

Isaiah

- 1:1** 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.
- 1:2** Hear, heavens, and listen, earth; for the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.
- 1:3** The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel doesn't know, my people don't consider."
- 1:4** Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD. They have despised the Holy One of Israel. They are estranged and backward.
- 1:5** Why should you be beaten more, that you revolt more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
- 1:6** From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it: wounds, welts, and open sores. They haven't been closed, neither bandaged, neither soothed with oil.
- 1:7** Your country is desolate. Your cities are burned with fire. Strangers devour your land in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
- 1:8** The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of melons, like a besieged city.
- 1:9** Unless the LORD of Armies had left to us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom; we would have been like Gomorrah.
- 1:10** Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
- 1:11** "What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?" says the LORD. "I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed animals. I don't delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats.
- 1:12** When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts?

- 1:13** Bring no more vain offerings. Incense is an abomination to me; new moons, Sabbaths, and convocations: I can't bear with evil assemblies.
- 1:14** My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.
- 1:15** When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.
- 1:16** Wash yourselves, make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes. Cease to do evil.
- 1:17** Learn to do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Judge the fatherless. Plead for the widow."
- 1:18** "Come now, and let us reason together," says 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.
- 1:19** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
- 1:20** but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it."
- 1:21** How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She was full of justice; righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.
- 1:22** Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water.
- 1:23** Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They don't judge the fatherless; neither does the cause of the widow come to them.
- 1:24** Therefore the Lord, the LORD of Armies, the Mighty One of Israel, says: "Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries, and avenge myself of my enemies;
- 1:25** and I will turn my hand on you, thoroughly purge away your dross, and will take away all your tin.
- 1:26** I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called 'The city of

righteousness, a faithful town.'

- 1:27** **Zion shall be redeemed with justice and her converts with righteousness.**
- 1:28** **But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.**
- 1:29** **For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.**
- 1:30** **For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.**
- 1:31** **The strong will be like tinder, and his work like a spark. They will both burn together, and no one will quench them."**

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- 2:1** **This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**
- 2:2** **It shall happen in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.**
- 2:3** **Many peoples shall go and say, "Come, let's 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 the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**
- 2:4** **He will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**
- 2:5** **House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.**
- 2:6** **For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, with those who practice divination like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners.**
- 2:7** **Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end**

of their chariots.

- 2:8** Their land also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.
- 2:9** Man is brought low, and mankind is humbled; therefore don't forgive them.
- 2:10** Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty.
- 2:11** The lofty looks of man will be brought low, the haughtiness of men will be bowed down, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
- 2:12** For there will be a day of the LORD of Armies for all that is proud and haughty, and for all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low:
- 2:13** For all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan,
- 2:14** For all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted up,
- 2:15** For every lofty tower, for every fortified wall,
- 2:16** For all the ships of Tarshish, and for all pleasant imagery.
- 2:17** 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.
- 2:18** The idols shall utterly pass away.
- 2:19** 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 arises to shake the earth mightily.
- 2:20** In that day, men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats;
- 2:21** To go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth mightily.
- 2:22** Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what

account is he?

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- 3:1** For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of Armies, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support, the whole supply of bread, and the whole supply of water;
- 3:2** the mighty man, the man of war, the judge, the prophet, the diviner, the elder,
- 3:3** the captain of fifty, the honorable man, the counselor, the skilled craftsman, and the clever enchanter.
- 3:4** I will give boys to be their princes, and children shall rule over them.
- 3:5** The people will be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbor. The child will behave himself proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable.
- 3:6** Indeed a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, "You have clothing, you be our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand."
- 3:7** In that day he will cry out, saying, "I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing. You shall not make me ruler of the people."
- 3:8** For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.
- 3:9** The look of their faces testify against them. They parade their sin like Sodom. They don't hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought disaster upon themselves.
- 3:10** Tell the righteous "Good!" For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.
- 3:11** Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them; for the deeds of his hands will be paid back to him.
- 3:12** As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.

- 3:13** The LORD stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples.
- 3:14** The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and their leaders: "It is you who have eaten up the vineyard. The spoil of the poor is in your houses.
- 3:15** What do you mean that you crush my people, and grind the face of the poor?" says the Lord, the LORD of Armies.
- 3:16** Moreover the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and flirting eyes, walking to trip as they go, jingling ornaments on their feet;
- 3:17** therefore the Lord brings sores on the crown of the head of the women of Zion, and the LORD will make their scalps bald."
- 3:18** In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces,
- 3:19** the earrings, the bracelets, the veils,
- 3:20** the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume bottles, the charms,
- 3:21** the signet rings, the nose rings,
- 3:22** the fine robes, the capes, the cloaks, the purses,
- 3:23** the hand mirrors, the fine linen garments, the tiaras, and the shawls.
- 3:24** It shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be rottenness; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well-set hair, baldness; instead of a robe, a wearing of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty.
- 3:25** Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war.
- 3:26** Her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be desolate and sit on the ground.

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- 4:1** Seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We

will eat our own bread, and wear our own clothing: only let us be called by your name. Take away our reproach."

4:2 In that day, the LORD's branch will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the beauty and glory of the survivors of Israel.

4:3 It will happen, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem;

4:4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning.

4:5 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 will be a canopy.

4:6 There will be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

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5:1 Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

5:2 He dug it up, gathered out its stones, planted it with the choicest vine, built a tower in its midst, and also cut out a winepress therein. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

5:3 "Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard.

5:4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?

5:5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up. I will break down its wall of it, and it will be trampled down.

5:6 I will lay it a wasteland. It won't be pruned nor hoed, but it will grow briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it."

- 5:7** For the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression; for righteousness, but, behold, a cry of distress.
- 5:8** Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, until there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!
- 5:9** In my ears, the LORD of Armies says: "Surely many houses will be desolate, even great and beautiful, unoccupied.
- 5:10** For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield an ephah."
- 5:11** Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them!
- 5:12** The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts; but they don't respect the work of the LORD, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.
- 5:13** Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge. Their honorable men are famished, and their multitudes are parched with thirst.
- 5:14** Therefore Sheol has enlarged its desire, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, their multitude, their pomp, and he who rejoices among them, descend into it.
- 5:15** So man is brought low, mankind is humbled, and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled;
- 5:16** but the LORD of Armies is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.
- 5:17** Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and strangers will eat the ruins of the rich.
- 5:18** Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and wickedness as with cart rope;
- 5:19** Who 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 near and come, that we may know it!"

- 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 5:21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
- 5:22** Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and champions at mixing strong drink;
- 5:23** who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent!
- 5:24** Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the law of the LORD of Armies, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 5:25** Therefore the LORD's anger burns against his people, and he has stretched out his hand against them, and has struck them. The mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.
- 5:26** He will lift up a banner to the nations from far, and he will whistle for them from the end of the earth. Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.
- 5:27** None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:
- 5:28** whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs will be like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind.
- 5:29** Their roaring will be like a lioness. They will roar like young lions. Yes, they shall roar, and seize their prey and carry it off, and there will be no one to deliver.
- 5:30** They will roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks to the land behold, darkness and distress. The light is darkened in its clouds.

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- 6:1** In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.
- 6:2** Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew.
- 6:3** One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!"
- 6:4** The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
- 6:5** Then I said, "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 my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"
- 6:6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.
- 6:7** He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."
- 6:8** I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"
- 6:9** He said, "Go, and tell this people, 'You hear indeed, but don't understand; and you see indeed, but don't perceive.'
- 6:10** Make the heart of this people fat. Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed."
- 6:11** Then I said, "Lord, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste,
- 6:12** and the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
- 6:13** If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remains when they are felled; so the holy seed is its stock."

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- 7:1** It happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.
- 7:2** It was told the house of David, saying, "Syria is allied with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind.
- 7:3** Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field.
- 7:4** Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.
- 7:5** Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying,
- 7:6** "Let's go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set up a king in its midst, even the son of Tabeel."
- 7:7** This is what the LORD says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen."
- 7:8** For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people;
- 7:9** and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established."
- 7:10** The LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,
- 7:11** "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above."
- 7:12** But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD."
- 7:13** He said, "Listen now, house of David. Is it not enough for you to try

the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God also?

- 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- 7:15** He shall eat butter and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
- 7:16** For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken
- 7:17** The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.
- 7:18** It will happen in that day that the LORD will whistle 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.
- 7:19** They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures.
- 7:20** In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.
- 7:21** It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep;
- 7:22** and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter and honey that is left in the midst of the land.
- 7:23** It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver shekels, shall be for briers and thorns.
- 7:24** People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns
- 7:25** All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep."

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- 8:1** The LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz;'
- 8:2** and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."
- 8:3** I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.'
- 8:4** For before the child knows how to say, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria."
- 8:5** The LORD spoke to me yet again, saying,
- 8:6** "Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;
- 8:7** now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks.
- 8:8** It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel.
- 8:9** Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Listen, all you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress for battle, and be shattered!
- 8:10** Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for God is with us."
- 8:11** For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,
- 8:12** "Don't say, 'A conspiracy!' concerning all about which this people say, 'A conspiracy!' neither fear their threats, nor be terrorized.
- 8:13** The LORD of Armies is who you must respect as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread.
- 8:14** He will be a sanctuary, but for both houses of Israel, he will be a trap

and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

- 8:15** Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, be snared, and be captured."
- 8:16** Wrap up the testimony. Seal the law among my disciples.
- 8:17** I will wait for the LORD, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
- 8:18** Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of Armies, who dwells in Mount Zion.
- 8:19** When they tell you, "Consult with those who have familiar spirits and with the wizards, who chirp and who mutter:" shouldn't a people consult with their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?
- 8:20** Turn to the law and to the testimony! If they don't speak according to this word, surely there is no morning for them.
- 8:21** They will pass through it, very distressed and hungry; and it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, and curse by their king and by their God. They will turn their faces upward,
- 8:22** and look to the earth, and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

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- 9:1** But there shall be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
- 9:2** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light Those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined.
- 9:3** You have multiplied the nation. You have increased their joy. They rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

- 9:4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as in the day of Midian.**
- 9:5 For all the armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the garments rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.**
- 9:6 For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on the throne of David, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will perform this.**
- 9:8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it falls on Israel.**
- 9:9 All the people will know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart,**
- 9:10 "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with cut stone. The sycamore fig trees have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place."**
- 9:11 Therefore the LORD will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies,**
- 9:12 The Syrians in front, and the Philistines behind; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.**
- 9:13 Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought the LORD of Armies.**
- 9:14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.**
- 9:15 The elder and the honorable man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail.**
- 9:16 For those who lead this people lead them astray; and those who are led by them are destroyed.**
- 9:17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, neither will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is**

profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

- 9:18 For wickedness burns like a fire. It devours the briers and thorns; yes, it kindles in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke.
- 9:19 Through the wrath of the LORD of Armies, the land is burnt up; and the people are the fuel for the fire. No one spares his brother.
- 9:20 One will devour on the right hand, and be hungry; and he will eat on the left hand, and they will not be satisfied. Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm:
- 9:21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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- 10:1 Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who write oppressive decrees;
- 10:2 to deprive the needy from justice, and to rob the poor among my people of their rights, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!
- 10:3 What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth?
- 10:4 They will only bow down under the prisoners, and will fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.
- 10:5 Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation!
- 10:6 I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me will I give him a command to take the spoil and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
- 10:7 However he doesn't mean so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations.

- 10:8** For he says, "Aren't all of my princes kings?
- 10:9** Isn't Calno like Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like Damascus?"
- 10:10** As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
- 10:11** shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?
- 10:12** Therefore it will happen that, when the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his haughty looks.
- 10:13** For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers.
- 10:14** My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped."
- 10:15** Should an axe brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood.
- 10:16** Therefore the Lord, the LORD of Armies, will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire.
- 10:17** The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.
- 10:18** He will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints.
- 10:19** The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.
- 10:20** It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those

who have escaped from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

- 10:21** A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.
- 10:22** For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.
- 10:23** For the Lord, the LORD of Armies, will make a full end, and that determined, in the midst of all the earth.
- 10:24** Therefore the Lord, the LORD of Armies, says "My people who dwell in Zion, don't be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did.
- 10:25** For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his destruction."
- 10:26** The LORD of Armies will stir up a scourge against him, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Egypt.
- 10:27** It will happen in that day, that his burden will depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil.
- 10:28** He has come to Aiath. He has passed through Migron. At Michmash he stores his baggage.
- 10:29** They have gone over the pass. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah trembles. Gibeah of Saul has fled.
- 10:30** Cry aloud with your voice, daughter of Gallim! Listen, Laishah! You poor Anathoth!
- 10:31** Madmenah is a fugitive. The inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety.
- 10:32** This very day he will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.
- 10:33** Behold, the Lord, the LORD of Armies, will lop the boughs with terror. The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low.

10:34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

Isaiah

- 11:1** A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit.
- 11:2** The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- 11:3** His delight will be in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by the sight of his eyes, neither decide by the hearing of his ears;
- 11:4** but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.
- 11:5** Righteousness will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his waist.
- 11:6** The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; The calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together; and a little child will lead them.
- 11:7** The cow and the bear will graze. Their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 11:8** The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.
- 11:9** They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- 11:10** It will happen in that day that the nations will seek the root of Jesse, who stands as a banner of the peoples; and his resting place will be glorious.
- 11:11** It will happen in that day that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

- 11:12** He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
- 11:13** The envy also of Ephraim will depart, and those who persecute Judah will be cut off. Ephraim won't envy Judah, and Judah won't persecute Ephraim.
- 11:14** They will fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines on the west. Together they will plunder the children of the east. They will extend their power over Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon will obey them.
- 11:15** The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the River, and will split it into seven streams, and cause men to march over in sandals.
- 11:16** There will be a highway for the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah

- 12:1** In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, LORD; for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you comfort me.
- 12:2** Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD, is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation."
- 12:3** Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation.
- 12:4** In that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim that his name is exalted!
- 12:5** Sing to the LORD, for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth!
- 12:6** Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for the Holy One of Israel is great in the midst of you!"

Isaiah

- 13:1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:**
- 13:2 Set up a banner on the bare mountain! Lift up your voice to them!
Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.**
- 13:3 I have commanded my consecrated ones; yes, I have called my
mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones.**
- 13:4 The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the
noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together!
The LORD of Armies is mustering the army for the battle.**
- 13:5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven,
even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the
whole land.**
- 13:6 Wail; for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction
from the Almighty.**
- 13:7 Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone's heart will melt.**
- 13:8 They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will
be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at
another. Their faces will be faces of flame.**
- 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce
anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out
of it.**
- 13:10 For the stars of the sky and its constellations will not give their light.
The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not
cause its light to shine.**
- 13:11 I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity.
I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the
haughtiness of the terrible.**
- 13:12 I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the
pure gold of Ophir.**
- 13:13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be
shaken out of its place in the wrath of the LORD of Armies, and in the**

day of his fierce anger.

- 13:14** It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land.
- 13:15** Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- 13:16** Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped.
- 13:17** Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in it.
- 13:18** Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children.
- 13:19** Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 13:20** It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there.
- 13:21** But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there.
- 13:22** Wolves will cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

Isaiah

- 14:1** For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob.
- 14:2** The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in the LORD's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.
- 14:3** It will happen in the day that the LORD will give you rest from your

- sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve,
- 14:4** that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The golden city has ceased!"
- 14:5** The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers,
- 14:6** who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained.
- 14:7** The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out song.
- 14:8** Yes, the fir trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us."
- 14:9** Sheol from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- 14:10** They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?"
- 14:11** Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.
- 14:12** How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low!
- 14:13** You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north!
- 14:14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!"
- 14:15** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.
- 14:16** Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms;

- 14:17** who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who didn't release his prisoners to their home?"
- 14:18** All the kings of the nations, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house.
- 14:19** But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot.
- 14:20** You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The seed of evildoers will not be named forever.
- 14:21** Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities.
- 14:22** "I will rise up against them," says the LORD of Armies, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says the LORD.
- 14:23** "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of Armies.
- 14:24** The LORD of Armies has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:
- 14:25** that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders.
- 14:26** This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
- 14:27** For the LORD of Armies has planned, and who can stop it? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?"
- 14:28** This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died.
- 14:29** Don't rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent.

- 14:30** The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed.
- 14:31** Howl, gate! Cry, city! You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks.
- 14:32** What will they answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

Isaiah

- 15:1** The burden of Moab: for in a night, Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing.
- 15:2** They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. Baldness is on all of their heads. Every beard is cut off.
- 15:3** In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth. In their streets and on their housetops, everyone wails, weeping abundantly.
- 15:4** Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them.
- 15:5** My heart cries out for Moab! Her nobles flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for in the way of Horonaim, they raise up a cry of destruction.
- 15:6** For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing.
- 15:7** Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the brook of the willows.
- 15:8** For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer Elim.
- 15:9** For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

Isaiah

- 16:1** Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.
- 16:2** For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon.
- 16:3** Give counsel! Execute justice! Make your shade like the night in the midst of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't betray the fugitive!
- 16:4** Let my outcasts dwell with you! As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortioner is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land.
- 16:5** A throne will be established in loving kindness. One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness.
- 16:6** We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are nothing.
- 16:7** Therefore Moab will wail for Moab. Everyone will wail. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken.
- 16:8** For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad. They passed over the sea.
- 16:9** Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle shout has fallen.
- 16:10** Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop.
- 16:11** Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir Heres.
- 16:12** It will happen that when Moab presents himself, when he wearies

himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail.

16:13 This is the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in time past.

16:14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as a worker bound by contract would count them, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

Isaiah

17:1 The burden of Damascus: "Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.

17:2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

17:3 The fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," says the LORD of Armies.

17:4 "It will happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

17:5 It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleanes grain in the valley of Rephaim.

17:6 Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree," says the LORD, the God of Israel.

17:7 In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

17:8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the incense altars.

17:9 In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation.

- 17:10** For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings.
- 17:11** In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
- 17:12** Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!
- 17:13** The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm.
- 17:14** At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah

- 18:1** Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;
- 18:2** that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!"
- 18:3** All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the trumpet is blown, listen!
- 18:4** For the LORD said to me, "I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
- 18:5** For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

- 18:6** They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them.
- 18:7** In that time, a present will be brought to the LORD of Armies from a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of Armies, Mount Zion.

Isaiah

- 19:1** The burden of Egypt: "Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.
- 19:2** I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.
- 19:3** The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards.
- 19:4** I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord, the LORD of Armies.
- 19:5** The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry.
- 19:6** The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away.
- 19:7** The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
- 19:8** The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish.
- 19:9** Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded.
- 19:10** The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will

be grieved in soul.

- 19:11** The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?"
- 19:12** Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what the LORD of Armies has purposed concerning Egypt.
- 19:13** The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes.
- 19:14** The LORD has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
- 19:15** Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do.
- 19:16** In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of Armies, which he shakes over them.
- 19:17** The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of the LORD of Armies, which he determines against it.
- 19:18** In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of Armies. One will be called "The city of destruction."
- 19:19** In that day, there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border.
- 19:20** It will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of Armies in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.
- 19:21** The LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to the LORD, and will perform it.
- 19:22** The LORD will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to

the LORD, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.

19:23 In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

19:24 In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;

19:25 because the LORD of Armies has blessed them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

Isaiah

20:1 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it;

20:2 at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your shoes from off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot.

20:3 The LORD said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia,

20:4 so the king of Assyria will 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.

20:5 They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

20:6 The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?'"

Isaiah

21:1 The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land.

- 21:2** A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack! I have stopped all of Media's sighing.
- 21:3** Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I so am dismayed that I can't see.
- 21:4** My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me.
- 21:5** They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield!
- 21:6** For the Lord said to me, "Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees
- 21:7** When he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great attentiveness."
- 21:8** He cried like a lion: "Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at my post.
- 21:9** Behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the engraved images of her gods are broken to the ground.
- 21:10** You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor!" That which I have heard from the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.
- 21:11** The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"
- 21:12** The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again."
- 21:13** The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites.
- 21:14** They brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread.
- 21:15** For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle.

- 21:16** For the Lord said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail,
- 21:17** and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken it."

Isaiah

- 22:1** The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops?
- 22:2** You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle.
- 22:3** All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away.
- 22:4** Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 22:5** For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, the LORD of Armies, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains."
- 22:6** Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield.
- 22:7** It happened that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate.
- 22:8** He took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest.
- 22:9** You saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool
- 22:10** You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall.
- 22:11** You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago.

- 22:12** In that day, the Lord, the LORD of Armies, called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to dressing in sackcloth:
- 22:13** and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die."
- 22:14** The LORD of Armies revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says the Lord, the LORD of Armies.
- 22:15** Thus says the Lord, the LORD of Armies, "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say,
- 22:16** 'What are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?' Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!"
- 22:17** Behold, the LORD will overcome you and hurl you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly.
- 22:18** He will surely wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a large country. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be, you shame of your lord's house.
- 22:19** I will thrust you from your office. You will be pulled down from your station.
- 22:20** It will happen in that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,
- 22:21** and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your belt. I will commit your government into his hand; and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
- 22:22** I will lay the key of the house of David on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open.
- 22:23** I will fasten him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father's house
- 22:24** They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the pitchers.

22:25 "In that day," says the LORD of Armies, "the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken it."

Isaiah

23:1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, you 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.

23:2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

23:3 On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the market of nations

23:4 Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins."

23:5 When the report comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre.

23:6 Pass over to Tarshish! Wail, you inhabitants of the coast!

23:7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far away to travel?

23:8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth?

23:9 The LORD of Armies has planned it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

23:10 Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no restraint any more.

23:11 He has stretched out his hand over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. The LORD has ordered the destruction of Canaan's strongholds.

- 23:12** He said, "You shall rejoice no more, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. Even there you will have no rest."
- 23:13** Behold, the land of the Chaldeans. This people was not. The Assyrians founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness. They set up their towers. They overthrew its palaces. They made it a ruin.
- 23:14** Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid waste!
- 23:15** It will come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. After the end of seventy years it will be to Tyre like in the song of the prostitute.
- 23:16** Take a harp; go about the city, you prostitute that has been forgotten. Make sweet melody. Sing many songs, that you may be remembered.
- 23:17** It will happen after the end of seventy years that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her wages, and will play the prostitute with all the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth.
- 23:18** Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to the LORD. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

Isaiah

- 24:1** Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty, makes it waste, turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants.
- 24:2** It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest.
- 24:3** The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; for the LORD has spoken this word.
- 24:4** The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. The lofty people of the earth languish.
- 24:5** The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have

transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant

- 24:6** Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell therein are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.
- 24:7** The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh.
- 24:8** The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases.
- 24:9** They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.
- 24:10** The confused city is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in.
- 24:11** There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone.
- 24:12** The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck with destruction.
- 24:13** For it will be so in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.
- 24:14** These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of the LORD. They cry aloud from the sea.
- 24:15** Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, even the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea!
- 24:16** From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs. Glory to the righteous! But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! woe is me!" The treacherous have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.
- 24:17** Fear, the pit, and the snare, are on you who inhabitant the earth.
- 24:18** It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble.

