their due reward from Me, saith the LORD.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye for water,
And he that hath no money;
Come ye, buy, and eat;
Yea, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.

²Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?

And your gain for that which satisfieth not?

Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good,
And let your soul delight itself in fatness.

³Incline your ear, and come unto Me;

Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

Even the sure mercies of David.

⁴Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples,
A prince and commander to the peoples.

⁵Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not,

And a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee;

Because of the LORD thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, for He hath glorified thee.

⁶Seek ye the LORD while He may be found,

Call ye upon Him while He is near;

⁷Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the man of iniquity his thoughts;

And let him return unto the LORD,
and He will have compassion upon him,

And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon

⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Neither are your ways My ways,
saith the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

ISAIAH

So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven,
And returneth not thither,
Except it water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
And give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

¹¹So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth:
It shall not return unto Me void,
Except it accomplish that which I please,
And make the thing whereto I sent it prosper.

¹²For ye shall go out with joy,
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
And it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith the LORD:
Keep ye justice, and do righteousness;

For My salvation is near to come,
And My favour to be revealed.

²Happy is the man that doeth this,
And the son of man that holdeth fast by it:

That keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,
And keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

³Neither let the alien,
That hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying:
‘The LORD will surely separate me from His people’;

Neither let the eunuch say:
‘Behold, I am a dry tree.’

⁴For thus saith the LORD
Concerning the eunuchs that keep My sabbaths,
And choose the things that please Me,

And hold fast by My covenant:
⁵Even unto them will I give in My house

And within My walls a monument and a memorial
Better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting memorial,

That shall not be cut off.

⁶Also the aliens, that join themselves to the LORD, to minister unto Him,
And to love the name of the LORD,
To be His servants,

Every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,

And holdeth fast by My covenant:

⁷Even them will I bring to My holy mountain,

ISAIAH

And make them joyful in My house
of prayer;
Their burnt-offerings and their
sacrifices
Shall be acceptable upon Mine altar;
For My house shall be called
A house of prayer for all peoples.
⁸Saith the Lord GOD who gathereth
the dispersed of Israel:
Yet I will gather others to him,
beside those of him that are
gathered.

⁹All ye beasts of the field, come to
devour,
Yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
¹⁰His watchmen are all blind,
Without knowledge;
They are all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
Raving, lying down, loving to
slumber.

¹¹Yea, the dogs are greedy,
They know not when they have
enough;
And these are shepherds
That cannot understand;
They all turn to their own way,
Each one to his gain, one and all.

¹²Come ye, I will fetch wine,
And we will fill ourselves with
strong drink;
And to-morrow shall be as this day,
And much more abundant. ⁷

57 The righteous perisheth,
And no man layeth it to heart,
And godly men are taken away,
None considering

That the righteous is taken away
from the evil to come.

²He entereth into peace,
They rest in their beds,
Each one that walketh in his
uprightness.

³But draw near hither,
Ye sons of the sorceress,
The seed of the adulterer and the
harlot.

⁴Against whom do ye sport
yourselves?
Against whom make ye a wide
mouth,
And draw out the tongue?

Are ye not children of transgression,
A seed of falsehood,

⁵Ye that inflame yourselves among
the terebinths,
Under every leafy tree;
That slay the children in the valleys,
Under the clefts of the rocks?

⁶Among the smooth stones of the
valley is thy portion;
They, they are thy lot;
Even to them hast thou poured a
drink-offering,
Thou hast offered a meal-offering.
Should I pacify Myself for these
things?

⁷Upon a high and lofty mountain
Hast thou set thy bed;
Thither also wentest thou up
To offer sacrifice.

⁸And behind the doors and the posts
Hast thou set up thy symbol;
For thou hast uncovered, and art
gone up from Me,

ISAIAH

Thou hast enlarged thy bed,
And chosen thee of them
Whose bed thou lovedst,
Whose hand thou sawest.
⁹And thou wentest to the king with
ointment,
And didst increase thy perfumes,
And didst send thine ambassadors
far off,
Even down to the nether-world.
¹⁰Thou wast wearied with the length
of thy way; yet saidst thou not:
'There is no hope'; thou didst find
a renewal of thy strength,
therefore thou wast not affected.
¹¹And of whom hast thou been
afraid and in fear, that thou
wouldest fail? And as for Me,
thou hast not remembered Me,
nor laid it to thy heart. Have not I
held My peace even of long time?
Therefore thou fearest Me not.
¹²I will declare thy righteousness;
thy works also—they shall not
profit thee.
¹³When thou criest, let them that
thou hast gathered deliver thee;
but the wind shall carry them all
away, a breath shall bear them
off; but he that taketh refuge in
Me shall possess the land, and
shall inherit My holy mountain.
¹⁴And He will say:
Cast ye up, cast ye up, clear the
way,
Take up the stumblingblock out of
the way of My people.