- 24:19** The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The earth is shaken violently.
- 24:20** The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again.
- 24:21** It shall happen in that day that the LORD will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth.
- 24:22** They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited.
- 24:23** Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of Armies will reign on Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders will be glory.

Isaiah

- 25:1** LORD, you are my God. I will exalt you! I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth.
- 25:2** For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city. It will never be built.
- 25:3** Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you.
- 25:4** For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall.
- 25:5** As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low.
- 25:6** In this mountain, the LORD of Armies will make all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well refined choice wines.
- 25:7** He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

- 25:8** He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for the LORD has spoken it.
- 25:9** It shall be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God! We have waited for him, and he will save us! This is the LORD! We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"
- 25:10** For in this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest. Moab will be trodden down in his place, even like straw is trodden down in the water of the dunghill.
- 25:11** He will spread out his hands in its midst, like one who swims spreads out hands to swim, but his pride will be humbled together with the craft of his hands.
- 25:12** He has brought the high fortress of your walls down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

Isaiah

- 26:1** In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city. God appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks.
- 26:2** Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter: the one which keeps faith.
- 26:3** You will keep who ever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in you.
- 26:4** Trust in the LORD forever; for in the LORD, is an everlasting Rock.
- 26:5** For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city. He lays it low. He lays it low even to the ground. He brings it even to the dust.
- 26:6** The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy."
- 26:7** The way of the just is uprightness. You who are upright make the path of the righteous level.
- 26:8** Yes, in the way of your judgments, LORD, have we waited for you.

Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul.

- 26:9** With my soul have I desired you in the night. Yes, with my spirit within me will I seek you earnestly; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
- 26:10** Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not see the LORD's majesty.
- 26:11** LORD, your hand is lifted up, yet they don't see; but they will see your zeal for the people, and be disappointed. Yes, fire will consume your adversaries.
- 26:12** LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have also worked all our works for us.
- 26:13** LORD our God, other lords besides you have had dominion over us, but by you only will we make mention of your name.
- 26:14** The dead shall not live. The deceased shall not rise. Therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish.
- 26:15** You have increased the nation, O LORD. You have increased the nation! You are glorified! You have enlarged all the borders of the land.
- 26:16** LORD, in trouble they have visited you. They poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them.
- 26:17** Like as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in her pangs; so we have been before you, LORD.
- 26:18** We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, it seems, only to wind. We have not worked any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
- 26:19** Your dead shall live. My dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth will cast forth the dead.
- 26:20** Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation is past.

26:21 For, behold, the LORD comes forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

Isaiah

27:1 In that day, the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent; and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea.

27:2 In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant vineyard!

27:3 I, the LORD, am its keeper. I will water it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it night and day.

27:4 Wrath is not in me, but if I should find briers and thorns, I would do battle! I would march on them and I would burn them together.

27:5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me. Let him make peace with me."

27:6 In days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and bud. They will fill the surface of the world with fruit.

27:7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or are they killed like those who killed them were killed?

27:8 In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them. He has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

27:9 Therefore, by this the iniquity of Jacob will be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in pieces, so that the Asherim and the incense altars shall rise no more.

27:10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. The calf will feed there, and there he will lie down, and consume its branches

27:11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women will come and set them on fire, for they are a people of no understanding. Therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will show them no

favor.

- 27:12** It will happen in that day, that the LORD will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, children of Israel.
- 27:13** It will happen in that day that a great trumpet will be blown; and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt, shall come; and they will worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Isaiah

- 28:1** 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 fertile valley of those who are overcome with wine!
- 28:2** Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one. Like a storm of hail, a destroying storm, and like a storm of mighty waters overflowing, he will cast them down to the earth with his hand.
- 28:3** The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden under foot.
- 28:4** The fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, shall be like the first-ripe fig before the summer; which someone picks and eats as soon as he sees it.
- 28:5** In that day, the LORD of Armies will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people;
- 28:6** and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.
- 28:7** They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment
- 28:8** For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness.
- 28:9** Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts?

- 28:10** For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little.
- 28:11** But he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and in another language;
- 28:12** to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear.
- 28:13** Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken.
- 28:14** Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem:
- 28:15** "Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.'"
- 28:16** Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not act hastily.
- 28:17** I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place.
- 28:18** Your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.
- 28:19** As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to understand the message."
- 28:20** For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in.
- 28:21** For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim. He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act.

- 28:22** Now therefore don't be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord, the LORD of Armies, on the whole earth.
- 28:23** Give ear, and hear my voice! Listen, and hear my speech!
- 28:24** Does he who plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep turning the soil and breaking the clods?
- 28:25** When he has leveled its surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and scatter the cumin seed, and put in the wheat in rows, the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in its place?
- 28:26** For his God instructs him in right judgment, and teaches him.
- 28:27** For the dill are not threshed with a sharp instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod.
- 28:28** Bread flour must be ground; so he will not always be threshing it. Although he drives the wheel of his threshing cart over it, his horses don't grind it.
- 28:29** This also comes forth from the LORD of Armies, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

Isaiah

- 29:1** Woe to Ariel! Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add year to year; let the feasts come around;
- 29:2** then I will distress Ariel, and there will be mourning and lamentation. She shall be to me as an altar hearth.
- 29:3** I will encamp against you all around you, and will lay siege against you with posted troops. I will raise siege works against you.
- 29:4** You will be brought down, and will speak out of the ground. Your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech will whisper out of the dust.
- 29:5** But the multitude of your foes will be like fine dust, and the multitude

of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly.

- 29:6** She will be visited by the LORD of Armies with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire.
- 29:7** The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night.
- 29:8** It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that.
- 29:9** Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
- 29:10** For the LORD has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers.
- 29:11** All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed:"
- 29:12** and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't read."
- 29:13** The Lord said, "Because this people draws near with their mouth and with their lips to honor me, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught;
- 29:14** therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will be hidden."
- 29:15** Woe to those who deeply hide their counsel from the LORD, and whose works are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" and "Who knows us?"

- 29:16** You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, "He didn't make me;" or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding?"
- 29:17** Isn't it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest?
- 29:18** In that day, the deaf will hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness.
- 29:19** The humble also will increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
- 29:20** For the ruthless is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who are alert to do evil are cut off--
- 29:21** who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and lay a snare for the arbiter in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony.
- 29:22** Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no longer be ashamed, neither shall his face grow pale.
- 29:23** But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they will sanctify my name. Yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.
- 29:24** They also who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction."

Isaiah

- 30:1** "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin,
- 30:2** who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt!
- 30:3** Therefore the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

- 30:4** For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes.
- 30:5** They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach."
- 30:6** The burden of the animals of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people.
- 30:7** For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her Rahab who sits still.
- 30:8** Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever.
- 30:9** For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD;
- 30:10** who tell the seers, "Don't see!" and to the prophets, "Don't prophesy to us right things. Tell us pleasant things. Prophecy deceits.
- 30:11** Get out of the way. Turn aside from the path. Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."
- 30:12** Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it;
- 30:13** therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant.
- 30:14** He will break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing, so that there won't be found among the broken piece a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern."
- 30:15** For thus said the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, "You will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence." You refused,

- 30:16** but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore those who pursue you will be swift.
- 30:17** One thousand will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill.
- 30:18** Therefore the LORD will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him.
- 30:19** For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you.
- 30:20** Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden anymore, but your eyes will see your teachers;
- 30:21** and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way. Walk in it."
- 30:22** You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, "Go away!"
- 30:23** He will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will feed in large pastures.
- 30:24** The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.
- 30:25** There shall be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
- 30:26** Moreover the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they were struck with.

- 30:27** Behold, the name of the LORD comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire.
- 30:28** His breath is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the peoples.
- 30:29** You will have a song, as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to the LORD's mountain, to Israel's Rock
- 30:30** The LORD will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones.
- 30:31** For through the voice of the LORD, the Assyrian will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod.
- 30:32** Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which the LORD will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons.
- 30:33** For his burning place has long been ready. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made its pyre deep and large with fire and much wood. The LORD's breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

Isaiah

- 31:1** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they don't look to the Holy One of Israel, and they don't seek the LORD!
- 31:2** Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster, and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity.
- 31:3** Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together.
- 31:4** For thus says the LORD to me, "As the lion and the young lion

growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds is called together against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for their noise, so the LORD of Armies will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its heights.

- 31:5 As birds hovering, so the LORD of Armies will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it. He will pass over and preserve it."
- 31:6 Return to him from whom you have deeply revolted, children of Israel.
- 31:7 For in that day everyone shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold; sin which your own hands have made for you.
- 31:8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will become subject to forced labor.
- 31:9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror, and his princes will be afraid of the banner," says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

Isaiah

- 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice.
- 32:2 A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the storm, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a large rock in a weary land.
- 32:3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen.
- 32:4 The heart of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.
- 32:5 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the scoundrel be highly respected.
- 32:6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice profanity, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

- 32:7** The ways of the scoundrel are evil. He devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words, even when the needy speaks right.
- 32:8** But the noble devises noble things; and he will continue in noble things.
- 32:9** Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear my voice! You careless daughters, give ear to my speech!
- 32:10** For days beyond a year you will be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail. The harvest won't come.
- 32:11** Tremble, you women who are at ease! Be troubled, you careless ones! Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked, and put sackcloth on your waist.
- 32:12** Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.
- 32:13** Thorns and briars will come up on my people's land; yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city.
- 32:14** For the palace will be forsaken. The populous city will be deserted. The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;
- 32:15** Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered a forest.
- 32:16** Then justice will dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field.
- 32:17** The work of righteousness will be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.
- 32:18** My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
- 32:19** Though hail flattens the forest, and the city is leveled completely.
- 32:20** Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey.

Isaiah

- 33:1** Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed; and who betray, but nobody betrayed you! When you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you have made an end of betrayal, you will be betrayed.
- 33:2** LORD, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.
- 33:3** At the noise of the thunder, the peoples have fled. When you lift yourself up, the nations are scattered.
- 33:4** Your spoil will be gathered as the caterpillar gathers. Men will leap on it as locusts leap.
- 33:5** The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high. He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.
- 33:6** There will be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the LORD is your treasure.
- 33:7** Behold, their valiant ones cry outside; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
- 33:8** The highways are desolate. The traveling man ceases. The covenant is broken. He has despised the cities. He doesn't respect man.
- 33:9** The land mourns and languishes. Lebanon is confounded and withers away. Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.
- 33:10** "Now I will arise," says the LORD; "Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted.
- 33:11** You will conceive chaff. You will bring forth stubble. Your breath is a fire that will devour you.
- 33:12** The peoples will be like the burning of lime, like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire.
- 33:13** Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and, you who are near, acknowledge my might."

- 33:14** The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling has seized the godless ones. Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting burning?
- 33:15** He who walks righteously, and speaks blamelessly; He who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing to take a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil;
- 33:16** he will dwell on high. His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks. His bread will be supplied. His waters will be sure.
- 33:17** Your eyes will see the king in his beauty. They will see a distant land.
- 33:18** Your heart will meditate on the terror. Where is he who counted? Where is he who weighed? Where is he who counted the towers?
- 33:19** You will no longer see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that you can't comprehend, with a strange language that you can't understand.
- 33:20** Look at Zion, the city of our appointed festivals. Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tent that won't be removed. Its stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken.
- 33:21** But there the LORD will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will go, neither will any gallant ship pass by there.
- 33:22** For the LORD is our judge. The LORD is our lawgiver. The LORD is our king. He will save us.
- 33:23** Your rigging is untied. They couldn't strengthen the foot of their mast. They couldn't spread the sail. Then the prey of a great spoil was divided. The lame took the prey.
- 33:24** The inhabitant won't say, "I am sick." The people who dwell therein will be forgiven their iniquity.

Isaiah

- 34:1** Come near, you nations, to hear! Listen, you peoples. Let the earth and all it contains hear; the world, and everything that comes from it.

- 34:2** For the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and angry with all their armies. He has utterly destroyed them. He has given them over for slaughter.
- 34:3** Their slain will also be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies will come up; and the mountains will melt in their blood.
- 34:4** All of the army of the sky will be dissolved. The sky will be rolled up like a scroll, and all its armies will fade away, as a leaf fades from off a vine or a fig tree.
- 34:5** For my sword has drunk its fill in the sky. Behold, it will come down on Edom, and on the people of my curse, for judgment.
- 34:6** The LORD's sword is filled with blood. It is covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
- 34:7** The wild oxen will come down with them, and the young bulls with the mighty bulls; and their land will be drunken with blood, and their dust made greasy with fat.
- 34:8** For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.
- 34:9** Its streams will be turned into pitch, its dust into sulfur, and its land will become burning pitch.
- 34:10** It won't be quenched night nor day. Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation, it will lie waste. No one will pass through it forever and ever.
- 34:11** But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it. The owl and the raven will dwell in it. He will stretch the line of confusion over it, and the plumb line of emptiness.
- 34:12** They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all its princes shall be nothing.
- 34:13** Thorns will come up in its palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it will be a habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches.
- 34:14** The wild animals of the desert will meet with the wolves, and the wild

goat will cry to his fellow. Yes, the night creature shall settle there, and shall find herself a place of rest.

34:15 The arrow snake will make her nest there, and lay, hatch, and gather under her shade. Yes, the kites will be gathered there, everyone with her mate.

34:16 Search in the book of the LORD, and read: not one of these will be missing. none will lack her mate. For my mouth has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them.

34:17 He has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever. From generation to generation they will dwell in it.

Isaiah

35:1 The wilderness and the dry land will be glad. The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.

35:2 It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. Lebanon's glory will be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the LORD's glory, the excellence of our God.

35:3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

35:4 Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong. Don't be afraid. Behold, your God will come with vengeance, God's retribution. He will come and save you.

35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

35:6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing; for waters will break out in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. Grass with reeds and rushes will be in the habitation of jackals, where they lay.

35:8 A highway will be there, a road, and it will be called The Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it will be for those who walk in

the Way. Wicked fools will not go there.

35:9 No lion will be there, nor will any ravenous animal go up on it. They will not be found there; but the redeemed will walk there.

35:10 The LORD's ransomed ones will return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

Isaiah

36:1 Now it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all of the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them.

36:2 The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool in the fuller's field highway.

36:3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him.

36:4 Rabshakeh said to them, "Now tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust?

36:5 I say that your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words. Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me?

36:6 Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which if a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

36:7 But if you tell me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?'"

36:8 Now therefore, please make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

36:9 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of

my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

- 36:10 Have I come up now without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"
- 36:11 Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and don't speak to us in the Jews' language in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."
- 36:12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you, to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"
- 36:13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!
- 36:14 Thus says the king, 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you.
- 36:15 Don't let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us. This city won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'"
- 36:16 Don't listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and each of you eat from his vine, and each one from his fig tree, and each one of you drink the waters of his own cistern;
- 36:17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.
- 36:18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Have any of the gods of the nations delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria?
- 36:19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?
- 36:20 Who 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?"

- 36:21** But they remained silent, and said nothing in reply, for the king's commandment was, "Don't answer him."
- 36:22** Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah

- 37:1** It happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the LORD's house.
- 37:2** He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.
- 37:3** They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.
- 37:4** It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'"
- 37:5** So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
- 37:6** Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
- 37:7** Behold, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"
- 37:8** So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish
- 37:9** He heard news concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

- 37:10** "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."
- 37:11** Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered?
- 37:12** Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar?
- 37:13** Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?"
- 37:14** Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the LORD's house, and spread it before the LORD.
- 37:15** Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying,
- 37:16** "LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.
- 37:17** Turn your ear, LORD, and hear. Open your eyes, LORD, and behold. Hear all of the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God.
- 37:18** Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the countries and their land,
- 37:19** and 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.
- 37:20** Now therefore, LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the LORD, even you only."
- 37:21** Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,
- 37:22** this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him. The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The

daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you

- 37:23** Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.
- 37:24** By your servants, have you defied the Lord, and have said, "With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice fir trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field.
- 37:25** I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt."
- 37:26** Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps.
- 37:27** Therefore their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, and like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops, and like a field before its crop has grown.
- 37:28** But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me
- 37:29** Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into my ears, therefore will I put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.
- 37:30** This shall be the sign to you. You will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same; and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.
- 37:31** The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
- 37:32** For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go forth, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will perform this.'
- 37:33** Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He

will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it.

37:34 By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city,' says the LORD.

37:35 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.'"

37:36 The angel of the LORD went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went away, returned to Nineveh, and stayed there.

37:38 It happened, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.

Isaiah

38:1 In those days was Hezekiah sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you will die, and not live.'"

38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,

38:3 and said, "Remember now, LORD, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly.

38:4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

38:5 "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.

38:6 I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.

38:7 This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has spoken.

- 38:8** Behold, I will cause the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down on the sundial of Ahaz with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down."""
- 38:9** The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered of his sickness.
- 38:10** I said, "In the middle of my life I go into the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the residue of my years."
- 38:11** I said, "I won't see the LORD, in the land of the living. I will see man no more with the inhabitants of the world.
- 38:12** My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me like a shepherd's tent. I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life. He will cut me off from the loom. From day even to night you will make an end of me.
- 38:13** I waited patiently until morning. He breaks all my bones like a lion. From day even to night you will make an end of me.
- 38:14** I chattered like a swallow or a crane. I moaned like a dove. My eyes weaken looking upward. Lord, I am oppressed. Be my security."
- 38:15** What will I say? He has both spoken to me, and himself has done it. I will walk carefully all my years because of the anguish of my soul.
- 38:16** Lord, men live by these things; and my spirit finds life in all of them: you restore me, and cause me to live.
- 38:17** Behold, for peace I had great anguish, but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for you have cast all my sins behind your back.
- 38:18** For Sheol can't praise you. Death can't celebrate you. Those who go down into the pit can't hope for your truth.
- 38:19** The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do this day. The father shall make known your truth to the children.
- 38:20** The LORD will save me. Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

38:21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover."

38:22 Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I will go up to the house of the LORD?"

Isaiah

39:1 At that time, Merodach Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.

39:2 Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them

39:3 Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and asked him, "What did these men say? Where did they come from to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a country far from me, even from Babylon."

39:4 Then he asked, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

39:5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of Armies:

39:6 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says the LORD.

39:7 'They will take away your sons who will issue from you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon's palace.'"

39:8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The LORD's word which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "For there will be peace and truth in my days."

Isaiah

- 40:1 "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.**
- 40:2 "Speak comfortably to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins."**
- 40:3 The voice of one who calls out, "Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God.**
- 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain.**
- 40:5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it."**
- 40:6 The voice of one saying, "Cry!" One said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field.**
- 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because the LORD's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass.**
- 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever."**
- 40:9 You who tell good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who tell good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength. Lift it up. Don't be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold, your God!"**
- 40:10 Behold, the LORD will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him. Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.**
- 40:11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. He will gently lead those who have their young.**
- 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked off the sky with his span, and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?**
- 40:13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or has taught him as his counselor?**

- 40:14** Who did he take counsel with, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?
- 40:15** Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on a balance. Behold, he lifts up the islands like a very little thing.
- 40:16** Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering.
- 40:17** All the nations are like nothing before him. They are regarded by him as less than nothing, and vanity.
- 40:18** To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to him?
- 40:19** A workman has cast an image, and the goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts silver chains for it.
- 40:20** He who is too impoverished for such an offering chooses a tree that will not rot. He seeks a skillful workman to set up an engraved image for him that will not be moved.
- 40:21** Haven't you known? Haven't you heard, yet? Haven't you been told from the beginning? Haven't you understood from the foundations of the earth?
- 40:22** It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;
- 40:23** who brings princes to nothing; who makes the judges of the earth like meaningless.
- 40:24** They are planted scarcely. They are sown scarcely. Their stock has scarcely taken root in the ground. He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble.
- 40:25** "To whom then will you liken me? Who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
- 40:26** Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these, who brings out their army by number. He calls them all by name. by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, Not one

is lacking.

- 40:27** Why do you say, Jacob, and speak, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?"
- 40:28** Haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't faint. He isn't weary. His understanding is unsearchable.
- 40:29** He gives power to the weak. He increases the strength of him who has no might.
- 40:30** Even the youths faint and get weary, and the young men utterly fall;
- 40:31** But those who wait for the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint.

Isaiah

- 41:1** "Keep silent before me, islands, and let the peoples renew their strength. Let them come near, then let them speak. Let's meet together for judgment.
- 41:2** Who has raised up one from the east? Who called him to his foot in righteousness? He hands over nations to him, and makes him rule over kings. He gives them like the dust to his sword, like the driven stubble to his bow.
- 41:3** He pursues them, and passes by safely, eEven by a way that he had not gone with his feet.
- 41:4** Who has worked and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last, I am he."
- 41:5** The islands have seen, and fear. The ends of the earth tremble. They approach, and come.
- 41:6** Everyone helps his neighbor. They say to their brothers, "Be strong!"
- 41:7** So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith. He who smoothes with the hammer encourages him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good;" and he fastens it with nails, that it might not

totter.

- 41:8** "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend,
- 41:9** You whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called from its corners, and said to you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you away;'
- 41:10** Don't you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.
- 41:11** Behold, all those who are incensed against you will be disappointed and confounded. Those who strive with you will be like nothing, and shall perish.
- 41:12** You will seek them, and won't find them, even those who contend with you. Those who war against you will be as nothing, as a non-existent thing.
- 41:13** For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Don't be afraid. I will help you.'
- 41:14** Don't be afraid, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel. I will help you," says the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- 41:15** Behold, I have made you into a new sharp threshing instrument with teeth. You will thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and will make the hills like chaff.
- 41:16** You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind will scatter them. You will rejoice in the LORD. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 41:17** The poor and needy seek water, and there is none. Their tongue fails for thirst. I, the LORD, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
- 41:18** I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
- 41:19** I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle, and oil trees in the wilderness. I will set fir trees, pine, and box trees together in the desert;

- 41:20** that they may see, know, consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- 41:21** Produce your cause," says the LORD. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the King of Jacob.
- 41:22** "Let them announce, and declare to us what shall happen. Declare the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come.
- 41:23** Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and see it together.
- 41:24** Behold, you are of nothing, and your work is of nothing. He who chooses you is an abomination.
- 41:25** "I have raised up one from the north, and he has come; from the rising of the sun, one who calls on my name; and he shall come on rulers as on mortar, and as the potter treads clay.
- 41:26** Who has declared it from the beginning, that we may know? And before, that we may say, 'He is right?' Surely, there is no one who declares. Surely, there is no one who shows. Surely, there is no one who hears your words.
- 41:27** I am the first to say to Zion, 'Behold, look at them;' and I will give one who brings good news to Jerusalem.
- 41:28** When I look, there is no man; even among them there is no counselor who, when I ask of them, can answer a word.
- 41:29** Behold, all of them, their works are vanity and nothing. Their molten images are wind and confusion.

Isaiah

- 42:1** "Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit on him. He will bring justice to the nations.
- 42:2** He will not shout, nor raise his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the

street.

- 42:3** He won't break a bruised reed. He won't quench a dimly burning wick. He will faithfully bring justice.
- 42:4** He will not fail nor be discouraged, until he has set justice in the earth, and the islands will wait for his law."
- 42:5** Thus says God the LORD, he who created the heavens and stretched them out, he who spread out the earth and that which comes out of it, he who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk in it.
- 42:6** "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and make you a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;
- 42:7** to open the blind eyes, to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison.
- 42:8** "I am the LORD. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images.
- 42:9** Behold, the former things have happened, and I declare new things. I tell you about them before they come up."
- 42:10** Sing to the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the islands and their inhabitants.
- 42:11** Let the wilderness and its cities raise their voices, with the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains!
- 42:12** Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.
- 42:13** The LORD will go out like a mighty man. He will stir up zeal like a man of war. He will raise a war cry. Yes, he will shout aloud. He will triumph over his enemies.
- 42:14** "I have been silent a long time. I have been quiet and restrained myself. Now I will cry out like a travailing woman. I will both gasp and pant.

- 42:15** I will destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools.
- 42:16** I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know. I will lead them in paths that they don't know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them.
- 42:17** "Those who trust in engraved images, who tell molten images, 'You are our gods' will be turned back. They will be utterly disappointed.
- 42:18** "Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see.
- 42:19** Who is blind, but my servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as blind as the LORD's servant?
- 42:20** You see many things, but don't observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't listen.
- 42:21** It pleased the LORD, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify the law, and make it honorable.
- 42:22** But this is a robbed and plundered people. All of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prisons. They have become a prey, and no one delivers; and a spoil, and no one says, 'Restore them!'
- 42:23** Who is there among you who will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?
- 42:24** Who gave Jacob as plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Didn't the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in his ways, and they disobeyed his law.
- 42:25** Therefore he poured the fierceness of his anger on him, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire all around, but he didn't know; and it burned him, but he didn't take it to heart."

Isaiah

- 43:1** But now thus says the LORD who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel: "Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine.

- 43:2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, and flame will not scorch you.
- 43:3** For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.
- 43:4** Since you have been precious and honored in my sight, and I have loved you; therefore I will give people in your place, and nations instead of your life.
- 43:5** Don't be afraid; for I am with you. I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west.
- 43:6** I will tell the north, 'Give them up!' and tell the south, 'Don't hold them back! Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
- 43:7** everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made."
- 43:8** Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears.
- 43:9** Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, "That is true."
- 43:10** "You are my witnesses," says the LORD, "With my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no God formed, neither will there be after me.
- 43:11** I myself am the LORD; and besides me there is no savior.
- 43:12** I have declared, I have saved, and I have shown; and there was no strange god among you. Therefore you are my witnesses," says the LORD, "and I am God.
- 43:13** Yes, since the day was I am he; and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand. I will work, and who can hinder it?"
- 43:14** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For

your sake, I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring all of them down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing.

- 43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."**
- 43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;**
- 43:17 who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched like a wick):**
- 43:18 "Don't remember the former things, and don't consider the things of old.**
- 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing. It springs forth now. Don't you know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**
- 43:20 The animals of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen,**
- 43:21 the people which I formed for myself, that they might set forth my praise.**
- 43:22 Yet you have not called on me, Jacob; but you have been weary of me, Israel.**
- 43:23 You have not brought me of your sheep for burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, nor wearied you with frankincense.**
- 43:24 You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins. You have wearied me with your iniquities.**
- 43:25 I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.**
- 43:26 Put me in remembrance. Let us plead together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified.**
- 43:27 Your first father sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.**

43:28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; and I will make Jacob a curse, and Israel an insult."

Isaiah

44:1 Yet listen now, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen.

44:2 This is what the LORD who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you says: "Don't be afraid, Jacob my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my Spirit on your seed, and my blessing on your offspring:

44:4 and they will spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses.

44:5 One will say, 'I am the LORD's;' and another will be called by the name of Jacob; and another will write with his hand 'to the LORD,' and honor the name of Israel."

44:6 This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says: "I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God.

44:7 Who is like me? Who will call, and will declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? Let them declare the things that are coming, and that will happen.

44:8 Don't fear, neither be afraid. Haven't I declared it to you long ago, and shown it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? Indeed, there is not. I don't know any other Rock."

44:9 Everyone who makes an engraved image is vain. The things that they delight in will not profit. Their own witnesses don't see, nor know, that they may be disappointed.

44:10 Who has fashioned a god, or molds an image that is profitable for nothing?

44:11 Behold, all his fellows will be disappointed; and the workmen are mere men. Let them all be gathered together. Let them stand up. They will fear. They will be put to shame together.

- 44:12** The blacksmith takes an axe, works in the coals, fashions it with hammers, and works it with his strong arm. He is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water, and is faint.
- 44:13** The carpenter stretches out a line. He marks it out with a pencil. He shapes it with planes. He marks it out with compasses, and shapes it like the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to reside in a house.
- 44:14** He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak, and strengthens for himself one among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir tree, and the rain nourishes it.
- 44:15** Then it will be for a man to burn; and he takes some of it, and warms himself. Yes, he burns it, and bakes bread. Yes, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes it an engraved image, and falls down to it.
- 44:16** He burns part of it in the fire. With part of it, he eats meat. He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. Yes, he warms himself, and says, "Aha! I am warm. I have seen the fire."
- 44:17** The rest of it he makes into a god, even his engraved image. He bows down to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, "Deliver me; for you are my god!"
- 44:18** They don't know, neither do they consider: for he has shut their eyes, that they can't see; and their hearts, that they can't understand.
- 44:19** No one thinks, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, "I have burned part of it in the fire. Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals. I have roasted meat and eaten it. Shall I make the rest of it into an abomination? Shall I bow down to a tree trunk?"
- 44:20** He feeds on ashes. A deceived heart has turned him aside; and he can't deliver his soul, nor say, "Isn't there a lie in my right hand?"
- 44:21** Remember these things, Jacob and Israel; for you are my servant. I have formed you. You are my servant. Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
- 44:22** I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.
- 44:23** Sing, you heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower

parts of the earth! Break out into singing, you mountains, O forest, all of your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel.

- 44:24** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things; who alone stretches out the heavens; who spreads out the earth by myself;
- 44:25** who frustrates the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;
- 44:26** who confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be inhabited;' and of the cities of Judah, 'They will be built,' and 'I will raise up its waste places;'
- 44:27** who says to the deep, 'Be dry,' and 'I will dry up your rivers;'
- 44:28** Who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure,' even saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be built;' and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

Isaiah

- 45:1** Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and strip kings of their armor; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut:
- 45:2** "I will go before you, and make the rough places smooth. I will break the doors of brass in pieces, and cut apart the bars of iron.
- 45:3** I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, who call you by your name, even the God of Israel.
- 45:4** For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name. I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.
- 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is none else. Besides me, there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not known me;
- 45:6** that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no one

else.

- 45:7** I form the light, and create darkness. I make peace, and create calamity. I am the LORD, who does all these things.
- 45:8** Distil, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, that it may bring forth salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it.
- 45:9** Woe to him who strives with his Maker -- a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth! Shall the clay ask him who fashions it, 'What are you making?' or your work, 'He has no hands?'
- 45:10** Woe to him who says to a father, 'What have you become the father of?' or to a mother, 'To what have you given birth?'"
- 45:11** Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "You ask me about the things that are to come, concerning my sons, and you command me concerning the work of my hands!
- 45:12** I have made the earth, and created man on it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and I have commanded all their army.
- 45:13** I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways. He shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward," says the LORD of Armies.
- 45:14** Thus says the LORD: "The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours. They will go after you. They shall come over in chains; and they will bow down to you. They will make supplication to you: 'Surely God is in you; and there is none else. There is no other god.
- 45:15** Most certainly you are a God who has hidden yourself, God of Israel, the Savior."
- 45:16** They will be disappointed, yes, confounded, all of them. Those who are makers of idols will go into confusion together.
- 45:17** Israel will be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation. You will not be disappointed nor confounded to ages everlasting.
- 45:18** For thus says the LORD who created the heavens, the God who

formed the earth and made it, who established it and didn't create it a waste, who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD; and there is no other.

- 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness. I didn't say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak righteousness. I declare things that are right."
- 45:20 "Assemble yourselves and come. Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. Those have no knowledge who carry the wood of their engraved image, and pray to a god that can't save.
- 45:21 Declare and present it. Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has shown this from ancient time? Who has declared it of old? Haven't I, the LORD? There is no other God besides me, a just God and a Savior; There is no one besides me."
- 45:22 "Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.
- 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and will not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.
- 45:24 They will say of me, 'There is righteousness and strength only in the LORD.'" Even to him shall men come; and all those who were incensed against him shall be disappointed
- 45:25 in the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah

- 46:1 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are on the animals, and on the livestock: the things that you carried about are made a load, a burden to the weary.
- 46:2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves have gone into captivity.
- 46:3 "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, that have been borne from their birth, that have been carried from the womb;

- 46:4 and even to old age I am he, and even to gray hairs will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry, and will deliver.
- 46:5 "To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?
- 46:6 Some pour out gold from the bag, and weigh silver in the balance. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god. They fall down--yes, they worship.
- 46:7 They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands, from its place it shall not move: yes, one may cry to it, yet it cannot answer, nor save him out of his trouble.
- 46:8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, you transgressors.
- 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me;
- 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure';
- 46:11 calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it.
- 46:12 Listen to me, you stout-hearted, who are far from righteousness:
- 46:13 I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not wait; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory."

Isaiah

- 47:1 "Come down, and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate.
- 47:2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove your veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers.
- 47:3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen: I

will take vengeance, and will spare no man."

- 47:4** Our Redeemer, the LORD of Armies is his name, the Holy One of Israel.
- 47:5** "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms.
- 47:6** I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you showed them no mercy; on the aged you have very heavily laid your yoke.
- 47:7** You said, 'I shall be a mistress forever;' so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it."
- 47:8** "Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:'
- 47:9** but these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come on you, in the multitude of your sorceries, and the great abundance of your enchantments.
- 47:10** For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me'; your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you, and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is none else besides me'.
- 47:11** Therefore evil will come on you; you won't know when it dawns: and mischief will fall on you; you will not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come on you suddenly, which you don't know."
- 47:12** "Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth; if so be you shall be able to profit, if so be you may prevail.
- 47:13** You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels: let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from the things that shall come on you.
- 47:14** Behold, 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.

47:15 Thus shall the things be to you in which you have labored: those who have trafficked with you from your youth shall wander everyone to his quarter; there shall be none to save you."

Isaiah

48:1 "Hear this, house of Jacob, you who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth out of the waters 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

48:2 (for they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; the LORD of Armies is his name):

48:3 I have declared the former things from of old; yes, they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them: suddenly I did them, and they happened.

48:4 Because I knew that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow brass;

48:5 therefore I have declared it to you from of old; before it came to pass I showed it to you; lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, and my engraved image, and my molten image, has commanded them.'

48:6 You have heard it; see all this; and you, will you not declare it? I have shown you new things from this time, even hidden things, which you have not known.

48:7 They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day you didn't hear them; lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

48:8 Yes, you didn't hear; yes, you didn't know; yes, from of old your ear was not opened: for I knew that you dealt very treacherously, and was called a transgressor from the womb.

48:9 For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I refrain for you, that I not cut you off.

48:10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

48:11 For my own sake, for my own sake, will I do it; for how should my

name be profaned? I will not give my glory to another."

48:12 "Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

48:13 Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spread out the heavens: when I call to them, they stand up together.

48:14 Assemble yourselves, all you, and hear; who among them has declared these things? He whom the LORD loves shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

48:15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous".

48:16 "Come near to me and hear this: From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I. Now the LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go.

48:18 Oh that you had listened to my commandments! then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea:

48:19 your seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of your body like its grains: his name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.

48:20 Go forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say, the LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob'.

48:21 They didn't thirst when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he split the rock also, and the waters gushed out."

48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Isaiah

- 49:1** Listen, islands, to me; and listen, you peoples, from far: the LORD has called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother has he made mention of my name:
- 49:2** and he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand, he has hidden me: and he has made me a polished shaft; in his quiver has he kept me close:
- 49:3** and he said to me, "You are my servant; Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- 49:4** But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to me is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."
- 49:5** Now says the LORD who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, and that Israel be gathered to him (for I am honorable in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength);
- 49:6** yes, he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth."
- 49:7** Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall worship; because of the LORD who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."
- 49:8** Thus says the LORD, "In an acceptable time have I answered you, and in a day of salvation have I helped you; and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritage:
- 49:9** saying to those who are bound, 'Come out!'; to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' "They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their pasture.
- 49:10** They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them, even by springs of water he will guide them.
- 49:11** I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be

exalted.

- 49:12** Behold, these shall come from far; and behold, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim."
- 49:13** Sing, heavens; and be joyful, earth; and break forth into singing, mountains: for the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.
- 49:14** But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me."
- 49:15** "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you!
- 49:16** Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.
- 49:17** Your children make haste; your destroyers and those who made you waste shall go forth from you.
- 49:18** Lift up your eyes all around, and see: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live," says the LORD, "you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and dress yourself with them, like a bride.
- 49:19** "For, as for your waste and your desolate places, and your land that has been destroyed, surely now you shall be too small for the inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up shall be far away.
- 49:20** The children of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too small for me; give place to me that I may dwell.
- 49:21** Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has conceived these for me, since I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering back and forth? Who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?'"
- 49:22** Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.
- 49:23** Kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing

mothers: they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the LORD; and those who wait for me shall not be disappointed."

49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives be delivered?

49:25 But thus says the LORD, "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.

49:26 I will feed those who oppress you 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 your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Isaiah

50:1 Thus says the LORD, "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were you sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away.

50:2 Why, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst.

50:3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering."

50:4 The LORD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with words him who is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

50:5 The LORD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward.

50:6 I gave my back to the strikers, and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I didn't hide my face from shame and spitting.

- 50:7** For the LORD will help me; therefore I have not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be disappointed.
- 50:8** He is near who justifies me; who will bring charges against me? Let us stand up together: who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
- 50:9** Behold, the LORD will help me; who is he who shall condemn me? Behold, all they shall wax old as a garment, the moth shall eat them up.
- 50:10** Who is among you who fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of his servant? He who walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of the LORD, and rely on his God.
- 50:11** Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who adorn yourselves with torches around yourselves; walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled. You shall have this of my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

Isaiah

- 51:1** "Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock you were cut from, and to the hold of the pit you were dug from.
- 51:2** Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many.
- 51:3** For the LORD has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places, and has 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.
- 51:4** "Attend to me, my people; and give ear to me, my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples.
- 51:5** My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the peoples; the islands shall wait for me, and on my arm shall they trust.
- 51:6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath; for

the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment; and those who dwell therein shall die in the same way: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

- 51:7 "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; don't fear the reproach of men, neither be dismayed at their insults.
- 51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations."
- 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Isn't it you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the monster?
- 51:10 Isn't it you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?
- 51:11 The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be on their heads. They shall obtain gladness and joy. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- 51:12 "I, even I, am he who comforts you: who are you, that you are afraid of man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass;
- 51:13 and have forgotten the LORD your Maker, who stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fear continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?
- 51:14 The captive exile shall speedily be freed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, neither shall his bread fail.
- 51:15 For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar: the LORD of Armies is his name.
- 51:16 I have put my words in your mouth, and have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and tell Zion, 'You are my people.'"
- 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, Jerusalem, that have drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath; you have drunken the bowl of the cup

of staggering, and drained it.

- 51:18** There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; neither is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons who she has brought up.
- 51:19** These two things have happened to you. Who will bemoan you? Desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword; how shall I comfort you?
- 51:20** Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of the LORD, the rebuke of your God.
- 51:21** Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:
- 51:22** Thus says your LORD, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath; you shall no more drink it again:
- 51:23** and I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul, 'Bow down, that we may walk over you;' and you have laid your back as the ground, and as the street, to those who walk over."

Isaiah

- 52:1** Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- 52:2** Shake yourself from the dust! Arise, sit up, Jerusalem! Release yourself from the bonds of your neck, captive daughter of Zion!
- 52:3** For thus says the LORD, "You were sold for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money."
- 52:4** For thus says the LORD, "My people went down at the first into Egypt to live there: and the Assyrian has oppressed them without cause.
- 52:5** "Now therefore, what do I do here," says the LORD, "seeing that my

people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them mock," says the LORD, "and my name continually all the day is blasphemed.

- 52:6** Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks; behold, it is I."
- 52:7** How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- 52:8** The voice of your watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD returns to Zion.
- 52:9** Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 52:10** The LORD has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 52:11** Depart, depart, go out from there, touch no unclean thing! Go out of the midst of her! Cleanse yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.
- 52:12** For you shall not go out in haste, neither shall you go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
- 52:13** Behold, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
- 52:14** Like as many were astonished at you (his appearance was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men),
- 52:15** so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they understand.

Isaiah

- 53:1** Who has believed our message? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 53:2** For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry

ground. He has no good looks or majesty. When we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

- 53:3** He was despised, and rejected by men; a man of suffering, and acquainted with disease. He was despised as one from whom men hide their face; and we didn't respect him.
- 53:4** Surely he has borne our sickness, and carried our suffering; yet we considered him plagued, struck by God, and afflicted.
- 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed.
- 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray. Everyone has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 53:7** He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he didn't open his mouth. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he didn't open his mouth.
- 53:8** He was taken away by oppression and judgment; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living and stricken for the disobedience of my people?
- 53:9** They made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- 53:10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him. He has caused him to suffer. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed. He shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- 53:11** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light and be satisfied. My righteous servant will justify many by the knowledge of himself; and he will bear their iniquities.
- 53:12** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah

- 54:1** "Sing, barren, you who didn't bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife," says the LORD.
- 54:2** "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; don't spare: lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.
- 54:3** For you shall spread out on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
- 54:4** "Don't be afraid; for you shall not be ashamed: neither be confounded; for you shall not be disappointed: for you shall forget the shame of your youth; and the reproach of your widowhood you shall remember no more.
- 54:5** For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of Armies is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- 54:6** For the LORD has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off," says your God.
- 54:7** "For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you.
- 54:8** In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting loving kindness will I have mercy on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.
- 54:9** "For this is like the waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.
- 54:10** For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my loving kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD who has mercy on you.
- 54:11** "You afflicted, tossed with storms, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in beautiful colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.
- 54:12** I will make your pinnacles of rubies, and your gates of sparkling

jewels, and all your walls of precious stones.

54:13 All your children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of your children.

54:14 In righteousness you shall be established: you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not be afraid; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

54:15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by me: whoever shall gather together against you shall fall because of you.

54:16 Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals, and brings forth a weapon for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

54:17 No weapon that is formed against you will prevail; and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness which is of me," says the LORD.

Isaiah

55:1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters! Come, he who has no money, buy, and eat! Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

55:2 Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which doesn't satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat you that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

55:3 Turn your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples.

55:5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you don't know; and a nation that didn't know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you."

55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call you on him while he is near:

- 55:7** let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."
- 55:8** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the LORD.
- 55:9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 55:10** For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
- 55:11** so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing I sent it to do.
- 55:12** For you 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 fields shall clap their hands.
- 55:13** Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree; and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Isaiah

- 56:1** Thus says the LORD, "Keep justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
- 56:2** Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast; who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."
- 56:3** Neither let the foreigner, who has 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."
- 56:4** For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant:
- 56:5** to them I will give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a

name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

- 56:6** Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and holds fast my covenant;
- 56:7** even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
- 56:8** The LORD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet will I gather others to him, besides his own who are gathered."
- 56:9** All you animals of the field, come to devour, all you animals in the forest.
- 56:10** His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they can't bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.
- 56:11** Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds who can't understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter.
- 56:12** "Come," say they, "I will get wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, great beyond measure."

Isaiah

- 57:1** The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil.
- 57:2** He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one who walks in his uprightness.
- 57:3** "But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the prostitute.
- 57:4** Against whom do you sport yourselves? Against whom do you make a wide mouth, and stick out your tongue? Aren't you children

of disobedience, a seed of falsehood,

57:5 you who inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; who kill the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?

57:6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they are your lot; you have even poured a drink offering to them. You have offered an offering. Shall I be appeased for these things?

57:7 On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed; there also you went up to offer sacrifice.

57:8 Behind the doors and the posts you have set up your memorial: for you have uncovered to someone besides me, and have gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made you a covenant with them: you loved their bed where you saw it.

57:9 You went to the king with oil, and increased your perfumes, and sent your ambassadors far off, and debased yourself even to Sheol.

57:10 You were wearied with the length of your way; yet you didn't say, 'It is in vain.' You found a reviving of your strength; therefore you weren't faint.

57:11 "Of whom have you been afraid and in fear, that you lie, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? Haven't I held my peace even of long time, and you don't fear me?

57:12 I will declare your righteousness; and as for your works, they shall not profit you.

57:13 When you cry, let those who you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain."

57:14 He will say, "Cast up, cast up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people."

57:15 For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

57:16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always angry; for the

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

- 57:17** For the iniquity of his covetousness was I angry, and struck him; I hid myself and was angry; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.
- 57:18** I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners.
- 57:19** I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to him who is near," says the LORD; "and I will heal them."
- 57:20** But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can't rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.
- 57:21** "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Isaiah

- 58:1** "Cry aloud, don't spare, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and declare to my people their disobedience, and to the house of Jacob their sins.
- 58:2** Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: as a nation that did righteousness, and didn't forsake the ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.
- 58:3** 'Why have we fasted,' say they, 'and you don't see? Why have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge?' "Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact all your labors.
- 58:4** Behold, you fast for strife and contention, and to strike with the fist of wickedness: you don't fast this day so as to make your voice to be heard on high.
- 58:5** Is 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 rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?"
- 58:6** "Isn't this the fast that I have chosen: to release the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?

- 58:7** Isn't it to distribute your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast out to your house? When you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you not hide yourself from your own flesh?
- 58:8** Then your light shall break forth as the morning, and your healing shall spring forth speedily; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- 58:9** Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedly;
- 58:10** and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then your light shall rise in darkness, and your obscurity be as the noonday;
- 58:11** and the LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make strong your bones; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters don't fail.
- 58:12** Those who shall be of you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called 'The repairer of the breach', 'The restorer of paths to dwell in'.
- 58:13** If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy of the LORD honorable; and shall honor it, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words:
- 58:14** then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will make you to ride on the high places of the earth; and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father:" for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.