¹⁵For thus saith the High and Lofty
One
That inhabiteth eternity, whose
name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him also that is of a contrite
and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the
contrite ones.
¹⁶For I will not contend for ever,
Neither will I be always wroth;
For the spirit that enwrapeth itself
is from Me,
And the souls which I have made.
¹⁷For the iniquity of his
covetousness was I wroth and
smote him,
I hid Me and was wroth;
And he went on frowardly in the
way of his heart.
¹⁸I have seen his ways, and will heal
him;
I will lead him also, and requite with
comforts him and his mourners.
¹⁹Peace, peace, to him that is far off
and to him that is near,
Saith the LORD that createth the fruit
of the lips;
And I will heal him.
²⁰But the wicked are like the
troubled sea;
For it cannot rest, and its waters cast
up mire and dirt.
²¹There is no peace,
Saith my God concerning the
wicked.

ISAIAH

58 Cry aloud, spare not,
Lift up thy voice like a horn,
And declare unto My people their
transgression,
And to the house of Jacob their sins.
²Yet they seek Me daily,
And delight to know My ways;
As a nation that did righteousness,
And forsook not the ordinance of
their God,
They ask of Me righteous
ordinances,
They delight to draw near unto God.

³Wherefore have we fasted, and
Thou seest not?
Wherefore have we afflicted our
soul, and Thou takest no
knowledge?²—
Behold, in the day of your fast ye
pursue your business,
And exact all your labours.
⁴Behold, ye fast for strife and
contention,
And to smite with the fist of
wickedness;
Ye fast not this day
So as to make your voice to be
heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I have chosen?
The day for a man to afflict his
soul?
Is it to bow down his head as a
bulrush,
And to spread sackcloth and ashes
under him?
Wilt thou call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I have
chosen?
To loose the fetters of wickedness,
To undo the bands of the yoke,
And to let the oppressed go free,
And that ye break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to deal thy bread to the
hungry,
And that thou bring the poor that are
cast out to thy house?
When thou seest the naked, that
thou cover him,
And that thou hide not thyself from
thine own flesh?
⁸Then shall thy light break forth as
the morning,
And thy healing shall spring forth
speedily;
And thy righteousness shall go
before thee,
The glory of the LORD shall be thy
rearward.
⁹Then shalt thou call, and the LORD
will answer;
Thou shalt cry, and He will say:
'Here I am.'
If thou take away from the midst of
thee the yoke,
The putting forth of the finger, and
speaking wickedness;
¹⁰And if thou draw out thy soul to
the hungry,
And satisfy the afflicted soul;
Then shall thy light rise in darkness,
And thy gloom be as the noon-day;
¹¹And the LORD will guide thee
continually,
And satisfy thy soul in drought,
And make strong thy bones;

ISAIAH

And thou shalt be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.
¹²And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places,
The restorer of paths to dwell in.
¹³If thou turn away thy foot because of the sabbath,
From pursuing thy business on My holy day;
And call the sabbath a delight,
And the holy of the LORD honourable;
And shalt honour it, not doing thy wonted ways,
Nor pursuing thy business, nor speaking thereof;
¹⁴Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD,
And I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth,
And I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father;
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

59 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
Neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;
²But your iniquities have separated Between you and your God,
And your sins have hid His face from you,
That He will not hear.
³For your hands are defiled with blood,

Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations;
And thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach,

And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies,
Your tongue muttereth wickedness.
⁴None sueth in righteousness,
And none pleadeth in truth;
They trust in vanity, and speak lies,
They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
⁵They hatch basilisks' eggs,
And weave the spider's web;
He that eateth of their eggs dieth,
And that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.
⁶Their webs shall not become garments,
Neither shall men cover themselves with their works;
Their works are works of iniquity,
And the act of violence is in their hands.
⁷Their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed innocent blood;
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity,
Desolation and destruction are in their paths.
⁸The way of peace they know not,
And there is no right in their goings;
They have made them crooked paths,
Whosoever goeth therein doth not know peace.