Isaiah

- 59:1** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; neither his ear heavy, that it can't hear:
- 59:2** but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

- 59:3** For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.
- 59:4** None sues in righteousness, and none pleads in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
- 59:5** They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he who eats of their eggs dies; and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper.
- 59:6** Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.
- 59:7** Their 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.
- 59:8** The way of peace they don't know; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes therein does not know peace.
- 59:9** Therefore is justice far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity.
- 59:10** We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as those who have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among those who are lusty we are as dead men.
- 59:11** We roar all like bears, and moan bitterly like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.
- 59:12** For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them:
- 59:13** transgressing and denying the LORD, and turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
- 59:14** Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness can't enter.
- 59:15** Yes, truth is lacking; and he who departs from evil makes himself a

prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

- 59:16** He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it upheld him.
- 59:17** He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle.
- 59:18** According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.
- 59:19** So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come as a rushing stream, which the breath of the LORD drives.
- 59:20** "A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from disobedience in Jacob," says the LORD.
- 59:21** "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit who is on you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed," says the LORD, "from henceforth and forever."

Isaiah

- 60:1** "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is risen on you.
- 60:2** For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you.
- 60:3** Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- 60:4** Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.

- 60:5** Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 60:6** The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.
- 60:7** All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar; and I will glorify the house of my glory.
- 60:8** "Who are these who fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
- 60:9** Surely the islands shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you."
- 60:10** "Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you: for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor have I had mercy on you.
- 60:11** Your gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive.
- 60:12** For that nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted.
- 60:13** "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
- 60:14** The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you 'The city of the LORD', 'The Zion of the Holy One of Israel'.
- 60:15** Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.
- 60:16** You shall also drink the milk of the nations, and shall nurse from

royal breasts; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

- 60:17** For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron. I will also make your officers peace, and righteousness your ruler.
- 60:18** Violence shall no more be heard in your land, desolation nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.
- 60:19** The sun shall be no more your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light to you: but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.
- 60:20** Your sun shall no more go down, neither shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.
- 60:21** Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
- 60:22** The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

Isaiah

- 61:1** The Spirit of the LORD is on me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the humble. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to those who are bound;
- 61:2** to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
- 61:3** to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
- 61:4** They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

- 61:5** Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
- 61:6** But you shall be named the priests of the LORD; men will call you the ministers of our God: you will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their glory.
- 61:7** Instead of your shame you shall have double; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be to them.
- 61:8** "For 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.
- 61:9** Their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed."
- 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 61:11** For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah

- 62:1** For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns.
- 62:2** The nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
- 62:3** You shall also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 62:4** You shall no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall your land any more be termed Desolate: but you shall be called Hephzibah, and

your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

- 62:5** For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons shall marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you.
- 62:6** I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: you who call on the LORD, take no rest,
- 62:7** and give him no rest, until he establishes, and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 62:8** The LORD has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, "Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and foreigners shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored:
- 62:9** but those who have garnered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and those who have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."
- 62:10** Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way of the people! Cast up, cast up the highway! Gather out the stones! Lift up a banner for the peoples.
- 62:11** Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.'"
- 62:12** They shall call them 'The holy people', 'The redeemed of the LORD': and you shall be called 'Sought Out', 'A city not forsaken'".

Isaiah

- 63:1** Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? Who is glorious in his clothing, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."
- 63:2** Why are you red in your clothing, and your garments like him who treads in the wine vat?
- 63:3** "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yes, I trod them in my anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled on my garments, and I have

stained all my clothing.

- 63:4** For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come.
- 63:5** I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my wrath, it upheld me.
- 63:6** I trod down the peoples in my anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."
- 63:7** I will make mention of the loving kindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.
- 63:8** For he said, "Surely, they are my people, children who will not deal falsely:" so he was their Savior.
- 63:9** In 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.
- 63:10** But they rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he himself fought against them.
- 63:11** Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put his holy Spirit in their midst?
- 63:12** Who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? Who divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name?
- 63:13** Who led them through the depths, as a horse in the wilderness, so that they didn't stumble?
- 63:14** As the livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused them to rest; so you led your people, to make yourself a glorious name.
- 63:15** Look down from heaven, and see from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where are your zeal and your mighty

acts? The yearning of your heart and your compassion is restrained toward me.

- 63:16 For you are our Father, though Abraham doesn't know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us: you, the LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name.
- 63:17 O LORD, why do you make us to err from your ways, and harden our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.
- 63:18 Your holy people possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary.
- 63:19 We have become as they over whom you never bear rule, as those who were not called by your name.

Isaiah

- 64:1 Oh that you would tear the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence,
- 64:2 as when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the waters to boil; to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence!
- 64:3 When you did awesome things which we didn't look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- 64:4 For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen a God besides you, who works for him who waits for him.
- 64:5 You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned. We have been in sin for a long time; and shall we be saved?
- 64:6 For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- 64:7 There is none who calls on your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities.

- 64:8** But now, LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we all are the work of your hand.
- 64:9** Don't be furious, LORD, neither remember iniquity forever: see, look, we beg you, we are all your people.
- 64:10** Your holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
- 64:11** Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid waste.
- 64:12** Will you refrain yourself for these things, LORD? Will you hold your peace, and afflict us very severely?

Isaiah

- 65:1** "I am inquired of by those who didn't ask; I am found by those who didn't seek me: I said, See me, see me, to a nation that was not called by my name.
- 65:2** I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;
- 65:3** a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense on bricks;
- 65:4** who sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;
- 65:5** who say, 'Stand by yourself, don't come near to me, for I am holier than you'. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.
- 65:6** Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yes, I will recompense into their bosom,
- 65:7** your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together," says the LORD, "who have burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed me on the hills; therefore will I first measure their work into their bosom."
- 65:8** Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and

one says, 'Don't destroy it, for a blessing is in it:' so will I do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.

- 65:9** I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.
- 65:10** Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people who have sought me."
- 65:11** "But you who forsake the LORD, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who fill up mixed wine to Destiny;
- 65:12** I will destine you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you didn't answer; when I spoke, you didn't listen; but you did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I didn't delight."
- 65:13** Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be disappointed;
- 65:14** behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for anguish of spirit.
- 65:15** You shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen; and the LORD will kill you; and he will call his servants by another name:
- 65:16** so that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes."
- 65:17** "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
- 65:18** But be you glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
- 65:19** I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying.
- 65:20** "There shall be no more there an infant of days, nor an old man who has not filled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old,

and the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

- 65:21** They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.
- 65:22** They 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 my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 65:23** They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.
- 65:24** It shall happen that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- 65:25** The 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," says the LORD.

Isaiah

- 66:1** Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what kind of house will you build to me? And what place shall be my rest?
- 66:2** For all these things has my hand made, and so all these things came to be," says the LORD: "but to this man will I look, even to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word.
- 66:3** He who kills an ox is as he who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks a dog's neck; he who offers an offering, as he who offers pig's blood; he who burns frankincense, as he who blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations:
- 66:4** I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears on them; because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they didn't listen; but they did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I didn't delight."
- 66:5** Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, who cast you out for my name's sake, have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy;' but it is those who shall be disappointed.

- 66:6** A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that renders recompense to his enemies.
- 66:7** "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she delivered a son.
- 66:8** Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.
- 66:9** Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?" says the LORD: "shall I who cause to bring forth shut the womb?" says your God.
- 66:10** "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn over her;
- 66:11** that you may nurse and be satisfied at the comforting breasts; that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory."
- 66:12** For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you will nurse. You will be carried on her side, and will be dandled on her knees.
- 66:13** As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem."
- 66:14** You will see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies.
- 66:15** For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
- 66:16** For by fire will the LORD execute judgment, and by his sword, on all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.
- 66:17** "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, behind one in the midst, eating pig's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together"

says the LORD.

- 66:18** "For I know their works and their thoughts: the time comes, that I will gather all nations and languages; and they shall come, and shall see my glory.
- 66:19** "I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the islands afar off, who have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.
- 66:20** They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to the LORD, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.
- 66:21** Of them also will I take for priests and for Levites," says the LORD.
- 66:22** "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me," says the LORD, "so your seed and your name shall remain.
- 66:23** It shall happen, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me," says the LORD.
- 66:24** "They shall go forth, and look on the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

Jeremiah

- 1:1** The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
- 1:2** to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
- 1:3** It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
- 1:4** Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 1:5** "Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you. Before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- 1:6** Then I said, "Ah, Lord LORD! Behold, I don't know how to speak; for I am a child."
- 1:7** But the LORD said to me, "Don't say, 'I am a child;' for to whoever I shall send you, you shall go, and whatever I shall command you, you shall speak.
- 1:8** Don't be afraid because of them; for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.
- 1:9** Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.
- 1:10** Behold, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."
- 1:11** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."
- 1:12** Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it."
- 1:13** The word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, "What do

you see?" I said, "I see a boiling caldron; and it is tipping away from the north."

- 1:14** Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north evil will break out on all the inhabitants of the land.
- 1:15** For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," says the LORD; "and they shall come, and they shall each set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.
- 1:16** I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands."
- 1:17** "You therefore put your belt on your waist, arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Don't be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them.
- 1:18** For, behold, I have made you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.
- 1:19** They will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; for I am with you," says the LORD, "to deliver you."

Jeremiah

- 2:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 2:2** "Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I remember for you the kindness of your youth, the love of your weddings; how you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.
- 2:3** Israel was holiness to the LORD, the first fruits of his increase. All who devour him shall be held guilty. Evil shall come on them,'" says the LORD."
- 2:4** Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel!
- 2:5** Thus says the LORD, "What unrighteousness have your fathers

found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

- 2:6** Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man lived?'
- 2:7** I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
- 2:8** The priests didn't say, 'Where is the LORD?' and those who handle the law didn't know me. The rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit."
- 2:9** "Therefore I will yet contend with you," says the LORD, "and I will contend with your children's children.
- 2:10** For pass over to the islands of Kittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there has been such a thing.
- 2:11** Has a nation changed its gods, which really are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit."
- 2:12** "Be astonished, you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid. Be very desolate," says the LORD.
- 2:13** "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters, and cut them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
- 2:14** Is Israel a servant? Is he a native-born slave? Why has he become a prey?
- 2:15** The young lions have roared at him, and yelled. They have made his land waste. His cities are burned up, without inhabitant.
- 2:16** The children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head.
- 2:17** Haven't you procured this to yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when he led you by the way?

- 2:18** Now what have you to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor? Or what have you to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River?"
- 2:19** "Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backsliding shall reprove you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and that my fear is not in you," says the Lord, the LORD of Armies.
- 2:20** "For of old time I have broken your yoke, and burst your bonds; and you said, 'I will not serve;' for on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed yourself, playing the prostitute.
- 2:21** Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed. How then have you turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine to me?
- 2:22** For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before me," says the LORD.
- 2:23** "How can you say, 'I am not defiled. I have not gone after the Baals'? See your way in the valley. Know what you have done. You are a swift dromedary traversing her ways;
- 2:24** a wild donkey used to the wilderness, that snuffs up the wind in her desire. When she is in heat, who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not weary themselves. In her month, they will find her."
- 2:25** "Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is in vain. No, for I have loved strangers, and I will go after them.'
- 2:26** As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets;
- 2:27** who tell wood, 'You are my father;' and a stone, 'You have brought me out:' for they have turned their back to me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise, and save us.'"
- 2:28** "But where are your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble: for according to the number of your cities are your gods, Judah."

- 2:29** "Why will you contend with me? You all have transgressed against me," says the LORD.
- 2:30** "I have struck your children in vain. They received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
- 2:31** Generation, consider the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of thick darkness? Why do my people say, 'We have broken loose. We will come to you no more?'"
- 2:32** "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number.
- 2:33** How well you prepare your way to seek love! Therefore you have taught even the wicked women your ways.
- 2:34** Also the blood of the souls of the innocent poor is found in your skirts. You did not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things."
- 2:35** "Yet you said, 'I am innocent. Surely his anger has turned away from me.' Behold, I will judge you, because you say, 'I have not sinned.'
- 2:36** Why do you go about so much to change your way? You will be ashamed of Egypt also, as you were ashamed of Assyria.
- 2:37** From there also you shall go forth, with your hands on your head; for the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper with them."

Jeremiah

- 3:1** "They say, 'If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and become another man's, will he return to her again?' Wouldn't that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me," says the LORD.
- 3:2** "Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been lain with? You have sat for them by the ways, as an Arabian in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness.
- 3:3** Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet you have a prostitute's forehead, you refused to be

ashamed.

- 3:4** Will you not from this time cry to me, 'My Father, you are the guide of my youth?'
- 3:5** 'Will he retain his anger forever? Will he keep it to the end?' Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, and have had your way."
- 3:6** Moreover, the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the prostitute.
- 3:7** I said after she had done all these things, 'She will return to me;' but she didn't return; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.
- 3:8** I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorce, yet treacherous Judah, her sister, didn't fear; but she also went and played the prostitute.
- 3:9** It happened through the lightness of her prostitution, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks.
- 3:10** Yet for all this her treacherous sister, Judah, has not returned to me with her whole heart, but only in pretense," says the LORD.
- 3:11** The LORD said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.
- 3:12** Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, you backsliding Israel,' says the LORD; 'I will not look in anger on you; for I am merciful,' says the LORD. 'I will not keep anger forever.
- 3:13** Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the LORD your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice,' says the LORD."
- 3:14** "Return, backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am a husband to you. I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
- 3:15** I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you

with knowledge and understanding.

- 3:16** It shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days," says the LORD, "they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD!' neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more.
- 3:17** At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The throne of the LORD;' and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. Neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.
- 3:18** In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers."
- 3:19** "But I said, 'How I would put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the armies of the nations!' and I said, 'You shall call me "My Father," and shall not turn away from following me.'"
- 3:20** "Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with me, house of Israel," says the LORD.
- 3:21** A voice is heard on the bare heights, the weeping and the petitions of the children of Israel; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the LORD their God.
- 3:22** Return, you backsliding children, I will heal your backsliding.
- 3:23** "Behold, we have come to you; for you are the LORD our God. Truly in vain is help from the hills, the tumult on the mountains. Truly the salvation of Israel is in the LORD our God.
- 3:24** But the shameful thing has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
- 3:25** Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

Jeremiah

- 4:1** "If you will return, Israel," says the LORD, "if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you shall not be removed;
- 4:2** and you shall swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."
- 4:3** For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns.
- 4:4** Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 4:5** Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, 'Blow the trumpet in the land!' Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves! Let us go into the fortified cities!'
- 4:6** Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety! Don't wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction."
- 4:7** A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant.
- 4:8** For this clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of the LORD hasn't turned back from us."
- 4:9** "It shall happen at that day," says the LORD, "that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder."
- 4:10** Then I said, "Ah, Lord LORD! Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall have peace;' whereas the sword reaches to the heart."
- 4:11** At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse;
- 4:12** a full wind from these shall come for me. Now I will also utter

judgments against them."

- 4:13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! For we are ruined.**
- 4:14 Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?**
- 4:15 For a voice declares from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of Ephraim:**
- 4:16 "Tell the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, 'Watchers come from a far country, and raise their voice against the cities of Judah.**
- 4:17 As keepers of a field, they are against her all around, because she has been rebellious against me,'" says the LORD.**
- 4:18 "Your way and your doings have brought these things to you. This is your wickedness; for it is bitter, for it reaches to your heart."**
- 4:19 My anguish, my anguish! I am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I can't hold my peace; because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.**
- 4:20 Destruction on destruction is cried; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment.**
- 4:21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?**
- 4:22 "For my people are foolish, they don't know me. They are foolish children, and they have no understanding. They are skillful in doing evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."**
- 4:23 I saw the earth, and, behold, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.**
- 4:24 I saw the mountains, and behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth.**
- 4:25 I saw, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the sky had fled.**
- 4:26 I saw, and behold, the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all its cities**

were broken down at the presence of the LORD, before his fierce anger."

- 4:27 For thus says the LORD, "The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end.
- 4:28 For this the earth will mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it.
- 4:29 Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and archers; they go into the thickets, and climb up on the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells therein.
- 4:30 You, when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you deck you with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain do you make yourself beautiful; your lovers despise you, they seek your life.
- 4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now! For my soul faints before the murderers."

Jeremiah

- 5:1 "Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places of it, if you can find a man, if there are any who does justly, who seeks truth; and I will pardon her.
- 5:2 Though they say, 'As the LORD lives;' surely they swear falsely."
- 5:3 O LORD, don't your eyes look on truth? You have stricken them, but they were not grieved. You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than a rock. They have refused to return.
- 5:4 Then I said, "Surely these are poor. They are foolish; for they don't know the way of the LORD, nor the law of their God.
- 5:5 I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they know the way of the LORD, and the law of their God." But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

- 5:6** Therefore a lion out of the forest shall kill them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; everyone who goes out there shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backsliding is increased.
- 5:7** "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by what are no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses.
- 5:8** They were as fed horses roaming at large: everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife.
- 5:9** Shouldn't I punish them for these things?" says the LORD; "and shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 5:10** Go up on her walls, and destroy; but don't make a full end. Take away her branches; for they are not the LORD's.
- 5:11** For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me," says the LORD.
- 5:12** They have denied the LORD, and said, "It is not he; neither shall evil come on us; neither shall we see sword nor famine.
- 5:13** The prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them."
- 5:14** Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Armies, "Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.
- 5:15** Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far, house of Israel," says the LORD. "It is a mighty nation. It is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you don't know, neither understand what they say.
- 5:16** Their quiver is an open tomb, they are all mighty men.
- 5:17** They shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds. They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees. They shall beat down your fortified cities, in which you trust, with the sword.
- 5:18** "But even in those days," says the LORD, "I will not make a full end with you.

- 5:19** It will happen, when you say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' Then you shall say to them, 'Just like you have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'"
- 5:20** "Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,
- 5:21** 'Hear now this, foolish people, and without understanding; who have eyes, and don't see; who have ears, and don't hear:
- 5:22** Don't you fear me?' says the LORD 'Won't you tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it can't pass it? and though its waves toss themselves, yet they can't prevail; though they roar, yet they can't pass over it.'"
- 5:23** "But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone.
- 5:24** Neither do they say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the LORD our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.'"
- 5:25** "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you.
- 5:26** For among my people are found wicked men. They watch, as fowlers lie in wait. They set a trap. They catch men.
- 5:27** As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit. Therefore they have become great, and grew rich.
- 5:28** They have grown fat. They shine; yes, they excel in deeds of wickedness. They don't plead the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and they don't judge the right of the needy."
- 5:29** "Shall I not punish for these things?" says the LORD. "Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 5:30** An astonishing and horrible thing has happened in the land.
- 5:31** The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority; and my people love to have it so. What will you do in the end of it?"

Jeremiah

- 6:1** "Flee for safety, you children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth Haccherem; for evil looks forth from the north, and a great destruction.
- 6:2** The comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I cut off.
- 6:3** Shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch their tents against her all around; they shall feed everyone in his place."
- 6:4** "Prepare war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day declines, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.
- 6:5** Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces."
- 6:6** For the LORD of Armies said, "Cut down trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.
- 6:7** As a well casts forth its waters, so she casts forth her wickedness: violence and destruction is heard in her; before me continually is sickness and wounds.
- 6:8** Be instructed, Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from you; lest I make you a desolation, a land not inhabited."
- 6:9** Thus says the LORD of Armies, "They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine. Turn again your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets."
- 6:10** To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they can't listen. Behold, the word of the LORD has become a reproach to them. They have no delight in it.
- 6:11** Therefore I am full of the wrath of the LORD. I am weary with holding in. "Pour it out on the children in the street, and on the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him who is full of days.
- 6:12** Their houses shall be turned to others, their fields and their wives

together; for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD.

- 6:13** "For from their least even to their greatest, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely.
- 6:14** They have healed also the hurt of my people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace!' when there is no peace.
- 6:15** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I visit them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD.
- 6:16** Thus says the LORD, "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, 'Where is the good way?' and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'
- 6:17** I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen!'
- 6:18** Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what is among them.
- 6:19** Hear, earth! Behold, I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.
- 6:20** To what purpose comes there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me."
- 6:21** Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend shall perish."
- 6:22** Thus says the LORD, "Behold, a people comes from the north country. A great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 6:23** They take hold of bow and spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea, and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Zion."

- 6:24** We have heard its report; our hands become feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, and pains as of a woman in labor.
- 6:25** Don't go forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and terror, are on every side.
- 6:26** Daughter of my people, clothe yourself with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes! Mourn, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come on us.
- 6:27** "I have made you a tester of metals and a fortress among my people; that you may know and try their way.
- 6:28** They are all grievous rebels, going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly.
- 6:29** The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away.
- 6:30** Men will call them rejected silver, because the LORD has rejected them."

Jeremiah

- 7:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 7:2** "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.
- 7:3** Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
- 7:4** Don't trust in lying words, saying, the LORD's temple, the LORD's temple, the LORD's temple, are these.
- 7:5** For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor;
- 7:6** if you don't oppress the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt:
- 7:7** then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to

your fathers, from of old even forevermore.

7:8 Behold, you trust in lying words, that can't profit.

7:9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known,

7:10 and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that you may do all these abominations?

7:11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, says the LORD.

7:12 But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

7:13 Now, because you have done all these works,' says the LORD, 'and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you didn't hear; and I called you, but you didn't answer:

7:14 therefore will I do to the house which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

7:15 I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

7:16 Therefore don't pray for this people, neither lift up a cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear you.

7:17 Don't you see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

7:19 Do they provoke me to anger?' says the LORD. 'Don't they provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?'

7:20 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, my anger and my wrath shall

be poured out on this place, on man, and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.'

- 7:21 Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat meat.**
- 7:22 For I didn't speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:**
- 7:23 but this thing I commanded them, saying, "Listen to my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you."**
- 7:24 But they didn't listen nor turn their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.**
- 7:25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:**
- 7:26 yet they didn't listen to me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.'"**
- 7:27 You shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you.**
- 7:28 You shall tell them, "This is the nation that has not listened to the voice of the LORD their God, nor received instruction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.**
- 7:29 Cut off your hair, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.**
- 7:30 For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight," says the LORD: "They have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.**
- 7:31 They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I didn't command, nor did it come into my mind."**

- 7:32** "Therefore behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury.
- 7:33** The dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth; and none shall frighten them away.
- 7:34** Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall become a waste."

Jeremiah

- 8:1** "At that time," says the LORD, "they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves;
- 8:2** and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the army of the sky, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for dung on the surface of the earth.
- 8:3** Death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places where I have driven them," says the LORD of Armies.
- 8:4** Moreover you shall tell them, "Thus says the LORD: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? Shall one turn away, and not return?
- 8:5** Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
- 8:6** I listened and heard, but they didn't speak aright: no man repents him of his wickedness, saying, 'What have I done?' everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle.
- 8:7** Yes, the stork in the sky knows her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people don't know the LORD's law."