ISAIAH

⁹Therefore is justice far from us,
Neither doth righteousness overtake
us;

We look for light, but behold
darkness,
For brightness, but we walk in
gloom.

¹⁰We grope for the wall like the
blind,
Yea, as they that have no eyes do
we grope;
We stumble at noonday as in the
twilight;

We are in dark places like the dead.
¹¹We all growl like bears,
And mourn sore like doves;
We look for right, but there is none;
For salvation, but it is far off from
us.

¹²For our transgressions are
multiplied before Thee,
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions are present to
us,
And as for our iniquities, we know
them:

¹³Transgressing and denying the
LORD,
And turning away from following
our God,
Speaking oppression and
perverseness,
Conceiving and uttering from the
heart words of falsehood.

¹⁴And justice is turned away
backward,
And righteousness standeth afar off;

For truth hath stumbled in the broad
place,
And uprightness cannot enter.

¹⁵And truth is lacking,
And he that departeth from evil
maketh himself a prey.

And the LORD saw it, and it
displeased Him

That there was no justice;

¹⁶And He saw that there was no
man,

And was astonished that there was
no intercessor;

Therefore His own arm brought
salvation unto Him;

And His righteousness, it sustained
Him;

¹⁷And He put on righteousness as a
coat of mail,

And a helmet of salvation upon His
head,

And He put on garments of
vengeance for clothing,

And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

¹⁸According to their deeds,
accordingly He will repay,

Fury to His adversaries, recompense
to His enemies;

To the islands He will repay
recompense.

¹⁹So shall they fear the name of the
LORD from the west,

And His glory from the rising of the
sun;

For distress will come in like a
flood,

Which the breath of the LORD
driveth.

ISAIAH

²⁰And a redeemer will come to Zion,
And unto them that turn from
transgression in Jacob,
Saith the LORD.

²¹And as for Me, this is My covenant
with them, saith the LORD; My spirit
that is upon thee, and My words which
I have put in thy mouth, shall not
depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the
mouth of thy seed, nor out of the
mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the
LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

60 Arise, shine, for thy light is
come,

And the glory of the LORD is risen
upon thee.

²For, behold, darkness shall cover
the earth,

And gross darkness the peoples;
But upon thee the LORD will arise,
And His glory shall be seen upon
thee.

³And nations shall walk at thy light,
And kings at the brightness of thy
rising.

⁴Lift Up thine eyes round about, and
see:

They all are gathered together, and
come to thee;

Thy sons come from far,
And thy daughters are borne on the
side.

⁵Then thou shalt see and be radiant,
And thy heart shall throb and be
enlarged;

Because the abundance of the sea
shall be turned unto thee,
The wealth of the nations shall come
unto thee.

⁶The caravan of camels shall cover
thee,
And of the young camels of Midian
and Ephah,
All coming from Sheba;
They shall bring gold and incense,
And shall proclaim the praises of the
LORD.

⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be
gathered together unto thee,
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister
unto thee;
They shall come up with acceptance
on Mine altar,
And I will glorify My glorious
house.

⁸Who are these that fly as a cloud,
And as the doves to their cotes?

⁹Surely the isles shall wait for Me,
And the ships of Tarshish first,
To bring thy sons from far,
Their silver and their gold with
them,

For the name of the LORD thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel,
because He hath glorified thee.

¹⁰And aliens shall build up thy
walls,
And their kings shall minister unto
thee;
For in My wrath I smote thee,
But in My favour have I had
compassion on thee.

ISAIAH

¹¹Thy gates also shall be open
continually,
Day and night, they shall not be
shut;
That men may bring unto thee the
wealth of the nations,
And their kings in procession.
¹²For that nation and kingdom that
will not serve thee shall perish;
Yea, those nations shall be utterly
wasted.

¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come
unto thee,
The cypress, the plane-tree and the
larch together;
To beautify the place of My
sanctuary,
And I will make the place of My
feet glorious.
¹⁴And the sons of them that afflicted
thee
Shall come bending unto thee,
And all they that despised thee shall
bow down
At the soles of thy feet;
And they shall call thee The city of
the LORD,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵Whereas thou hast been forsaken
and hated,
So that no man passed through thee,
I will make thee an eternal
excellency,
A joy of many generations.
¹⁶Thou shalt also suck the milk of
the nations,
And shalt suck the breast of kings;

And thou shalt know that I the LORD
am thy Saviour,
And I, the Mighty One of Jacob, thy
Redeemer.

¹⁷For brass I will bring gold,
And for iron I will bring silver,
And for wood brass,
And for stones iron;
I will also make thy officers peace,
And righteousness thy magistrates.
¹⁸Violence shall no more be heard in
thy land,
Desolation nor destruction within
thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls
Salvation,
And thy gates Praise.

¹⁹The sun shall be no more thy light
by day,
Neither for brightness shall the
moon give light unto thee;
But the LORD shall be unto thee an
everlasting light,
And thy God thy glory.
²⁰Thy sun shall no more go down,
Neither shall thy moon withdraw
itself;
For the LORD shall be thine
everlasting light,
And the days of thy mourning shall
be ended.

²¹Thy people also shall be all
righteous,
They shall inherit the land for ever;
The branch of My planting, the
work of My hands,

ISAIAH

Wherein I glory.

²²The smallest shall become a
thousand,
And the least a mighty nation;
I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

61 The spirit of the Lord God is
upon me;
Because the LORD hath anointed me
To bring good tidings unto the
humble;
He hath sent me to bind up the
broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the eyes to them
that are bound;
²To proclaim the year of the LORD'S
good pleasure,
And the day of vengeance of our
God;
To comfort all that mourn;
³To appoint unto them that mourn in
Zion,
To give unto them a garland for
ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The mantle of praise for the spirit of
heaviness;
That they might be called terebinths
of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, wherein
He might glory.
⁴And they shall build the old wastes,
They shall raise up the former
desolations,
And they shall renew the waste
cities,
The desolations of many
generations.

⁵And strangers shall stand and feed
your flocks,
And aliens shall be your plowmen
and your vinedressers.
⁶But ye shall be named the priests of
the LORD,
Men shall call you the ministers of
our God;
Ye shall eat the wealth of the
nations,
And in their splendour shall ye
revel.
⁷For your shame which was double,
And for that they rejoiced:
'Confusion is their portion';
Therefore in their land they shall
possess double,
Everlasting joy shall be unto them.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery with iniquity;
And I will give them their
recompense in truth,
And I will make an everlasting
covenant with them.
⁹And their seed shall be known
among the nations,
And their offspring among the
peoples;
All that see them shall acknowledge
them,
That they are the seed which the
LORD hath blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He hath clothed me with the
garments of salvation,

ISAIAH

He hath covered me with the robe of
victory,
As a bridegroom putteth on a
priestly diadem,
And as a bride adorneth herself with
her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth bringeth forth her
growth,
And as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause victory
and glory
To spring forth before all the
nations.

62 For Zion's sake will I not
hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not
rest,
Until her triumph go forth as
brightness,
And her salvation as a torch that
burneth.
²And the nations shall see thy
triumph,
And all kings thy glory;
And thou shalt be called by a new
name,
Which the mouth of the Lord shall
mark out.
³Thou shalt also be a crown of
beauty in the hand of the Lord,
And a royal diadem in the open
hand of thy God.
⁴Thou shalt no more be termed
Forsaken,
Neither shall thy land any more be
termed Desolate;

But thou shalt be called, My delight
is in her,
And thy land, Espoused;
For the Lord delighteth in thee,
And thy land shall be espoused.
⁵For as a young man espouseth a
virgin,
So shall thy sons espouse thee;
And as the bridegroom rejoiceth
over the bride,
So shall thy God rejoice over thee.

⁶I have set watchmen
Upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,
They shall never hold their peace
Day nor night:
'Ye that are the Lord's
remembrancers,
Take ye no rest,
⁷And give Him no rest,
Till He establish,
And till He make Jerusalem
A praise in the earth.'
⁸The Lord hath sworn by His right
hand,
And by the arm of His strength:
Surely I will no more give thy corn
To be food for thine enemies;
And strangers shall not drink thy
wine,
For which thou hast laboured;
⁹But they that have garnered it shall
eat it,
And praise the Lord,
And they that have gathered it shall
drink it
In the courts of My sanctuary.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates,

ISAIAH

Clear ye the way of the people;
Cast up, cast up the highway,
Gather out the stones;
Lift up an ensign over the peoples.
¹¹Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed
Unto the end of the earth:
Say ye to the daughter of Zion:
'Behold, thy salvation cometh;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His recompense before Him.'
¹²And they shall call them The holy
people,
The redeemed of the LORD;
And thou shalt be called Sought out,
A city not forsaken.