- 8:8** "How do you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us?' But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely.
- 8:9** The wise men are disappointed, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what kind of wisdom is in them?
- 8:10** Therefore will I give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall possess them: for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely.
- 8:11** They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace; when there is no peace.'
- 8:12** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down," says the LORD.
- 8:13** "I will utterly consume them," says the LORD: "no grapes shall be on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them."
- 8:14** Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there; for the LORD our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.
- 8:15** We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay!
- 8:16** The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembles; for they have come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and those who dwell therein.
- 8:17** "For, behold, I will send serpents, adders, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you," says the LORD.
- 8:18** Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! My heart is faint within me.
- 8:19** Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land that is very far off: "Isn't the LORD in Zion? Isn't her King in her?"

**Why have they provoked me to anger with their engraved images,
and with foreign vanities?**

- 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.**
- 8:21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I mourn; dismay
has taken hold on me.**
- 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then
isn't the health of the daughter of my people recovered?**

Jeremiah

- 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a spring of tears, that I
might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!**
- 9:2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men;
that I might leave my people, and go from them! For they are all
adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.**
- 9:3 They bend their tongue, as their bow, for falsehood; and they are
grown strong in the land, but not for truth: for they proceed from evil
to evil, and they don't know me, says the LORD.**
- 9:4 Take heed everyone of his neighbor, and don't trust in any brother;
for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go
about with slanders.**
- 9:5 They will deceive everyone his neighbor, and will not speak the truth:
they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves
to commit iniquity.**
- 9:6 "Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse
to know me," says the LORD.**
- 9:7 Therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, "Behold, I will melt them,
and try them; for how should I deal with the daughter of my people?"**
- 9:8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceit: one speaks
peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lays
wait for him.**
- 9:9 Shall I not visit them for these things? says the LORD; shall not my
soul be avenged on such a nation as this?**

- 9:10** For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passes through; neither can men hear the voice of the livestock; both the birds of the sky and the animals are fled, they are gone.
- 9:11** I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.
- 9:12** Who is the wise man, that may understand this? Who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passes through?"
- 9:13** The LORD says, "Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein,
- 9:14** but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them;"
- 9:15** therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.
- 9:16** I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them."
- 9:17** Thus says the LORD of Armies, "Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the skillful women, that they may come:
- 9:18** and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.
- 9:19** For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, 'How are we ruined! We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings.'
- 9:20** Yet hear the word of the LORD, you women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; and teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor lamentation.
- 9:21** For death has come up into our windows, it is entered into our

palaces; to cut off the children from outside, and the young men from the streets."

- 9:22 Speak, thus says the LORD, "The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the handful after the harvester; and none shall gather them."
- 9:23 Thus says the LORD, "Don't let the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, don't let the rich man glory in his riches;
- 9:24 but let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am the LORD who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the LORD."
- 9:25 "Behold, the days come", says the LORD, "that I will punish all those who are circumcised in uncircumcision:
- 9:26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hair cut off, who dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart."

Jeremiah

- 10:1 Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, house of Israel!
- 10:2 Thus says the LORD, "Don't learn the way of the nations, and don't be dismayed at the signs of the sky; for the nations are dismayed at them.
- 10:3 For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe.
- 10:4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it not move.
- 10:5 They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and don't speak: they must be carried, because they can't go. Don't be afraid of them; for they can't do evil, neither is it in them to do good."
- 10:6 There is none like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might.

- 10:7** Who should not fear you, King of the nations? For it appertains to you; because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like you.
- 10:8** But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! it is but a stock.
- 10:9** There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skillful men.
- 10:10** But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to withstand his indignation.
- 10:11** You shall say this to them: The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.
- 10:12** He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens:
- 10:13** when he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 10:14** Every man has become brutish and without knowledge; every goldsmith is disappointed by his engraved image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 10:15** They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 10:16** The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: the LORD of Armies is his name.
- 10:17** Gather up your wares out of the land, you who live under siege.
- 10:18** For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it.

- 10:19** Woe is me because of my hurt! My wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it.
- 10:20** My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth from me, and they are no more: there is none to spread my tent any more, and to set up my curtains."
- 10:21** For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of the LORD: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered.
- 10:22** The voice of news, behold, it comes, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling place of jackals.
- 10:23** LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.
- 10:24** LORD, correct me, but in measure: not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.
- 10:25** Pour out your wrath on the nations that don't know you, and on the families that don't call on your name: for they have devoured Jacob, yes, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.

Jeremiah

- 11:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 11:2** Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
- 11:3** and say to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Cursed is the man who doesn't hear the words of this covenant,
- 11:4** which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so you shall be my people, and I will be your God;
- 11:5** that I may establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day.'" Then

answered I, and said, "Amen, LORD."

- 11:6** The LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear the words of this covenant, and do them.
- 11:7** For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, "Obey my voice."
- 11:8** Yet they didn't obey, nor turn their ear, but walked everyone in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they didn't do them."
- 11:9** The LORD said to me, "A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 11:10** They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they are gone after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers."
- 11:11** Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will bring evil on them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry to me, but I will not listen to them.
- 11:12** Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry to the gods to which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.
- 11:13** For according to the number of your cities are your gods, Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal."
- 11:14** Therefore don't pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me because of their trouble.
- 11:15** What has my beloved to do in my house, since she has worked lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from you? When you do evil, then you rejoice.
- 11:16** The LORD called your name, "A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit:" with the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire on

it, and its branches are broken.

- 11:17** For the LORD of Armies, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have worked for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal.
- 11:18** The LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then you showed me their doings.
- 11:19** But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I didn't know that they had devised devices against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered."
- 11:20** But, the LORD of Armies, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, I shall see your vengeance on them; for to you have I revealed my cause.
- 11:21** Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, "You shall not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you not die by our hand;
- 11:22** therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, 'Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;
- 11:23** and there shall be no remnant to them: for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.'"

Jeremiah

- 12:1** You are righteous, LORD, when I contend with you; yet I would reason the cause with you: "Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are all they at ease who deal very treacherously?
- 12:2** You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: you are near in their mouth, and far from their heart."
- 12:3** But you, LORD, know me; you see me, and try my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

- 12:4** How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole country wither? For the wickedness of those who dwell therein, the animals are consumed, and the birds; because they said, "He shall not see our latter end."
- 12:5** If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And though in a land of peace you are secure, yet how will you do in the pride of the Jordan?
- 12:6** For even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; even they have cried aloud after you: don't believe them, though they speak beautiful words to you.
- 12:7** I have forsaken my house, I have cast off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
- 12:8** My heritage has become to me as a lion in the forest: she has uttered her voice against me; therefore I have hated her.
- 12:9** Is my heritage to me as a speckled bird of prey? Are the birds of prey against her all around? Go, assemble all the animals of the field, bring them to devour.
- 12:10** Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
- 12:11** They have made it a desolation; it mourns to me, being desolate; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays it to heart.
- 12:12** Destroyers have come on all the bare heights in the wilderness; for the sword of the LORD devours from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh has peace.
- 12:13** They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and you shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 12:14** Thus says the LORD against all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: "Behold, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house of Judah from among them."
- 12:15** It shall happen, after that I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every man to

his heritage, and every man to his land.

- 12:16** It shall happen, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, "As the LORD lives;" even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people.
- 12:17** But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, says the LORD.

Jeremiah

- 13:1** Thus says the LORD to me, "Go, and buy yourself a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and don't put it in water."
- 13:2** So I bought a belt according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my waist.
- 13:3** The word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying,
- 13:4** "Take the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock."
- 13:5** So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.
- 13:6** It happened after many days, that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there."
- 13:7** Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and behold, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing.
- 13:8** Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 13:9** "Thus says the LORD, 'In this way I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.
- 13:10** This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this belt, which is profitable for nothing.
- 13:11** For as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so have I caused to cling

to me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says the LORD; that they may be to me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear."

- 13:12 "Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall tell you, 'Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?'"'"
- 13:13 "Then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
- 13:14 I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," says the LORD: "I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them."'"
- 13:15 Hear, and give ear; don't be proud; for the LORD has spoken.
- 13:16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it gross darkness.
- 13:17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is taken captive.
- 13:18 Say to the king and to the queen mother, "Humble yourselves, sit down; for your headdresses have come down, even the crown of your glory.
- 13:19 The cities of the South are shut up, and there is none to open them: Judah is carried away captive, all of it; it is wholly carried away captive.
- 13:20 Lift up your eyes, and see those who come from the north: where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?
- 13:21 What will you say, when he shall set over you as head those whom you have yourself taught to be friends to you? Shall not sorrows take hold of you, as of a woman in travail?
- 13:22 If you say in your heart, 'Why are these things come on me?' For the

greatness of your iniquity are your skirts uncovered, and your heels suffer violence.

- 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may you also do good, who are accustomed to do evil.**
- 13:24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passes away, by the wind of the wilderness.**
- 13:25 This is your lot, the portion measured to you from me, says the LORD; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.**
- 13:26 Therefore will I also uncover your skirts on your face, and your shame shall appear.**
- 13:27 I have seen your abominations, even your adulteries, and your neighing, the lewdness of your prostitution, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, Jerusalem! You will not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?"**

Jeremiah

- 14:1 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.**
- 14:2 "Judah mourns, and its gates languish, they sit in black on the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.**
- 14:3 Their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are disappointed and confounded, and cover their heads.**
- 14:4 Because of the ground which is cracked, because no rain has been in the land, the plowmen are disappointed, they cover their heads.**
- 14:5 Yes, the hind also in the field calves, and forsakes her young, because there is no grass.**
- 14:6 The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage."**
- 14:7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work for your name's sake, LORD; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.**

- 14:8** You hope of Israel, its Savior in the time of trouble, why should you be as a foreigner in the land, and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night?
- 14:9** Why should you be like a scared man, as a mighty man who can't save? Yet you, LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; don't leave us.
- 14:10** Thus says the LORD to this people, "Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their sins."
- 14:11** The LORD said to me, "Don't pray for this people for their good.
- 14:12** When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence."
- 14:13** Then I said, "Ah, Lord LORD! behold, the prophets tell them, 'You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.'"
- 14:14** Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I didn't send them, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke I to them: they prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart.
- 14:15** Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, and I didn't send them, yet they say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land:' By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
- 14:16** The people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them—they, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness on them."
- 14:17** You shall say this word to them, "Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous wound."
- 14:18** If I go forth into the field, then, behold, the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then, behold, those who are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest go about in the land, and have no

knowledge.

- 14:19** Have you utterly rejected Judah? Has your soul loathed Zion? Why have you struck us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay!
- 14:20** We acknowledge, LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you.
- 14:21** Do not abhor us, for your name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, don't break your covenant with us.
- 14:22** Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the sky give showers? Aren't you he, LORD our God? therefore we will wait for you; for you have made all these things.

Jeremiah

- 15:1** Then the LORD said to me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.
- 15:2** It shall happen, when they tell you, 'Where shall we go forth?' Then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity.'"
- 15:3** "I will appoint over them four kinds," says the LORD: "the sword to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the sky, and the animals of the earth, to devour and to destroy.
- 15:4** I will cause them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.
- 15:5** For who will have pity on you, Jerusalem? or who will bemoan you? or who will turn aside to ask of your welfare?
- 15:6** You have rejected me," says the LORD, "you have gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against you, and destroyed you; I am weary with repenting.

- 15:7** I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved them of children, I have destroyed my people; they didn't return from their ways.
- 15:8** Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas; I have brought on them against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall on her suddenly.
- 15:9** She who has borne seven languishes; she has given up the spirit; her sun is gone down while it was yet day; she has been disappointed and confounded: and their residue will I deliver to the sword before their enemies," says the LORD.
- 15:10** Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; yet everyone of them curses me.
- 15:11** The LORD said, "Most certainly I will strengthen you for good; most certainly I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you in the time of evil and in the time of affliction."
- 15:12** "Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and brass?
- 15:13** Your substance and your treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your borders.
- 15:14** I will make them to pass with your enemies into a land which you don't know; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn on you."
- 15:15** LORD, you know; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; don't take me away in your longsuffering: know that for your sake I have suffered reproach.
- 15:16** Your words were found, and I ate them; and your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by your name, the LORD, God of Armies.
- 15:17** I didn't sit in the assembly of those who make merry, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand; for you have filled me with indignation.
- 15:18** Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will you indeed be to me as a deceitful brook, as waters that fail?

- 15:19** Therefore thus says the LORD, "If you return, then will I bring you again, that you may stand before me; and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: they shall return to you, but you shall not return to them.
- 15:20** I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and to deliver you," says the LORD.
- 15:21** "I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible."

Jeremiah

- 16:1** The word of the LORD came also to me, saying,
- 16:2** "You shall not take a wife, neither shall you have sons or daughters, in this place.
- 16:3** For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who became their father in this land:
- 16:4** They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the surface of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth."
- 16:5** For thus says the LORD, "Don't enter into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people," says the LORD, "even loving kindness and tender mercies.
- 16:6** Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them;
- 16:7** neither shall men break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
- 16:8** You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat

and to drink."

- 16:9** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
- 16:10** It shall happen, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall tell you, 'Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?'
- 16:11** Then you shall tell them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken me, says the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
- 16:12** and you have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, you walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that you don't listen to me:
- 16:13** therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor.'"
- 16:14** "Therefore behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;'
- 16:15** but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries where he had driven them.' I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers.
- 16:16** Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they shall fish them up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.
- 16:17** For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.
- 16:18** First I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."

- 16:19** LORD, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, vanity and things in which there is no profit."
- 16:20** "Shall a man make to himself gods, which yet are no gods?"
- 16:21** Therefore behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is the LORD."

Jeremiah

- 17:1** "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of your altars;
- 17:2** while their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees on the high hills.
- 17:3** My mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures for a spoil, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders.
- 17:4** You, even of yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you don't know: for you have kindled a fire in my anger which shall burn forever."
- 17:5** Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD.
- 17:6** For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited."
- 17:7** "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose trust the LORD is.
- 17:8** For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

- 17:9** "The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?"
- 17:10** "I, the LORD, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.
- 17:11** As the partridge that sits on eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool."
- 17:12** A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.
- 17:13** the LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be disappointed. "Those who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living waters."
- 17:14** Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for you are my praise.
- 17:15** Behold, they tell me, "Where is the word of the LORD? Let it come now."
- 17:16** As for me, I have not hurried from being a shepherd after you; neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that which came out of my lips was before your face.
- 17:17** Don't be a terror to me: you are my refuge in the day of evil.
- 17:18** Let them be disappointed who persecute me, but let not me be disappointed; let them be dismayed, but don't let me be dismayed; bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.
- 17:19** Thus said the LORD to me: "Go, and stand in the gate of the children of the people, through which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
- 17:20** and tell them, 'Hear the word of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:
- 17:21** Thus says the LORD, "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden

- on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;
- 17:22** neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day holy, neither do any work: but make the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.
- 17:23** But they didn't listen, neither turn their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction.
- 17:24** It shall happen, if you diligently listen to me, says the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but to make the Sabbath day holy, to do no work therein;
- 17:25** then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever.
- 17:26** They shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill country, and from the South, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, to the house of the LORD.
- 17:27** But if you will not listen to me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."""

Jeremiah

- 18:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 18:2** "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words."
- 18:3** Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was making a work on the wheels.
- 18:4** When the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.
- 18:5** Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 18:6** "House of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.
- 18:7** At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it;
- 18:8** if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them.
- 18:9** At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;
- 18:10** if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they not obey my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them."
- 18:11** "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return you now everyone from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.'"
- 18:12** But they say, 'It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do everyone after the stubbornness of his evil heart.'"
- 18:13** Therefore thus says the LORD: "Ask now among the nations, who has heard such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.
- 18:14** Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? Shall the cold waters that flow down from afar be dried up?
- 18:15** For my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to false gods; and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in byways, in a way not built up;
- 18:16** to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; everyone who passes thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head.
- 18:17** I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity."
- 18:18** Then they said, "Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the

wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words."

- 18:19 Give heed to me, LORD, and listen to the voice of those who contend with me.
- 18:20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before you to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them.
- 18:21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, and their young men struck of the sword in battle.
- 18:22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring a troop suddenly on them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.
- 18:23 Yet, LORD, you know all their counsel against me to kill me; don't forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight; but let them be overthrown before you; deal you with them in the time of your anger.

Jeremiah

- 19:1 Thus said the LORD, "Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and take some of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests;
- 19:2 and go forth to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you;
- 19:3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, which whoever hears, his ears shall tingle.
- 19:4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods, that they didn't know, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents,
- 19:5 and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings to Baal; which I didn't command, nor spoke it,

neither came it into my mind:

- 19:6** therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter.
- 19:7** I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their life: and their dead bodies will I give to be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth.
- 19:8** I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; everyone who passes thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues.
- 19:9** I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall eat everyone the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their life, shall distress them.'
- 19:10** Then you shall break the bottle in the sight of the men who go with you,
- 19:11** and shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD of Armies: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that can't be made whole again; and they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury.
- 19:12** Thus will I do to this place, says the LORD, and to its inhabitants, even making this city as Topheth:
- 19:13** and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the army of the sky, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.'"
- 19:14** Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the people:
- 19:15** "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring on this city and on all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words."

Jeremiah

- 20:1** Now Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things.
- 20:2** Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the LORD.
- 20:3** It happened on the next day, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has not called your name Pashhur, but Magormissabib.
- 20:4** For thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall kill them with the sword.
- 20:5** Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all its gains, and all the precious things of it, yes, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.
- 20:6** You, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity; and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely."
- 20:7** LORD, you have persuaded me, and I was persuaded; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock all the day, every one mocks me.
- 20:8** For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, "Violence and destruction!" because the word of the LORD is made a reproach to me, and a derision, all the day.
- 20:9** If I say, "I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name", then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I can't.
- 20:10** For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. "Denounce, and we will denounce him," say all my familiar friends,

those who watch for my fall; "perhaps he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him."

- 20:11** But the LORD is with me as an awesome mighty one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be utterly disappointed, because they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor which shall never be forgotten.
- 20:12** But, the LORD of Armies, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance on them; for to you have I revealed my cause.
- 20:13** Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD; for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers.
- 20:14** Cursed is the day in which I was born: don't let the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.
- 20:15** Cursed is the man who brought news to my father, saying, "A boy is born to you; making him very glad."
- 20:16** Let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and didn't repent: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noontime;
- 20:17** because he didn't kill me from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great.
- 20:18** Why came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Jeremiah

- 21:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,
- 21:2** "Please inquire of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us."
- 21:3** Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall tell Zedekiah:
- 21:4** 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will turn back the

weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city.

- 21:5 I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation.**
- 21:6 I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal: they shall die of a great pestilence."**
- 21:7 Afterward, says the LORD, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.""**
- 21:8 To this people you shall say, "Thus says the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.**
- 21:9 He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey.**
- 21:10 For I have set my face on this city for evil, and not for good, says the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire."**
- 21:11 Touching the house of the king of Judah, hear the word of the LORD:**
- 21:12 "House of David, thus says the LORD, Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings."**
- 21:13 "Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain," says the LORD; "You that say, 'Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?'**
- 21:14 I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says the LORD; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is around her."**

Jeremiah

- 22:1** Thus said the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
- 22:2** Say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates.
- 22:3** Thus says the LORD: Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the foreigner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place.
- 22:4** For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.
- 22:5** But if you will not hear these words, "I swear by myself," says the LORD, "that this house shall become a desolation."
- 22:6** For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. Yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities which are not inhabited.
- 22:7** I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.
- 22:8** Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?'
- 22:9** Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.
- 22:10** Don't weep for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country."
- 22:11** For thus says the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place: "He shall not return there any more.
- 22:12** But in the place where they have led him captive, there shall he die,

and he shall see this land no more.

- 22:13** Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his rooms by injustice; who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and doesn't give him his hire;
- 22:14** who says, 'I will build me a wide house and spacious rooms,' and cuts him out windows; and it is ceiling with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
- 22:15** Shall you reign, because you strive to excel in cedar? Didn't your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.
- 22:16** He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Wasn't this to know me?" says the LORD.
- 22:17** "But your eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it."
- 22:18** Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: "They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!' They shall not lament for him, saying 'Ah Lord!' or, 'Ah his glory!'"
- 22:19** He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem."
- 22:20** Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed.
- 22:21** I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, "I will not hear." This has been your way from your youth, that you didn't obey my voice.
- 22:22** The wind shall feed all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness.
- 22:23** Inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied you will be when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail!
- 22:24** As I live, says the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck you there;

- 22:25** and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of them of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.
- 22:26** I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.
- 22:27** But to the land whereunto their soul longs to return, there shall they not return.
- 22:28** Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? Is he a vessel in which none delights? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they don't know?
- 22:29** O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.
- 22:30** Thus says the LORD, "Write you this man childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling in Judah."

Jeremiah

- 23:1** "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the LORD.
- 23:2** Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who feed my people: "You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings," says the LORD.
- 23:3** "I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- 23:4** I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking," says the LORD.
- 23:5** "Behold, the days come," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 23:6** In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and

this is his name by which he shall be called: 'The LORD our righteousness.'

- 23:7** Therefore behold, the days come,' says the LORD, 'that they shall no more say, "As the LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;"
- 23:8** but, "As the LORD lives, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where I had driven them." They shall dwell in their own land."
- 23:9** Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD, and because of his holy words.
- 23:10** "For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. Their course is evil, and their might is not right;
- 23:11** for both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness," says the LORD.
- 23:12** "Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation," says the LORD.
- 23:13** "I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
- 23:14** In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none does return from his wickedness: they are all of them become to me as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Gomorrah."
- 23:15** Therefore thus says the LORD of Armies concerning the prophets: "Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is ungodliness gone forth into all the land."
- 23:16** Thus says the LORD of Armies, "Don't listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.
- 23:17** They say continually to those who despise me, 'The LORD has said, You shall have peace;' and to everyone who walks in the

stubbornness of his own heart they say, 'No evil shall come on you.'"

23:18 "For who has stood in the council of the LORD, that he should perceive and hear his word? Who has marked my word, and heard it?

23:19 Behold, the storm of the LORD, his wrath, has gone forth. Yes, a whirling storm. It shall burst on the head of the wicked.

23:20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he has executed, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you shall understand it perfectly.

23:21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I didn't speak to them, yet they prophesied.

23:22 But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings."

23:23 "Am I a God at hand," says the LORD, "and not a God afar off?

23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says the LORD. Don't I fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

23:25 "I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.'

23:26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?

23:27 who think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal."

23:28 "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat?" Says the LORD.

23:29 "Isn't my word like fire?" says the LORD; "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

23:30 Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says the LORD, "who steal my words everyone from his neighbor.

23:31 Behold, I am against the prophets," says the LORD, "Who use their

tongues, and say, 'He says.'"

- 23:32 "Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams," says the LORD, "and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I didn't send them, nor commanded them; neither do they profit this people at all," says the LORD.
- 23:33 "When this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, 'What is the burden of the LORD?' Then you shall tell them, 'What burden! I will cast you off', says the LORD."
- 23:34 As for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, "The burden of the LORD," I will even punish that man and his house.
- 23:35 You shall say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, "What has the LORD answered? and, What has the LORD spoken?"
- 23:36 You shall mention the burden of the LORD no more: for every man's own word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of Armies our God.
- 23:37 You shall say to the prophet, "What has the LORD answered you? and, What has the LORD spoken?"
- 23:38 But if you say, "The burden of the LORD;" Therefore thus says the LORD: Because you say this word, "The burden of the LORD," and I have sent to you, saying, "You shall not say, 'The burden of the LORD;'"
- 23:39 therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence:
- 23:40 and I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten."

Jeremiah

- 24:1 The LORD showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs set before the LORD's temple, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

- 24:2** One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.
- 24:3** Then the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that can't be eaten, they are so bad."
- 24:4** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 24:5** Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good.
- 24:6** For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
- 24:7** I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return to me with their whole heart."
- 24:8** "As the bad figs, which can't be eaten, they are so bad," thus says the LORD, "Surely, I will give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt,
- 24:9** I will even give them up to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them.
- 24:10** I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers."

Jeremiah

- 25:1** The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (the same was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),
- 25:2** which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

- 25:3** "From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened.
- 25:4** The LORD has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear)
- 25:5** saying, 'Return now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even forevermore;
- 25:6** and don't go after other gods to serve them or worship them, and don't provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no harm.'
- 25:7** Yet you have not listened to me," says the LORD; "That you may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt."
- 25:8** Therefore thus says the LORD of Armies: "Because you have not heard my words,
- 25:9** behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says the LORD, and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations around; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.
- 25:10** Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.
- 25:11** This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 25:12** It shall happen, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation," says the LORD, "for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate forever.
- 25:13** I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

- 25:14** For many nations and great kings shall make bondservants of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands."
- 25:15** For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel to me: "Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.
- 25:16** They shall drink, and reel back and forth, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them."
- 25:17** Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom the LORD had sent me:
- 25:18** Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;
- 25:19** Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;
- 25:20** and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of the Uz, and all the kings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
- 25:21** Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon;
- 25:22** and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea;
- 25:23** Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who have the corners of their beard cut off;
- 25:24** and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the wilderness;
- 25:25** and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;
- 25:26** and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are on the surface of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.
- 25:27** You shall tell them, "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel:

'Drink, and be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.'"

- 25:28** It shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall tell them, "Thus says the LORD of Armies: 'You shall surely drink.
- 25:29** For, behold, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, says the LORD of Armies.'"
- 25:30** Therefore prophesy you against them all these words, and tell them, the LORD will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 25:31** A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, says the LORD.
- 25:32** Thus says the LORD of Armies, "Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great storm shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 25:33** The slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung on the surface of the ground.
- 25:34** Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow in dust, you principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fully come, and you shall fall like a goodly vessel.
- 25:35** The shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.
- 25:36** A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the principal of the flock! For the LORD lays waste their pasture.
- 25:37** The peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 25:38** He has left his covert, as the lion; for their land has become an

astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppression, and because of his fierce anger."

Jeremiah

- 26:1** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, saying,
- 26:2** "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; don't diminish a word.
- 26:3** It may be they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings.
- 26:4** You shall tell them, "Thus says the LORD: 'If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,
- 26:5** to listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending them, but you have not listened;
- 26:6** then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.'""
- 26:7** The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.
- 26:8** It happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, "You shall surely die.
- 26:9** Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?" All the people were gathered to Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
- 26:10** When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house.

- 26:11** Then spoke the priests and the prophets to the princes and to all the people, saying, "This man is worthy of death; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."
- 26:12** Then spoke Jeremiah to all the princes and to all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.
- 26:13** Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he has pronounced against you.
- 26:14** But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes.
- 26:15** Only know for certain that, if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for of a truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."
- 26:16** Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: "This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."
- 26:17** Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,
- 26:18** "Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of Armies: "Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.'"
- 26:19** Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Didn't he fear the LORD, and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD relented of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls."
- 26:20** There was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:
- 26:21** and when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but

when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt:

- 26:22** and Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt;
- 26:23** and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.
- 26:24** But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Jeremiah

- 27:1** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 27:2** "Thus says the LORD to me: 'Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck;
- 27:3** and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;
- 27:4** and give them a command to their masters, saying, "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, 'You shall tell your masters:
- 27:5** I have made the earth, the men and the animals that are on the surface of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it to whom it seems right to me.
- 27:6** Now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the animals of the field also have I given him to serve him.
- 27:7** All the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondservant.
- 27:8** It shall happen, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish,

says the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

27:9 But as for you, don't you listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon:"

27:10 for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and you should perish.

27:11 But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in their own land, says the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein."'''

27:12 I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

27:13 Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

27:14 Don't listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon;' for they prophesy a lie to you.

27:15 'For I have not sent them,' says the LORD, 'but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you.'"

27:16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Don't listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, "Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon;" for they prophesy a lie to you.

27:17 Don't listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city become a desolation?

27:18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of Armies, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, don't go to Babylon.

- 27:19** For thus says the LORD of Armies concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city,
- 27:20** which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon didn't take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;
- 27:21** Yes, thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem:
- 27:22** "They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, says the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place."""

Jeremiah

- 28:1** It happened the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,
- 28:2** Thus speaks the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, saying, "I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- 28:3** Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon:
- 28:4** and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon, says the LORD; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon."
- 28:5** Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD,
- 28:6** even the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen: LORD do so; LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon to this place."

- 28:7** Nevertheless hear you now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people:
- 28:8** The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.
- 28:9** The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall happen, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD has truly sent him.
- 28:10** Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.
- 28:11** Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations.'" The prophet Jeremiah went his way.
- 28:12** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
- 28:13** "Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have broken the bars of wood; but you have made in their place bars of iron."
- 28:14** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the animals of the field also.'"
- 28:15** Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, Hananiah: the LORD has not sent you; but you make this people to trust in a lie.
- 28:16** Therefore thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will send you away from off the surface of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have spoken rebellion against the LORD.'"
- 28:17** So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah

- 29:1** Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon,
- 29:2** (after that Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem),
- 29:3** by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying,
- 29:4** "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, to all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- 29:5** 'Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit.
- 29:6** Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there, and don't be diminished.
- 29:7** Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.
- 29:8** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "Don't let your prophets who are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.
- 29:9** For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them," says the LORD.
- 29:10** For thus says the LORD, "After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.
- 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.
- 29:12** You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

- 29:13** You shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.
- 29:14** I will be found by you," says the LORD, "and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD; and I will bring you again to the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive."
- 29:15** Because you have said, the LORD has raised us up prophets in Babylon;
- 29:16** thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who haven't gone forth with you into captivity;
- 29:17** thus says the LORD of Armies; "Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that can't be eaten, they are so bad.
- 29:18** I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them;
- 29:19** because they have not listened to my words," says the LORD, "with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear," says the LORD.
- 29:20** Hear therefore the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.
- 29:21** Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: "Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall kill them before your eyes;
- 29:22** and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;
- 29:23** because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed

adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I didn't command them; and I am he who knows, and am witness," says the LORD.

- 29:24 Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,
- 29:25 "Thus speaks the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, saying, 'Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
- 29:26 "The LORD has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles.
- 29:27 Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you,
- 29:28 because he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, 'The captivity is long: build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit?'"
- 29:29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.
- 29:30 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,
- 29:31 "Send to all them of the captivity, saying, 'Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I didn't send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie;
- 29:32 therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he see the good that I will do to my people, says the LORD, because he has spoken rebellion against the LORD.'"

Jeremiah

- 30:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 30:2 Thus speaks the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

- 30:3** "For, behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah," says the LORD; "and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."
- 30:4** These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
- 30:5** For thus says the LORD: "We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
- 30:6** Ask now, and see whether a man does travail with child: why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
- 30:7** Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
- 30:8** It shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD of Armies, "that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondservant;
- 30:9** but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.
- 30:10** Therefore don't you be afraid, O Jacob my servant," says the LORD; "neither be dismayed, Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.
- 30:11** For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished."
- 30:12** For thus says the LORD, "Your hurt is incurable, and your wound grievous.
- 30:13** There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines.
- 30:14** All your lovers have forgotten you; they don't seek you: for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins

were increased.

- 30:15** Why do you cry for your hurt? Your pain is incurable: for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were increased, I have done these things to you.
- 30:16** Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity; and those who despoil you shall be a spoil, and all who prey on you will I give for a prey.
- 30:17** For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds," says the LORD; "because they have called you an outcast, saying, 'It is Zion, whom no man seeks after.'"
- 30:18** Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built on its own hill, and the palace shall be inhabited in its own way.
- 30:19** Out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
- 30:20** Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them.
- 30:21** Their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: for who is he who has had boldness to approach to me?" says the LORD.
- 30:22** "You shall be my people, and I will be your God."
- 30:23** Behold, the storm of the LORD, his wrath, has gone forth, a sweeping storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked.
- 30:24** The fierce anger of the LORD will not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it.

Jeremiah

- 31:1** "At that time," says the LORD, "will I be the God of all the families of

Israel, and they shall be my people."

31:2 Thus says the LORD, "The people who were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest."

31:3 The LORD appeared of old to me, saying, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you."

31:4 Again will I build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: again you shall be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who make merry."

31:5 Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy its fruit."

31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall cry, 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion to the LORD our God.'"

31:7 For thus says the LORD, "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish, praise, and say, 'LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'"

31:8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, along with the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who travails with child together: a great company shall they return here."

31:9 They shall come with weeping; and with petitions will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

31:10 Hear the word of the LORD, you nations, and declare it in the islands afar off; and say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as shepherd does his flock."

31:11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he."

31:12 They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow to the goodness of the LORD, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all."

31:13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the

old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

- 31:14 I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness," says the LORD.
- 31:15 Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."
- 31:16 Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded," says the LORD; "and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.
- 31:17 There is hope for your latter end," says the LORD; "and your children shall come again to their own border.
- 31:18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as an untrained calf: turn me, and I shall be turned; for you are the LORD my God.
- 31:19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I struck on my thigh: I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because I bore the reproach of my youth.'
- 31:20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a darling child? For as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," says the LORD.
- 31:21 Set up road signs, make guideposts; set your heart toward the highway, even the way by which you went: turn again, virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.
- 31:22 How long will you go here and there, you backsliding daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth: a woman shall encompass a man.
- 31:23 Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, "Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I shall bring again their captivity: 'the LORD bless you, habitation of righteousness, mountain of holiness.'
- 31:24 Judah and all its cities shall dwell therein together, the farmers, and those who go about with flocks.

- 31:25** For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished."
- 31:26** On this I awakened, and saw; and my sleep was sweet to me.
- 31:27** "Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of animal.
- 31:28** It shall happen that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant," says the LORD.
- 31:29** "In those days they shall say no more, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'
- 31:30** But everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
- 31:31** Behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
- 31:32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband to them, says the LORD.
- 31:33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the LORD: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:
- 31:34** and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD; for they shall all know me, from their least to their greatest, says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more."
- 31:35** Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar; the LORD of Armies is his name:
- 31:36** "If these ordinances depart from before me," says the LORD, "then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever."

- 31:37** Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done," says the LORD.
- 31:38** "Behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananel to the gate of the corner.
- 31:39** The measuring line shall go out further straight onward to the hill Gareb, and shall turn about to Goah.
- 31:40** The whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more forever."

Jeremiah

- 32:1** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
- 32:2** Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house.
- 32:3** For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
- 32:4** and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall see his eyes;
- 32:5** and he shall bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him, says the LORD: though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper?'"
- 32:6** Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 32:7** 'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.'"

- 32:8** So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.
- 32:9** I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.
- 32:10** I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.
- 32:11** So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and that which was open;
- 32:12** and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.
- 32:13** I commanded Baruch before them, saying,
- 32:14** "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days.'
- 32:15** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.'"
- 32:16** Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying,
- 32:17** "Ah Lord LORD! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for you,
- 32:18** who show loving kindness to thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, the LORD of Armies is his name;
- 32:19** great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

- 32:20** who performed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, both in Israel and among other men; and made yourself a name, as in this day;
- 32:21** and brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror;
- 32:22** and gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
- 32:23** and they came in, and possessed it, but they didn't obey your voice, neither walked in your law; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come on them.
- 32:24** Behold, the mounds, they have come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has happened; and behold, you see it.
- 32:25** You have said to me, Lord LORD, 'Buy the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'"
- 32:26** Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,
- 32:27** "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"
- 32:28** Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:
- 32:29** and the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.
- 32:30** For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands," says the LORD.
- 32:31** "For this city has been to me a provocation of my anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should

remove it from before my face,

- 32:32** because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 32:33** They have turned to me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.
- 32:34** But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.
- 32:35** They built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through fire to Molech; which I didn't command them, neither did it come into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin."
- 32:36** "Now therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, about which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence:'
- 32:37** Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:
- 32:38** and they shall be my people, and I will be their God:
- 32:39** and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their good, and of their children after them:
- 32:40** and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me.
- 32:41** Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.
- 32:42** For thus says the LORD: Like as I have brought all this great evil on this people, so will I bring on them all the good that I have promised them.

- 32:43** Fields shall be bought in this land, about which you say, 'It is desolate, without man or animal; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'
- 32:44** Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return," says the LORD.

Jeremiah

- 33:1** Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
- 33:2** "Thus says the LORD who does it, the LORD who forms it to establish it; the LORD is his name:
- 33:3** 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great things, and difficult, which you don't know.
- 33:4** For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword;
- 33:5** while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in my anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city:
- 33:6** Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth.
- 33:7** I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.
- 33:8** I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, by which they have sinned against me, and by which they have transgressed against me.
- 33:9** This city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure to it.

- 33:10** Thus says the LORD: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, about which you say, It is waste, without man and without animal, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without animal,
- 33:11** the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the LORD of Armies, for the LORD is good, for his loving kindness endures forever; who bring thanksgiving into the house of the LORD." For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, says the LORD."
- 33:12** Thus says the LORD of Armies: "Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without animal, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.
- 33:13** In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him who numbers them," says the LORD.
- 33:14** "Behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.
- 33:15** In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 33:16** In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name by which she shall be called: 'The LORD our Righteousness.'"
- 33:17** For thus says the LORD: "David shall never want a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;
- 33:18** neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."
- 33:19** The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
- 33:20** "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in

their season;

- 33:21** then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
- 33:22** As the army of the sky can't be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites who minister to me."
- 33:23** The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
- 33:24** "Don't consider what this people has spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD chose, he has cast them off?' Thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.
- 33:25** Thus says the LORD: If my covenant of day and night fails, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;
- 33:26** then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them."

Jeremiah

- 34:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of it, saying:
- 34:2** "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, "Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:
- 34:3** and you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon."
- 34:4** Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah: "Thus says the LORD concerning you, You shall not die by the sword;

- 34:5** you shall die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so shall they make a burning for you; and they shall lament you, saying, 'Ah Lord!' for I have spoken the word," says the LORD.
- 34:6** Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,
- 34:7** when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities.
- 34:8** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them;
- 34:9** that every man should let his male servant, and every man his female servant, who is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should make bondservants of them, of a Jew his brother.
- 34:10** All the princes and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant, that everyone should let his male servant, and everyone his female servant, go free, that none should make bondservants of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go:
- 34:11** but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.
- 34:12** Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 34:13** "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,
- 34:14** 'At the end of seven years you shall let go every man his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you:' but your fathers didn't listen to me, neither inclined their ear.
- 34:15** You had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you had made a

covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

- 34:16** but you turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and you brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.'
- 34:17** Therefore thus says the LORD: 'you have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim to you a liberty, says the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth.
- 34:18** I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts;
- 34:19** the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf;
- 34:20** I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth.
- 34:21** Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have gone away from you.
- 34:22** Behold, I will command, says the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.'"

Jeremiah

- 35:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,
- 35:2** "Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink."

- 35:3** Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;
- 35:4** and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the room of the princes, which was above the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold.
- 35:5** I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine!"
- 35:6** But they said, "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons, forever:
- 35:7** neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land in which you live.'
- 35:8** We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters;
- 35:9** nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:
- 35:10** but we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.
- 35:11** But it happened, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem.'"
- 35:12** Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,
- 35:13** "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Go, and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words?" says the LORD.
- 35:14** The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; and you have not listened to

me.

- 35:15** I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, "Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and don't go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers:" but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me.
- 35:16** Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to me;
- 35:17** therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Armies, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered."
- 35:18** Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he commanded you;
- 35:19** therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever."

Jeremiah

- 36:1** It happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 36:2** "Take a scroll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.
- 36:3** It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."
- 36:4** Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken to him, on a scroll of a book.

- 36:5** Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am shut up; I can't go into the house of the LORD:
- 36:6** therefore you go, and read in the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house on the fast day; and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities.
- 36:7** It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return everyone from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."
- 36:8** Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.
- 36:9** Now it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before the LORD.
- 36:10** Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan, the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.
- 36:11** When Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,
- 36:12** he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room: and behold, all the princes were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.
- 36:13** Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.
- 36:14** Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them.
- 36:15** They said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our ears." So Baruch

read it in their ears.

- 36:16** Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words.
- 36:17** They asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth?"
- 36:18** Then Baruch answered them, "He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book."
- 36:19** Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go, hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are."
- 36:20** They went in to the king into the court; but they had laid up the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king.
- 36:21** So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll; and he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king.
- 36:22** Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him.
- 36:23** It happened, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that the king cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.
- 36:24** They were not afraid, nor tore their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words.
- 36:25** Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not hear them.
- 36:26** The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but the LORD hid them.
- 36:27** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

- 36:28** "Take again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.
- 36:29** Concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, Thus says the LORD: 'You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written therein, saying, 'The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there man and animal?'"
- 36:30** Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit on the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.
- 36:31** I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they didn't listen."
- 36:32** Then took Jeremiah another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides to them many like words.

Jeremiah

- 37:1** Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.
- 37:2** But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the LORD, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.
- 37:3** Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to the LORD our God for us."
- 37:4** Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison.
- 37:5** Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem.

- 37:6** Then came the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
- 37:7** "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.
- 37:8** The Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire."
- 37:9** Thus says the LORD, 'Don't deceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us;" for they shall not depart.
- 37:10** For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yes would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire."
- 37:11** It happened that, when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,
- 37:12** then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people.
- 37:13** When he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are falling away to the Chaldeans."
- 37:14** Then Jeremiah said, "It is false; I am not falling away to the Chaldeans." But he didn't listen to him; so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.
- 37:15** The princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.
- 37:16** When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;
- 37:17** Then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from the LORD?" Jeremiah said, "There is." He said also, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon."

- 37:18** Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, "Wherein have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?"
- 37:19** Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?'
- 37:20** Now please hear, my lord the king: please let my supplication be presented before you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there."
- 37:21** Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

Jeremiah

- 38:1** Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying,
- 38:2** "Thus says the LORD, 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live.
- 38:3** Thus says the LORD, "This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.""
- 38:4** Then the princes said to the king, "Please let this man be put to death; because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man doesn't seek the welfare of this people, but the hurt."
- 38:5** Zedekiah the king said, "Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he who can do anything against you."
- 38:6** Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire.

- 38:7** Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin),
- 38:8** Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying,
- 38:9** "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city."
- 38:10** Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies."
- 38:11** So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.
- 38:12** Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put now these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords." Jeremiah did so.
- 38:13** So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
- 38:14** Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."
- 38:15** Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? and if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me."
- 38:16** So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."
- 38:17** Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Armies, the God of Israel: 'If you will go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house.'
- 38:18** But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then

shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand."

- 38:19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."
- 38:20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beg you, the voice of the LORD, in that which I speak to you: so it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.
- 38:21 But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD has shown me:
- 38:22 'behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, "Your familiar friends have set you on, and have prevailed over you. Your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away back."
- 38:23 They shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans; and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire."
- 38:24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die.
- 38:25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and tell you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king; don't hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you:
- 38:26 then you shall tell them, "I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'""
- 38:27 Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.
- 38:28 So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah

- 39:1** It happened when Jerusalem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it;
- 39:2** in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city),
- 39:3** that all the officials of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, Nergal Sharezer of Samgar, Nebo-Sarseckim a chief officer, Nergal Sharezer a high official, with all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.
- 39:4** It happened that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah.
- 39:5** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him.
- 39:6** Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah.
- 39:7** Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.
- 39:8** The Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.
- 39:9** Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the residue of the people who remained.
- 39:10** But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.
- 39:11** Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard concerning Jeremiah, saying,
- 39:12** "Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him

even as he shall tell you."

- 39:13** So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rabsaris, and Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon;
- 39:14** they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he lived among the people.
- 39:15** Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
- 39:16** "Go, and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words on this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished before you in that day.
- 39:17** But I will deliver you in that day, says the LORD; and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.
- 39:18** For I will surely save you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prey to you; because you have put your trust in me, says the LORD."

Jeremiah

- 40:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon.
- 40:2** The captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, "The LORD your God pronounced this evil on this place;
- 40:3** and the LORD has brought it, and done according as he spoke: because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come on you.
- 40:4** Now, behold, I release you this day from the chains which are on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will take care of you; but if it seems bad to you to come with me into Babylon, don't: behold, all the land is before you; where it seems good and right to you to go, there go."

- 40:5** Now while he had not yet gone back, "Go back then", he said, "to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go." So the captain of the guard gave him food and a present, and let him go.
- 40:6** Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with him among the people who were left in the land.
- 40:7** Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon;
- 40:8** then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.
- 40:9** Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, "Don't be afraid to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
- 40:10** As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans who shall come to us: but you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken."
- 40:11** Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan;
- 40:12** then all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.
- 40:13** Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,
- 40:14** and said to him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the children of

Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam didn't believe them.

40:15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Please let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: why should he take your life, that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?"

40:16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael."

Jeremiah

41:1 Now it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

41:2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

41:3 Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

41:4 It happened the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

41:5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.

41:6 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it happened, as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam."

41:7 It was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him.

- 41:8** But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael, "Don't kill us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey." So he stopped, and didn't kill them among their brothers.
- 41:9** Now the pit in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had killed, by the side of Gedaliah (the same was who which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel), Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed.
- 41:10** Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people who were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.
- 41:11** But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,
- 41:12** then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon.
- 41:13** Now it happened that, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad.
- 41:14** So all the people who Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.
- 41:15** But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon.
- 41:16** Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon:
- 41:17** and they departed, and lived in Geruth Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

41:18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

Jeremiah

42:1 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near,

42:2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our supplication be presented before you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do see us:

42:3 that the LORD your God may show us the way in which we should walk, and the thing that we should do."

42:4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you; behold, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall happen that whatever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you."

42:5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "The LORD be a true and faithful witness among us, if we don't do according to all the word with which the LORD your God shall send you to us.