63 'Who is this that cometh from
Edom,
With crimsoned garments from
Bozrah?
This that is glorious in his apparel,
Stately in the greatness of his
strength?'—
'I that speak in victory, mighty to
save.'—
²Wherefore is Thine apparel red,
And Thy garments like his that
treadeth in the winevat?'—
³I have trodden the winepress
alone,
And of the peoples there was no
man with Me;
Yea, I trod them in Mine anger,
And trampled them in My fury;
And their lifeblood is dashed against
My garments,
And I have stained all My raiment.
⁴For the day of vengeance that was
in My heart,

And My year of redemption are
come.
⁵And I looked, and there was none
to help,
And I beheld in astonishment, and
there was none to uphold;
Therefore Mine own arm brought
salvation unto Me,
And My fury, it upheld Me.
⁶And I trod down the peoples in
Mine anger,
And made them drunk with My
fury,
And I poured out their lifeblood on
the earth.'

⁷I will make mention of the mercies
of the LORD,
And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD hath
bestowed on us;
And the great goodness toward the
house of Israel,
Which He hath bestowed on them
according to His compassions,
And according to the multitude of
His mercies.
⁸For He said: 'Surely, they are My
people,
Children that will not deal falsely';
So He was their Saviour.
⁹In all their affliction He was
afflicted,
And the angel of His presence saved
them;
In His love and in His pity He
redeemed them;
And He bore them, and carried them
all the days of old.

ISAIAH

¹⁰But they rebelled, and grieved His
holy spirit;
Therefore He was turned to be their
enemy,
Himself fought against them.
¹¹Then His people remembered the
days of old, the days of Moses:
‘Where is He that brought them up
out of the sea
With the shepherds of His flock?
Where is He that put His holy spirit
In the midst of them?’
¹²That caused His glorious arm to go
at the right hand of Moses?
That divided the water before them,
To make Himself an everlasting
name?
¹³That led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
without stumbling?
¹⁴As the cattle that go down into the
valley,
The spirit of the LORD caused them
to rest;
So didst Thou lead Thy people,
To make Thyself a glorious name.’
¹⁵Look down from heaven, and see,
Even from Thy holy and glorious
habitation;
Where is Thy zeal and Thy mighty
acts,
The yearning of Thy heart and Thy
compassions,
Now restrained toward me?
¹⁶For Thou art our Father;
For Abraham knoweth us not,
And Israel doth not acknowledge us;
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,

Our Redeemer from everlasting is
Thy name.
¹⁷O LORD, why dost Thou make us to
err from Thy ways,
And hardenest our heart from Thy
fear?
Return for Thy servants’ sake,
The tribes of Thine inheritance.
¹⁸Thy holy people they have well
nigh driven out,
Our adversaries have trodden down
Thy sanctuary.
¹⁹We are become as they over whom
Thou never borest rule,
As they that were not called by Thy
name.

Oh, that Thou wouldest rend the
heavens, that Thou wouldest
come down,
That the mountains might quake at
Thy presence,

64 As when fire kindleth the
brush-wood,
And the fire causeth the waters to
boil;
To make Thy name known to Thine
adversaries,
That the nations might tremble at
Thy presence,
²When Thou didst tremendous
things
Which we looked not for—
Oh that Thou wouldest come down,
that the mountains might quake at
Thy presence!—
³And whereof from of old men have
not heard, nor perceived by the
ear,

ISAIAH

Neither hath the eye seen a God
beside Thee,
Who worketh for him that waiteth
for Him.

⁴Thou didst take away him that
joyfully worked righteousness,
Those that remembered Thee in Thy
ways—

Behold, Thou wast wroth, and we
sinned—

Upon them have we stayed of old,
that we might be saved.

⁵And we are all become as one that
is unclean,
And all our righteousnesses are as a
polluted garment;
And we all do fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away.