42:6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God."

42:7 It happened after ten days, that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

42:8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

42:9 and said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him:

42:10 'If you will still live in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought on you.

- 42:11** Don't be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; don't be afraid of him, says the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
- 42:12** I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land.
- 42:13** But if you say, "We will not dwell in this land; so that you don't obey the voice of the LORD your God,
- 42:14** saying, 'No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:'
- 42:15** now therefore hear the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah: 'Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there;
- 42:16** then it shall happen, that the sword, which you fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are afraid, shall follow close behind you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.
- 42:17** So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there: they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.
- 42:18** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "As my anger and my wrath has been poured forth on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured forth on you, when you shall enter into Egypt; and you shall be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.""
- 42:19** The LORD has spoken concerning you, remnant of Judah, "Don't you go into Egypt: know certainly that I have testified to you this day.
- 42:20** For you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God; and according to all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it:'
- 42:21** and I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God in anything for which he has sent me to

you.

42:22 Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go to live there."

Jeremiah

43:1 It happened that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD their God, with which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

43:2 then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, "You speak falsely: the LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You shall not go into Egypt to live there;'

43:3 but Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to Babylon."

43:4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, didn't obey the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

43:5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who were returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah;

43:6 the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah;

43:7 and they came into the land of Egypt; for they didn't obey the voice of the LORD: and they came to Tahpanhes.

43:8 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

43:9 "Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brick work, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

43:10 and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel:

Behold, "I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

43:11 He shall come, and shall strike the land of Egypt; such as are for death shall be put to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword.

43:12 I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace.

43:13 He shall also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire."'''

Jeremiah

44:1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who lived in the land of Egypt, who lived at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

44:2 "Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells therein,

44:3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods, that they didn't know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers.

44:4 However I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, "Oh, don't do this abominable thing that I hate."

44:5 But they didn't listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

44:6 Therefore my wrath and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.

44:7 Therefore now thus says the LORD, the God of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Why do you commit great evil against your own souls, to cut

off from yourselves man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the midst of Judah, to leave yourselves none remaining;

- 44:8** in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?
- 44:9** Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
- 44:10** They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.'
- 44:11** Therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah.
- 44:12** I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an object of horror, an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.
- 44:13** For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence;
- 44:14** so that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.'"
- 44:15** Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,
- 44:16** "As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you.

- 44:17** But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil.
- 44:18** But since we left off burning incense to the queen of the sky, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.
- 44:19** When we burned incense to the queen of the sky, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands?"
- 44:20** Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people who had given him an answer, saying,
- 44:21** "The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, didn't the LORD remember them, and didn't it come into his mind?
- 44:22** so that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore your land has become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.
- 44:23** Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as it is this day."
- 44:24** Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt:
- 44:25** Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, saying, 'You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, "We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her:" establish then your vows, and perform your vows.
- 44:26** Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: 'Behold, I have sworn by my great name,' says the LORD, 'that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of

Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "As the Lord our LORD lives."

- 44:27** Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until they are all gone.
- 44:28** Those who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs."
- 44:29** "This shall be the sign to you," says the LORD, "that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:
- 44:30** Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.'"

Jeremiah

- 45:1** The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,
- 45:2** "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, Baruch:
- 45:3** 'You said, Woe is me now! for the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.'"
- 45:4** You shall tell him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land.
- 45:5** Do you seek great things for yourself? Don't seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, says the LORD; but your life will I give to you for a prey in all places where you go.'"

Jeremiah

- 46:1** The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.
- 46:2** Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.
- 46:3** "Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle!
- 46:4** Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail.
- 46:5** Why have I seen it? They are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled apace, and don't look back: terror is on every side," says the LORD.
- 46:6** "Don't let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen.
- 46:7** Who is this who rises up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers?
- 46:8** Egypt rises up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he says, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and its inhabitants.
- 46:9** Go up, you horses; and rage, you chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.
- 46:10** For that day is of the Lord, the LORD of Armies, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiated, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, the LORD of Armies, has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.
- 46:11** Go up into Gilead, and take balm, virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain do you use many medicines; there is no healing for you.
- 46:12** The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together."
- 46:13** The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how that

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt.

- 46:14 "Declare in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes: say, Stand forth, and prepare; for the sword has devoured around you.**
- 46:15 Why are your strong ones swept away? They didn't stand, because the LORD pushed them.**
- 46:16 He made many to stumble, yes, they fell one on another: and they said, 'Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword.'**
- 46:17 They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has let the appointed time pass by.'**
- 46:18 As I live, says the King, whose name is the LORD of Armies, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.**
- 46:19 You daughter who dwells in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant.**
- 46:20 Egypt is a very beautiful heifer; but destruction out of the north has come, it has come.**
- 46:21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they didn't stand: for the day of their calamity has come on them, the time of their visitation.**
- 46:22 The sound of it shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as wood cutters.**
- 46:23 They shall cut down her forest," says the LORD, "though it can't be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable.**
- 46:24 The daughter of Egypt shall be disappointed; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north."**
- 46:25 The LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings;**

even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him:

- 46:26** and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old," says the LORD.
- 46:27** "But don't you be afraid, Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.
- 46:28** Don't you be afraid, O Jacob my servant," says the LORD; "for I am with you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you; but I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished."

Jeremiah

- 47:1** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh struck Gaza.
- 47:2** Thus says the LORD: "Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and those who dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.
- 47:3** At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers don't look back to their children for feebleness of hands;
- 47:4** because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains: for the LORD will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor.
- 47:5** Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nothing, the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself?
- 47:6** You sword of the LORD, how long will it be before you be quiet? Put up yourself into your scabbard; rest, and be still.
- 47:7** How can you be quiet, since the LORD has given you a command? Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there has he appointed it."

Jeremiah

- 48:1** Of Moab. Thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "Woe to Nebo! for it is laid waste; Kiriathaim is disappointed, it is taken; Misgab is put to shame and broken down.
- 48:2** The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. You also, Madmen, shall be brought to silence: the sword shall pursue you.
- 48:3** The sound of a cry from Horonaim, desolation and great destruction!
- 48:4** Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.
- 48:5** For by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; for at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction.
- 48:6** Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.
- 48:7** For, because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you also shall be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together.
- 48:8** The destroyer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as the LORD has spoken.
- 48:9** Give wings to Moab, that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein.
- 48:10** Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD negligently; and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.
- 48:11** Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed."
- 48:12** "Therefore behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will send to him those who pour off, and they shall pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles in pieces.

- 48:13** Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.
- 48:14** How do you say, 'We are mighty men, and valiant men for the war?'
- 48:15** Moab is laid waste, and they are gone up into his cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, says the King, whose name is the LORD of Armies.
- 48:16** The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hurries fast.
- 48:17** All you who are around him, bemoan him, and all you who know his name; say, 'How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful rod!'
- 48:18** You daughter who dwells in Dibon, come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of Moab has come up against you, he has destroyed your strongholds.
- 48:19** Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and watch: ask him who flees, and her who escapes; say, 'What has been done?'
- 48:20** Moab is disappointed; for it is broken down: wail and cry; tell it by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste.
- 48:21** Judgment has come on the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahzah, and on Mephaath,
- 48:22** and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth Diblathaim,
- 48:23** and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth Gamul, and on Beth Meon,
- 48:24** and on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
- 48:25** The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken," says the LORD.
- 48:26** "Make him drunken; for he magnified himself against the LORD: and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
- 48:27** For wasn't Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves? for as often as you speak of him, you shake your head.
- 48:28** You inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that makes her nest over the mouth of the abyss.

- 48:29** We have heard of the pride of Moab. He is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart.
- 48:30** I know his wrath, says the LORD, that it is nothing; his boastings have worked nothing.
- 48:31** Therefore will I wail for Moab; yes, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir Heres shall they mourn.
- 48:32** With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for you, vine of Sibmah: your branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jazer: on your summer fruits and on your vintage the destroyer is fallen.
- 48:33** Gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the wine presses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting.
- 48:34** From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishiyah: for the waters of Nimrim also shall become desolate."
- 48:35** "Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab," says the LORD, 'him who offers in the high place, and him who burns incense to his gods.
- 48:36** Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like pipes, and my heart sounds like pipes for the men of Kir Heres: therefore the abundance that he has gotten is perished.
- 48:37** For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: on all the hands are cuttings, and on the waist sackcloth.
- 48:38** On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation every where; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which none delights," says the LORD.
- 48:39** "How it is broken down! How they wail! How Moab has turned the back with shame! So shall Moab become a derision and a terror to all who are around him."
- 48:40** For thus says the LORD: "Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab.

- 48:41** Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
- 48:42** Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against the LORD."
- 48:43** "Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are on you, inhabitant of Moab," says the LORD.
- 48:44** "He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring on him, even on Moab, the year of their visitation," says the LORD.
- 48:45** "Those who fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.
- 48:46** Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for your sons are taken away captive, and your daughters into captivity."
- 48:47** "Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days," says the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah

- 49:1** Of the children of Ammon. Thus says the LORD: "Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why then does Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in its cities?
- 49:2** Therefore behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess those who possessed him, says the LORD.
- 49:3** Wail, Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, clothe yourself in sackcloth: lament, and run back and forth among the fences; for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together.
- 49:4** Why do you glory in the valleys, your flowing valley, backsliding daughter? Who trusted in her treasures, saying, 'Who shall come to

me?"

- 49:5** "Behold, I will bring a fear on you," says the Lord, the LORD of Armies, from all who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives."
- 49:6** "But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon," says the LORD.
- 49:7** Of Edom. Thus says the LORD of Armies: "Is wisdom no more in Teman? Is counsel perished from the prudent? Is their wisdom vanished?
- 49:8** Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau on him, the time that I shall visit him.
- 49:9** If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, wouldn't they destroy until they had enough?
- 49:10** But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brothers, and his neighbors; and he is no more.
- 49:11** Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in me."
- 49:12** For thus says the LORD: "Behold, they to whom it didn't pertain to drink of the cup shall certainly drink; and are you he who shall altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink.
- 49:13** For I have sworn by myself, says the LORD, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes."
- 49:14** I have heard news from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, "Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle."
- 49:15** "For, behold, I have made you small among the nations, and despised among men.
- 49:16** As for your terror, the pride of your heart has deceived you, O you

who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," says the LORD.

- 49:17 "Edom shall become an astonishment: everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its plagues."
- 49:18 "As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it," says the LORD, "no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.
- 49:19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who will stand before me?
- 49:20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them.
- 49:21 The earth trembles at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise which is heard in the Red Sea.
- 49:22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs."
- 49:23 Of Damascus. "Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be quiet.
- 49:24 Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail.
- 49:25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy?
- 49:26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day," says the LORD of Armies.
- 49:27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben Hadad."

- 49:28** Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck. Thus says the LORD: "Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east.
- 49:29** Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, terror on every side!
- 49:30** Flee, wander far off, dwell in the depths, you inhabitants of Hazor, says the LORD; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you."
- 49:31** "Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells without care," says the LORD; "That have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone.
- 49:32** Their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their livestock a spoil: and I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of their beards cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them," says the LORD.
- 49:33** "Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein."
- 49:34** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
- 49:35** Thus says the LORD of Armies: "Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.
- 49:36** On Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of the sky, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.
- 49:37** I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek their life; and I will bring evil on them, even my fierce anger," says the LORD; "and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them;
- 49:38** and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there king and princes," says the LORD.
- 49:39** "But it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring back the captivity of Elam," says the LORD.

Jeremiah

- 50:1** The word that the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.
- 50:2** "Declare among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and don't conceal: say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is disappointed, Merodach is dismayed; her images are disappointed, her idols are dismayed.'
- 50:3** For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they are fled, they are gone, both man and animal."
- 50:4** "In those days, and in that time," says the LORD, "the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek the LORD their God.
- 50:5** They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces turned toward it, saying, 'Come, and join yourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.'
- 50:6** My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.
- 50:7** All who found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, 'We are not guilty, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of righteousness, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.'
- 50:8** Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the male goats before the flocks.
- 50:9** For, behold, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of an expert mighty man; none shall return in vain."
- 50:10** "Chaldea shall be a prey: all who prey on her shall be satisfied," says the LORD.

- 50:11** "Because you are glad, because you rejoice, O you who plunder my heritage, because you are wanton as a heifer that treads out the grain, and neigh as strong horses;
- 50:12** your mother shall be utterly disappointed; she who bore you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be the least of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
- 50:13** Because of the wrath of the LORD she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.
- 50:14** Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against the LORD.
- 50:15** Shout against her all around: she has submitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance on her; as she has done, do to her.
- 50:16** Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land.
- 50:17** Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones."
- 50:18** Therefore thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.
- 50:19** I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead."
- 50:20** "In those days, and in that time," says the LORD, "the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant."
- 50:21** "Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: kill and utterly destroy after them," says the LORD, "and do according to all that I have commanded you.

- 50:22** A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.
- 50:23** How is the hammer of the whole earth cut apart and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
- 50:24** I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, Babylon, and you weren't aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against the LORD.
- 50:25** The LORD has opened his armory, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, the LORD of Armies, has a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans.
- 50:26** Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left.
- 50:27** Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter: Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their visitation.
- 50:28** The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.
- 50:29** Call together the archers against Babylon, all those who bend the bow; encamp against her all around; let none of it escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel."
- 50:30** "Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all her men of war will be brought to silence in that day," says the LORD.
- 50:31** "Behold, I am against you, you proud one," says the Lord, the LORD of Armies; "for your day has come, the time that I will visit you.
- 50:32** The proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are around him."
- 50:33** Thus says the LORD of Armies: "The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together; and all who took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go.

- 50:34** Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of Armies is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon."
- 50:35** "A sword is on the Chaldeans," says the LORD, "and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on her princes, and on her wise men.
- 50:36** A sword is on the boasters, and they shall become fools; a sword is on her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed.
- 50:37** A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures, and they shall be robbed.
- 50:38** A drought is on her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they are mad over idols.
- 50:39** Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation."
- 50:40** "As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it," says the LORD, "so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.
- 50:41** Behold, a people comes from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 50:42** They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Babylon.
- 50:43** The king of Babylon has heard the news of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, pains as of a woman in labor.
- 50:44** Behold, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who can stand before me?
- 50:45** Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones

of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them.

50:46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations."

Jeremiah

51:1 Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind.

51:2 I will send to Babylon strangers, who shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her around.

51:3 Against him who bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail: and don't spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army.

51:4 They shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets.

51:5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of the LORD of Armies; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.

51:6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; don't be cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render to her a recompense.

51:7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, who made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

51:8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

51:9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go everyone into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

51:10 The LORD has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

51:11 Make sharp the arrows; hold firm the shields: the LORD has stirred

up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

- 51:12** Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for the LORD has both purposed and done that which he spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 51:13** You who dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness.
- 51:14** The LORD of Armies has sworn by himself, saying, "Surely I will fill you with men, as with the canker worm; and they shall lift up a shout against you."
- 51:15** He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens:
- 51:16** when he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightning for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 51:17** Every man has become brutish without knowledge. Every goldsmith is disappointed by his image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 51:18** They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 51:19** The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and is the tribe of his inheritance: the LORD of Armies is his name.
- 51:20** "You are my battle axe and weapons of war: and with you will I break in pieces the nations; and with you will I destroy kingdoms;
- 51:21** and with you will I break in pieces the horse and his rider;
- 51:22** and with you will I break in pieces the chariot and him who rides therein; and with you will I break in pieces man and woman; and with you will I break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with you will I break in pieces the young man and the virgin;

- 51:23** and with you will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with you will I break in pieces the farmer and his yoke; and with you will I break in pieces governors and deputies.
- 51:24** I will render to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight," says the LORD.
- 51:25** "Behold, I am against you, destroying mountain," says the LORD, "which destroys all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand on you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain.
- 51:26** They shall not take of you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be desolate for ever," says the LORD.
- 51:27** Set up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough canker worm.
- 51:28** Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes, its governors, and all its deputies, and all the land of their dominion.
- 51:29** The land trembles and is in pain; for the purposes of the LORD against Babylon do stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.
- 51:30** The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their might has failed; they are become as women: her dwelling places are set on fire; her bars are broken.
- 51:31** One runner will run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every quarter:
- 51:32** and the passages are seized, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are frightened.
- 51:33** For thus says the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her."
- 51:34** "Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty vessel, he has, like a

monster, swallowed me up, he has filled his maw with my delicacies; he has cast me out.

- 51:35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be on Babylon," shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, "My blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea," shall Jerusalem say.
- 51:36 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry.
- 51:37 Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant.
- 51:38 They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' cubs.
- 51:39 When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake," says the LORD.
- 51:40 "I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.
- 51:41 How is Sheshach taken! and the praise of the whole earth seized! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
- 51:42 The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves.
- 51:43 Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in which no man dwells, neither does any son of man pass thereby.
- 51:44 I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more to him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.
- 51:45 My people, go away from the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 51:46 Don't let your heart faint, neither fear for the news that shall be heard in the land; for news shall come one year, and after that in another year shall come news, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.
- 51:47 Therefore behold, the days come, that I will execute judgment on the

engraved images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

- 51:48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers shall come to her from the north," says the LORD.
- 51:49 As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land.
- 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, go, don't stand still; remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.
- 51:51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; confusion has covered our faces: for strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.
- 51:52 "Therefore behold, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will execute judgment on her engraved images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan.
- 51:53 Though Babylon should mount up to the sky, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come to her," says the LORD.
- 51:54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
- 51:55 For the LORD lays Babylon waste, and destroys out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered:
- 51:56 for the destroyer has come on her, even on Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for the LORD is a God of recompenses, he will surely requite.
- 51:57 "I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake up," says the King, whose name is the LORD of Armies.
- 51:58 Thus says the LORD of Armies: "The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples shall labor for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary."

- 51:59** The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief quartermaster.
- 51:60** Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.
- 51:61** Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words,
- 51:62** and say, 'LORD, you have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor animal, but that it shall be desolate forever.'
- 51:63** It shall be, when you have made an end of reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates:
- 51:64** and you shall say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring on her; and they shall be weary.'" Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah

- 52:1** Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
- 52:2** He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
- 52:3** For through the anger of the LORD it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- 52:4** It happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about.
- 52:5** So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

- 52:6** In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.
- 52:7** Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around;) and they went toward the Arabah.
- 52:8** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.
- 52:9** Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him.
- 52:10** The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he killed also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.
- 52:11** He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.
- 52:12** Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem:
- 52:13** and he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burned he with fire.
- 52:14** All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around.
- 52:15** Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people who were left in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude.
- 52:16** But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers.
- 52:17** The Chaldeans broke the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in the house

- of the LORD in pieces, and carried all the of their brass to Babylon.
- 52:18** They also took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered.
- 52:19** The captain of the guard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver.
- 52:20** They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made for the house of the LORD. The brass of all these vessels was without weight.
- 52:21** As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits encircled it; and its thickness was four fingers. It was hollow.
- 52:22** A capital of brass was on it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like these, and pomegranates.
- 52:23** There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were one hundred on the network all around.
- 52:24** The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold:
- 52:25** and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city.
- 52:26** Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.
- 52:27** The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land.
- 52:28** This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews;

- 52:29** in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons;
- 52:30** in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.
- 52:31** It happened in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison;
- 52:32** and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon,
- 52:33** and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life
- 52:34** and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations

1:1 How the city sits solitary, that was full of people! She has become as a widow, who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become tributary! **1:2** She weeps bitterly in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her: All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they are become her enemies.

1:3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwells among the nations, she finds no rest: all her persecutors overtook her within the straits. **1:4** The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly; all her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh: her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

1:5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper; for the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary. **1:6** From the daughter of Zion all her majesty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

1:7 Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that were from the days of old: when her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and no one helped her, the adversaries saw her, they mocked at her desolations. **1:8** Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she has become as an unclean thing; all who honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yes, she sighs, and turns backward. **1:9** Her filthiness was in her skirts; she didn't remember her latter end; therefore is she come down wonderfully; she has no comforter: see, LORD, my affliction; for the enemy has magnified himself.

1:10 The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant things: for she has seen that the nations are entered into her sanctuary, concerning whom you commanded that they should not enter into your assembly. **1:11** All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for food to refresh the soul: look, LORD, and see; for I am become abject.

1:12 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which is brought on me, with which the LORD has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. **1:13** From on high has he sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them; He has spread a net

for my feet, he has turned me back: He has made me desolate and faint all the day. 1:14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; they are knit together, they have come up on my neck; he has made my strength to fail: The LORD has delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand. 1:15 The LORD has set at nothing all my mighty men in the midst of me; He has called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men: The LORD has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

1:16 For these things I weep; my eye, my eye runs down with water; Because the comforter who should refresh my soul is far from me: My children are desolate, because the enemy has prevailed. 1:17 Zion spreads forth her hands; there is none to comfort her; the LORD has commanded concerning Jacob, that those who are around him should be his adversaries: Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

1:18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: Please hear all you peoples, and see my sorrow: My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. 1:19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: My priests and my elders gave up the spirit in the city, while they sought them food to refresh their souls.

1:20 See, LORD; for I am in distress; my heart is troubled; my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: Abroad the sword bereaves, at home there is as death. They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me; All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it: You will bring the day that you have proclaimed, and they shall be like me. 1:22 Let all their wickedness come before you; do to them, as you have done to me for all my transgressions: For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

Lamentations

2:1 How has the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger! He has cast down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and hasn't remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. 2:2 The LORD has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and has not pitied: He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; he has brought them down to the ground; he has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

2:3 He has cut off in fierce anger all the horn of Israel; He has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy: He has burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours all around. 2:4 He has bent his bow like an

enemy, he has stood with his right hand as an adversary, has killed all that were pleasant to the eye: In the tent of the daughter of Zion he has poured out his wrath like fire. 2:5 The LORD has become as an enemy, he has swallowed up Israel; he has swallowed up all her palaces, he has destroyed his strongholds; he has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

2:6 He has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden; he has destroyed his place of assembly: the LORD has caused solemn assembly and Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, has despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. 2:7 The LORD has cast off his altar, he has abhorred his sanctuary; he has given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces: They have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn assembly.

2:8 The LORD has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; He has stretched out the line, he has not withdrawn his hand from destroying; he has made the rampart and wall to lament; they languish together. 2:9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the nations where the law is not; yes, her prophets find no vision from the LORD. 2:10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground, they keep silence; they have cast up dust on their heads; they have clothed themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

2:11 My eyes do fail with tears, my heart is troubled; my liver is poured on the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because the young children and the infants swoon in the streets of the city. 2:12 They tell their mothers, where is grain and wine? When they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.

2:13 What shall I testify to you? what shall I liken to you, daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter of Zion? For your breach is great like the sea: who can heal you? 2:14 Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions; they have not uncovered your iniquity, to bring back your captivity, but have seen for you false oracles and causes of banishment.