⁶And there is none that calleth upon
Thy name,
That stirreth up himself to take hold
of Thee;
For Thou hast hid Thy face from us,
And hast consumed us by means of
our iniquities.

⁷But now, O LORD, Thou art our
Father;
We are the clay, and Thou our
potter,
And we all are the work of Thy
hand.

⁸Be not wroth very sore, O LORD,
Neither remember iniquity for ever;
Behold, look, we beseech Thee, we
are all Thy people.

⁹Thy holy cities are become a
wilderness,

Zion is become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.

¹⁰Our holy and our beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised Thee,
Is burned with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid
waste.

¹¹Wilt Thou refrain Thyself for these
things, O LORD?
Wilt Thou hold Thy peace, and
afflict us very sore?

65 I gave access to them that
asked not for Me,
I was at hand to them that sought
Me not;
I said: 'Behold Me, behold Me',
Unto a nation that was not called
by My name.

²I have spread out My hands all the
day
Unto a rebellious people,
That walk in a way that is not good,
After their own thoughts;

³A people that provoke Me
To My face continually,
That sacrifice in gardens,
And burn incense upon bricks;

⁴That sit among the graves,
And lodge in the vaults;
That eat swine's flesh,
And broth of abominable things is in
their vessels;

⁵That say: 'Stand by thyself,
Come not near to me, for I am holier
than thou';

These are a smoke in My nose,
A fire that burneth all the day.

ISAIAH

⁶Behold, it is written before Me;
I will not keep silence, except I have
 requited,
Yea, I will requite into their bosom,
⁷Your own iniquities, and the
 iniquities of your fathers together,
Saith the LORD, that have offered
 upon the mountains,
And blasphemed Me upon the hills;
Therefore will I first measure their
 wage into their bosom.

⁸Thus saith the LORD:
As, when wine is found in the
 cluster,
One saith: 'Destroy it not,
For a blessing is in it';
So will I do for My servants' sakes,
That I may not destroy all.
⁹And I will bring forth a seed out of
 Jacob,
And out of Judah an inheritor of My
 mountains;
And Mine elect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell there.

¹⁰And Sharon shall be a fold of
 flocks,
And the valley of Achor a place for
 herds to lie down in,
For My people that have sought Me;
¹¹But ye that forsake the LORD,
That forget My holy mountain,
That prepare a table for Fortune,
And that offer mingled wine in full
 measure unto Destiny,
¹²I will destine you to the sword,
And ye shall all bow down to the
 slaughter;

Because when I called, ye did not
 answer,
Ehen I spoke, ye did not hear;
But ye did that which was evil in
 Mine eyes,
And chose that wherein I delighted
 not.

¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, My servants shall eat,
But ye shall be hungry;
Behold, My servants shall drink,
But ye shall be thirsty;
Behold, My servants shall rejoice,
But ye shall be ashamed;

¹⁴Behold, My servants shall sing
For joy of heart,
But ye shall cry for sorrow of heart,
And shall wail for vexation of spirit.

¹⁵And ye shall leave your name for a
 curse unto Mine elect:
'So may the Lord GOD slay thee';
But He shall call His servants by
 another name;

¹⁶So that he who blesseth himself in
 the earth
Shall bless himself by the God of
 truth;
And he that sweareth in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are
 forgotten,
And because they are hid from Mine
 eyes.

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens
And a new earth;
And the former things shall not be
 remembered,
Nor come into mind.

ISAIAH

¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever
In that which I create;
For, behold, I create Jerusalem a
rejoicing,
And her people a joy.

¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
And the voice of weeping shall be
no more heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.

²⁰There shall be no more thence an
infant of days, nor an old man,
That hath not filled his days;
For the youngest shall die a hundred
years old,
And the sinner being a hundred
years old shall be accursed.

²¹And they shall build houses, and
inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and
eat the fruit of them.

²²They shall not build, and another
inhabit,
They shall not plant, and another
eat;
For as the days of a tree shall be the
days of My people,
And Mine elect shall long enjoy the
work of their hands.

²³They shall not labour in vain,
Nor bring forth for terror;
For they are the seed blessed of the
LORD,
And their offspring with them.

²⁴And it shall come to pass that,
before they call, I will answer,
And while they are yet speaking, I
will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed
together,
And the lion shall eat straw like the
ox;
And dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all
My holy mountain,
Saith the LORD.

66 Thus saith the LORD:
The heaven is My throne,
And the earth is My footstool;
Where is the house that ye may
build unto Me?
And where is the place that may be
My resting-place?

²For all these things hath My hand
made,
And so all these things came to be,
Saith the LORD;

But on this man will I look,
Even on him that is poor and of a
contrite spirit,
And trembleth at My word.

³He that killeth an ox is as if he slew
a man;

He that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he
broke a dog's neck;

He that offereth a meal-offering, as
if he offered swine's blood;

He that maketh a memorial-offering
of frankincense, as if he blessed
an idol;

According as they have chosen their
own ways,

And their soul delighteth in their
abominations;

⁴Even so I will choose their
mockings,

ISAIAH

And will bring their fears upon
them;
Because when I called, none did
answer;
When I spoke, they did not hear,
But they did that which was evil in
Mine eyes,
And chose that in which I delighted
not.

⁵Hear the word of the LORD,
Ye that tremble at His word:
Your brethren that hate you, that
cast you out for My name's sake,
have said:

'Let the LORD be glorified,
That we may gaze upon your joy',
But they shall be ashamed.

⁶Hark! an uproar from the city,
Hark! it cometh from the temple,
Hark! the LORD rendereth
recompense to His enemies.

⁷Before she travailed, she brought
forth;

Before her pain came,
She was delivered of a man-child.

⁸Who hath heard such a thing?

Who hath seen such things?

Is a land born in one day?

Is a nation brought forth at once?

For as soon as Zion travailed,

She brought forth her children.

⁹Shall I bring to the birth, and not
cause to bring forth?

Saith the LORD;

Shall I that cause to bring forth shut
the womb?

Saith thy God.

¹⁰Rejoice ye with Jerusalem,
And be glad with her, all ye that
love her;

Rejoice for joy with her,
All ye that mourn for her;

¹¹That ye may suck, and be satisfied
With the breast of her consolations;
That ye may drink deeply with
delight

Of the abundance of her glory.

¹²For thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will extend peace to her
like a river.

And the wealth of the nations like
an overflowing stream,
And ye shall suck thereof:
Ye shall be borne upon the side,
And shall be dandled upon the
knees.

¹³As one whom his mother
comforteth,

So will I comfort you;
And ye shall be comforted in
Jerusalem.

¹⁴And when ye see this, your heart
shall rejoice,

And your bones shall flourish like
young grass;

And the hand of the LORD shall be
known toward His servants,

And He will have indignation
against His enemies.

¹⁵For, behold, the LORD will come in
fire,

And His chariots shall be like the
whirlwind;

To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.

ISAIAH

¹⁶For by fire will the LORD contend,
And by His sword with all flesh;
And the slain of the LORD shall be
many.

¹⁷They that sanctify themselves and
purify themselves
To go unto the gardens,
Behind one in the midst,
Eating swine's flesh, and the
detestable thing, and the mouse,
Shall be consumed together, saith
the LORD.

¹⁸For I [know] their works and their
thoughts; [the time] cometh, that I will
gather all nations and tongues; and
they shall come, and shall see My
glory. ¹⁹And I will work a sign among
them, and I will send such as escape of
them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul
and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal
and Javan, to the isles afar off, that
have not heard My fame, neither have
seen My glory; and they shall declare
My glory among the nations. ²⁰And
they shall bring all your brethren out
of all the nations for an offering unto
the LORD, upon horses, and in chariots,
and in fitters, and upon mules, and
upon swift beasts, to My holy

mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as
the children of Israel bring their
offering in a clean vessel into the
house of the LORD. ²¹And of them also
will I take for the priests and for the
Levites, saith the LORD. ²²For as the
new heavens and the new earth, which
I will make, shall remain before Me,
saith the LORD, so shall your seed and
your name remain.

²³And it shall come to pass,
That from one new moon to another,
And from one sabbath to another,
Shall all flesh come to worship
before Me,
Saith the LORD.

²⁴And they shall go forth, and look
Upon the carcasses of the men that
have rebelled against Me;
For their worm shall not die,
Neither shall their fire be quenched;
And they shall be an abhorring unto
all flesh.

And it shall come to pass,
That from one new moon to another,
And from one sabbath to another,
Shall all flesh come to worship before Me,
Saith the Lord.