2:15 All that pass by clap their hands at you. They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, "Is this the city that men called, the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?" 2:16 All your enemies have opened their mouth wide against you; they hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, we have swallowed her up; certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. 2:17 The LORD has done that

which he purposed; he has fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old; he has thrown down, and has not pitied: He has caused the enemy to rejoice over you; he has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

2:18 Their heart cried to the LORD: wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no respite; don't let the apple of your eye cease.

2:19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the LORD: lift up your hands toward him for the life of your young children, that faint for hunger at the head of every street.

2:20 Look, LORD, and see to whom you have done thus! Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that are dandled in the hands? Shall the priest and the prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the LORD? **2:21** The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword: You have killed them in the day of your anger; you have slaughtered, and not pitied. **2:22** You have called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side; There was none that escaped or remained in the day of the LORD's anger: Those that I have dandled and brought up has my enemy consumed.

Lamentations

3:1 I am the man that has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. **3:2** He has led me and caused me to walk in darkness, and not in light. **3:3** Surely against me he turns his hand again and again all the day. **3:4** My flesh and my skin has he made old; he has broken my bones. **3:5** He has built against me, and surrounded me with gall and travail. **3:6** He has made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead. **3:7** He has walled me about, that I can't go forth; he has made my chain heavy.

3:8 Yes, when I cry, and call for help, he shuts out my prayer. **3:9** He has walled up my ways with cut stone; he has made my paths crooked. **3:10** He is to me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places. **3:11** He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he has made me desolate. **3:12** He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. **3:13** He has caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my kidneys.

3:14 I am become a derision to all my people, and their song all the day. **3:15** He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood. **3:16** He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones; he has covered me with ashes. **3:17** You have removed my soul far off from peace; I forgot

prosperity. 3:18 I said, "My strength is perished, and my expectation from the LORD. 3:19 Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall." 3:20 My soul still remembers them, and is bowed down within me.

3:21 This I recall to my mind; therefore have I hope. 3:22 It is because of the LORD's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion doesn't fail. 3:23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 3:24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul; "therefore will I hope in him."

3:25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. 3:26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. 3:27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 3:28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him. 3:29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope. 3:30 Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him; let him be filled full with reproach.

3:31 For the LORD will not cast off forever. 3:32 For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. 3:33 For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. 3:34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth, 3:35 to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High, 3:36 to subvert a man in his cause, the LORD doesn't approve.

3:37 Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, when the LORD doesn't command it? 3:38 Doesn't evil and good come out of the mouth of the Most High? 3:39 Why does a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. 3:41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands to God in the heavens.

3:42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; you have not pardoned. 3:43 You have covered with anger and pursued us; you have killed, you have not pitied. 3:44 You have covered yourself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through. 3:45 You have made us an off-scouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples. 3:46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us. 3:47 Fear and the pit have come on us, devastation and destruction. 3:48 My eye runs down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people. 3:49 My eye pours down, and doesn't cease, without any intermission, 3:50 Until the LORD looks down, and sees from heaven. 3:51 My eye affects my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.

3:52 They have chased me relentlessly like a bird, those who are my

enemies without cause. 3:53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone on me. 3:54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off. 3:55 I called on your name, LORD, out of the lowest dungeon. 3:56 You heard my voice; don't hide your ear at my breathing, at my cry. 3:57 You drew near in the day that I called on you; you said, "Don't be afraid." 3:58 LORD, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.

3:59 LORD, you have seen my wrong. Judge my cause. 3:60 You have seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me. 3:61 You have heard their reproach, LORD, and all their devices against me, 3:62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day. 3:63 You see their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song. 3:64 You will render to them a recompense, LORD, according to the work of their hands. 3:65 You will give them hardness of heart, your curse to them. 3:66 You will pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of the LORD.

Lamentations

4:1 How the gold has become dim! The most pure gold has changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street. 4:2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! 4:3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they nurse their young ones: The daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. 4:4 The tongue of the nursing child clings to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaks it to them. 4:5 Those who fed delicately are desolate in the streets: those who were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

4:6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid on her. 4:7 Her nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire. 4:8 Their appearance is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin clings to their bones; it is withered, it has become like a stick. 4:9 Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field. 4:10 The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children; they were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people. 4:11 The LORD has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out his fierce anger; he has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations. 4:12 The kings of the earth didn't believe, neither all the

inhabitants of the world, that the adversary and the enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem

4:13 It is because of the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her. 4:14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, so that men can't touch their garments. 4:15 Depart! they cried to them, unclean! Depart, depart, don't touch! When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall not live here anymore. 4:16 The anger of the LORD has scattered them; he will no more regard them: They didn't respect the persons of the priests, they didn't favor the elders.

4:17 Our eyes still fail, looking in vain for our help: In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save. 4:18 They hunt our steps, so that we can't go in our streets: Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end has come. 4:19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky: they chased us on the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. 4:20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits; of whom we said, under his shadow we shall live among the nations

4:21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, that dwell in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through to you also; you shall be drunken, and shall make yourself naked. 4:22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into captivity: He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

Lamentations

5:1 Remember, LORD, what has come on us: Look, and see our reproach. 5:2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. 5:3 We are orphans and fatherless; our mothers are as widows. 5:4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold to us. 5:5 Our pursuers are on our necks: we are weary, and have no rest. 5:6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

5:7 Our fathers sinned, and are no more; we have borne their iniquities. 5:8 Servants rule over us: there is none to deliver us out of their hand. 5:9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness. 5:10 Our skin is black like an oven, because of the burning heat of famine. 5:11 They ravished the women in Zion, the virgins in the cities of Judah. 5:12 Princes were hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders

were not honored. 5:13 The young men bare the mill; the children stumbled under the wood. 5:14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

5:15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.
5:16 The crown is fallen from our head: Woe to us! for we have sinned.
5:17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim; 5:18 for the mountain of Zion, which is desolate: the foxes walk on it.

5:19 You, LORD, remain forever; your throne is from generation to generation. 5:20 Why do you forget us forever, and forsake us so long time? 5:21 Turn us to yourself, LORD, and we shall be turned. Renew our days as of old. 5:22 But you have utterly rejected us; you are very angry against us.

Ezekiel

- 1:1** Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- 1:2** In the fifth of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,
- 1:3** The word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there on him.
- 1:4** I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of its midst as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire.
- 1:5** Out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.
- 1:6** Everyone had four faces, and each one of them had four wings.
- 1:7** Their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished brass.
- 1:8** They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:
- 1:9** their wings were joined one to another; they didn't turn when they went; each one went straight forward.
- 1:10** As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle.
- 1:11** Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies.
- 1:12** Each one went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; they didn't turn when they went.
- 1:13** As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like

burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

- 1:14 The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.
- 1:15 Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it.
- 1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl: and the four of them had one likeness; and their appearance and their work as it were a wheel within a wheel.
- 1:17 When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn when they went.
- 1:18 As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around.
- 1:19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
- 1:20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 1:21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 1:22 Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like the awesome crystal to look on, stretched forth over their heads above.
- 1:23 Under the expanse were their wings straight, the one toward the other: each one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side, their bodies.
- 1:24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings.
- 1:25 There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads: when

they stood, they let down their wings.

- 1:26** Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above.
- 1:27** I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.
- 1:28** As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

Ezekiel

- 2:1** He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."
- 2:2** The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me.
- 2:3** He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me even to this very day.
- 2:4** The children are impudent and stiff-hearted: I am sending you to them; and you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD.'
- 2:5** They, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
- 2:6** You, son of man, don't be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you, and you do dwell among scorpions: don't be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.
- 2:7** You shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.
- 2:8** But you, son of man, hear what I tell you; don't be rebellious like

that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat that which I give you."

2:9 When I looked, behold, a hand was put forth to me; and, behold, a scroll of a book was therein;

2:10 He spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel

3:1 He said to me, "Son of man, eat that which you find. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll.

3:3 He said to me, "Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you." Then I ate it; and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

3:4 He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them.

3:5 For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel;

3:6 not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you.

3:7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are obstinate and hard-hearted.

3:8 Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads.

3:9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead: don't be afraid of them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house."

3:10 Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

3:11 Go to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak

to them, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD;' whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

- 3:12** Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, "Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place."
- 3:13** I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing.
- 3:14** So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of the LORD was strong on me.
- 3:15** Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel Aviv, that lived by the river Chebar, and to where they lived; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.
- 3:16** It happened at the end of seven days, that the Word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 3:17** "Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them warning from me.
- 3:18** When I tell the wicked, 'You shall surely die;' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 3:19** Yet if you warn the wicked, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
- 3:20** Again, when a righteous man does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 3:21** Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul."

- 3:22** The hand of the LORD was there on me; and he said to me, "Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with you."
- 3:23** Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.
- 3:24** Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, "Go, shut yourself inside your house.
- 3:25** But you, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them:
- 3:26** and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be mute, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house
- 3:27** But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD:' He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house."

Ezekiel

- 4:1** "You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem:
- 4:2** and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it all around.
- 4:3** Take for yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
- 4:4** Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity.
- 4:5** For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred ninety days: so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
- 4:6** Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall lie on your right

side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it to you.

- 4:7 You shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it.
- 4:8 Behold, I lay bands on you, and you shall not turn you from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege.
- 4:9 Take for yourself also wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on your side, even three hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it.
- 4:10 Your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time you shall eat it.
- 4:11 You shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time you shall drink.
- 4:12 You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man."
- 4:13 The LORD said, "Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them."
- 4:14 Then I said, "Ah LORD! behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn of animals; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.
- 4:15 Then he said to me, "Behold, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread thereon."
- 4:16 Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay:
- 4:17 that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

Ezekiel

- 5:1 You, son of man, take a sharp sword; you shall take it as a barber's

razor to you, and shall cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

- 5:2** A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.
- 5:3** You shall take of it a few in number, and bind them in your skirts.
- 5:4** Of these again you shall take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; from it shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.
- 5:5** Thus says the LORD: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are around her.
- 5:6** She has rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her; for they have rejected my ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them.
- 5:7** Therefore thus says the LORD: "Because you are turbulent more than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you;"
- 5:8** therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I, even I, am against you; And I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.
- 5:9** I will do in you that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all your abominations.
- 5:10** Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on you; and the whole remnant of you will I scatter to all the winds.
- 5:11** Therefore, as I live," says the LORD, "surely, because you have Defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore will I also diminish you; neither shall my eye spare, and I also will have no pity.
- 5:12** A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you; and a third part shall

fall by the sword around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

- 5:13** Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I shall be comforted; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath on them.
- 5:14** Moreover I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the sight of all that pass by.
- 5:15** So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations that are around you, when I shall execute judgments on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; (I, the LORD, have spoken it;)
- 5:16** when I shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread;
- 5:17** and I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you: I, the LORD, have spoken it."

Ezekiel

- 6:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 6:2** Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them,
- 6:3** and say, "You mountains of Israel, hear The word of the LORD: 'Thus says the LORD to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.
- 6:4** Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.
- 6:5** I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.
- 6:6** In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and

made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

- 6:7 The slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 6:8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in that you shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries.
- 6:9 Those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.
- 6:10 They shall know that I am the LORD: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them."
- 6:11 Thus says the LORD: "Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, 'Alas! because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.
- 6:12 He who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath on them.'
- 6:13 You shall know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they offered pleasant aroma to all their idols.
- 6:14 I will stretch out my hand on them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 7:1 Moreover The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 7:2 "You, son of man, thus says the LORD to the land of Israel, 'An end: the end has come on the four corners of the land.

- 7:3** Now is the end on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations.
- 7:4** My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you: and you shall know that I am the LORD.'
- 7:5** Thus says the LORD: 'An evil, an only evil; behold, it comes.
- 7:6** An end has come, the end has come; it awakes against you; behold, it comes.
- 7:7** Your doom has come to you, inhabitant of the land: the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains.
- 7:8** Now will I shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations.
- 7:9** My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring on you according to your ways; and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I, the LORD, do strike.
- 7:10** Behold, the day, behold, it comes: your doom is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.
- 7:11** Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There shall be nothing of value among them
- 7:12** The time has come, the day draws near: don't let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude
- 7:13** For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude of it, none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.
- 7:14** They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude.
- 7:15** The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within: he

who is in the field shall die with the sword: and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

- 7:16 But those of those who escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, everyone in his iniquity.**
- 7:17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.**
- 7:18 They shall also clothe themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads.**
- 7:19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it has been the stumbling block of their iniquity.**
- 7:20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things therein: therefore have I made it to them as an unclean thing.**
- 7:21 I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it.**
- 7:22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.**
- 7:23 Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.**
- 7:24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned.**
- 7:25 Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.**
- 7:26 Mischief shall come on mischief, and rumor shall be on rumor; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.**
- 7:27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do**

to them after their way, and according to their own judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 8:1** It happened in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the LORD fell there on me
- 8:2** Then I saw, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his waist and downward, fire; and from his waist and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal.
- 8:3** He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the sky, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where there was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.
- 8:4** Behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain.
- 8:5** Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north." So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and see, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.
- 8:6** He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But you shall again see yet other great abominations."
- 8:7** He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.
- 8:8** Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig now in the wall:" and when I had dug in the wall, "behold, a door."
- 8:9** He said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here."
- 8:10** So I went in and saw; and see, every form of creeping things, and abominable animals, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed around on the wall

- 8:11** There stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel; and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, every man with his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of incense went up.
- 8:12** Then he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his rooms of imagery? For they say, 'the LORD doesn't see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'"
- 8:13** He said also to me, "You shall again see yet other great abominations which they do."
- 8:14** Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and see, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz.
- 8:15** Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? You shall again see yet greater abominations than these."
- 8:16** He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and see, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east.
- 8:17** Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and behold, they put the branch to their nose.
- 8:18** Therefore will I also deal in wrath; my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them."

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- 9:1** Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Cause those who are in charge of the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand."
- 9:2** Behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand;

and one man in their midst clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. They went in, and stood beside the bronze altar.

- 9:3 The glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side.
- 9:4 The LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in its midst."
- 9:5 To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike: don't let your eye spare, neither have pity;
- 9:6 kill utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but don't come near any man on whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the old men that were before the house.
- 9:7 He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth!" They went forth, and struck in the city.
- 9:8 It happened, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, "Ah LORD LORD! Will you destroy all the residue of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem?"
- 9:9 Then he said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion: for they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD doesn't see.'
- 9:10 As for me also, my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their head."
- 9:11 Behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have done as you have commanded me."

Ezekiel

- 10:1 Then I looked, and see, in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

- 10:2** He spoke to the man clothed in linen, and said, "Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherub, and fill both your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." He went in as I watched.
- 10:3** Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
- 10:4** The glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.
- 10:5** The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.
- 10:6** It came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," then he went in, and stood beside a wheel.
- 10:7** The cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took of it, and put it into the hands of him who was clothed in linen, who took it and went out.
- 10:8** There appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.
- 10:9** I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone.
- 10:10** As for their appearance, the four of them had one likeness, like a wheel within a wheel.
- 10:11** When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it; they didn't turn as they went.
- 10:12** Their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes all around, even the wheels that the four of them had.
- 10:13** As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

- 10:14** Every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third face the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
- 10:15** The cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar.
- 10:16** When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also didn't turn from beside them.
- 10:17** When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.
- 10:18** The glory of the LORD went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim.
- 10:19** The cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.
- 10:20** This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim.
- 10:21** Every one had four faces, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.
- 10:22** As for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

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- 11:1** Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house, which looks eastward: and see, at the door of the gate twenty-five men; and I saw in their midst Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.
- 11:2** He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who give wicked counsel in this city;
- 11:3** Who say, 'The time is not near to build houses: this is the caldron, and we are the meat.'

- 11:4** Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man."
- 11:5** The Spirit of the LORD fell on me, and he said to me, "Speak, Thus says the LORD: 'Thus you have said, house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.
- 11:6** You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.
- 11:7** Therefore thus says the LORD: Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this is the caldron; but you shall be brought out of its midst.
- 11:8** You have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword on you, says the LORD.
- 11:9** I will bring you forth out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.
- 11:10** You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 11:11** This shall not be your caldron, neither shall you be the meat in its midst; I will judge you in the border of Israel;
- 11:12** and you shall know that I am the LORD: for you have not walked in my statutes, neither have you executed my ordinances, but have done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you."
- 11:13** It happened, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah LORD! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?"
- 11:14** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 11:15** "Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, the men of your relatives, and all the house of Israel, all of them, to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far away from the LORD. This land has been given to us for a possession.'
- 11:16** Therefore say, 'Thus says the LORD: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they have come.'

- 11:17** Therefore say, 'Thus says the LORD: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'
- 11:18** They shall come there, and they shall take away all the detestable things of it and all its abominations from there.
- 11:19** I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;
- 11:20** that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- 11:21** But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads," says the LORD.
- 11:22** Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.
- 11:23** The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood on the mountain which is on the east side of the city.
- 11:24** The Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.
- 11:25** Then I spoke to them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shown me.

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- 12:1** The word of the LORD also came to me, saying,
- 12:2** "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and don't see, who have ears to hear, and don't hear; for they are a rebellious house.
- 12:3** Therefore, you son of man, prepare your stuff for moving, and move by day in their sight; and you shall move from your place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house.

- 12:4** You shall bring forth your stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for moving; and you shall go forth yourself at even in their sight, as when men go forth into exile.
- 12:5** Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry your stuff out that way.
- 12:6** In their sight you shall bear it on your shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; you shall cover your face, so that you don't see the land: for I have set you for a sign to the house of Israel."
- 12:7** I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bore it on my shoulder in their sight.
- 12:8** In the morning came the word of the LORD to me, saying,
- 12:9** "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?'
- 12:10** Say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are.'
- 12:11** Say, 'I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall go into exile, into captivity.
- 12:12** The prince who is among them shall bear on his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land with his eyes.
- 12:13** My net also will I spread on him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.
- 12:14** I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.
- 12:15** They shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries.
- 12:16** But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations

among the nations where they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

- 12:17 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 12:18 "Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with fearfulness;
- 12:19 and tell the people of the land, 'Thus says the LORD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and all that is therein, because of the violence of all those who dwell therein.
- 12:20 The cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"
- 12:21 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 12:22 "Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?'
- 12:23 Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the LORD: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel;' but tell them, 'The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision.
- 12:24 For there shall be no more any false vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.
- 12:25 For I am the LORD; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it,' says the LORD."
- 12:26 Again The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 12:27 "Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, 'The vision that he sees is for many day to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off.'
- 12:28 Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: None of my words shall be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, says the LORD.'"

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- 13:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 13:2** "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear The word of the LORD:'"
- 13:3** Thus says the LORD, 'Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
- 13:4** Israel, your prophets have been like foxes in the waste places.
- 13:5** You have not gone up into the gaps, neither built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.
- 13:6** They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, "the LORD says;" but the LORD has not sent them: and they have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed.
- 13:7** Haven't you seen a false vision, and haven't you spoken a lying divination, in that you say, "the LORD says;" but I have not spoken?
- 13:8** Therefore thus says the LORD: Because you have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the LORD."
- 13:9** My hand shall be against the prophets who see false visions, and who divine lies: they shall not be in the council of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 13:10** Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and when one builds up a wall, behold, they plaster it with whitewash:
- 13:11** tell those who plaster it with whitewash, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; great hailstones shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it.
- 13:12** Behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, "Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?"
- 13:13** Therefore thus says the LORD: I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger,

and great hailstones in wrath to consume it.

- 13:14** So will I break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst: and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 13:15** Thus will I accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who have plastered it with whitewash; and I will tell you, The wall is no more, neither those who plastered it;
- 13:16** to wit, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says the LORD."
- 13:17** You, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against them,
- 13:18** and say, "Thus says the LORD: 'Woe to the women who sew pillows on all elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive for yourselves?
- 13:19** You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls who should not die, and to save the souls alive who should not live, by your lying to my people who listen to lies.
- 13:20** Therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against your pillows, with which you there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls whom you hunt to make them fly.
- 13:21** Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 13:22** Because with lies you have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, and be saved alive:
- 13:23** Therefore you shall no more see false visions, nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

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- 14:1** Then came certain of the elders of Israel to me, and sat before me.
- 14:2** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 14:3** "Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?
- 14:4** Therefore speak to them, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him therein according to the multitude of his idols;
- 14:5** that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.'
- 14:6** Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: Return, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
- 14:7** For every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live in Israel, who separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:
- 14:8** and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 14:9** If the prophet is deceived and speak a word, I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
- 14:10** They shall bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him who seeks him;
- 14:11** that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the LORD.'"

- 14:12** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 14:13** "Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, and break the staff of its bread, and send famine on it, and cut off from it man and animal;
- 14:14** though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, says the LORD.
- 14:15** If I cause evil animals to pass through the land, and they ravage it, and it be made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the animals;
- 14:16** though these three men were in it, as I live, says the LORD, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate.
- 14:17** Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land;' so that I cut off from it man and animal;
- 14:18** though these three men were in it, as I live, says the LORD, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves.
- 14:19** Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and animal;
- 14:20** though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says the LORD, they should deliver neither son nor daughter; they should but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.
- 14:21** For thus says the LORD: How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal!
- 14:22** Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it.
- 14:23** They shall comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it," says the LORD.

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- 15:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 15:2** "Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which is among the trees of the forest?
- 15:3** Shall wood be taken of it to make any work? Or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?
- 15:4** Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both its ends, and its midst is burned: is it profitable for any work?
- 15:5** Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for any work!
- 15:6** Therefore thus says the LORD: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 15:7** I will set my face against them; they shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.
- 15:8** I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, says the LORD."

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- 16:1** Again The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 16:2** "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations;
- 16:3** and say, 'Thus says the LORD to Jerusalem: Your birth and your birth is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hittite.
- 16:4** As for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, neither were you washed in water to cleanse you; you weren't salted at all, nor swaddled at all.
- 16:5** No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you, to have

compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, for that your person was abhorred, in the day that you were born.

- 16:6** When I passed by you, and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you, "Though you are in your blood, live;" yes, I said to you, "Though you are in your blood, live."
- 16:7** I caused you to multiply as that which grows in the field, and you increased and grew great, and you attained to excellent ornament; your breasts were fashioned, and your hair was grown; yet you were naked and bare.
- 16:8** Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the LORD, and you became mine.
- 16:9** Then washed I you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.
- 16:10** I clothed you also with embroidered work, and shod you with sealskin, and I dressed you about with fine linen, and covered you with silk.
- 16:11** I decked you with ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain on your neck.
- 16:12** I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.
- 16:13** Thus you were decked with gold and silver; and your clothing was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil; and you were exceeding beautiful, and you prospered to royal estate.
- 16:14** Your renown went forth among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put on you, says the LORD.
- 16:15** But you trusted in your beauty, and played the prostitute because of your renown, and poured out your prostitution on everyone who passed by; his it was.
- 16:16** You took of your garments, and made for yourselves high places decked with various colors, and played the prostitute on them: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be .

- 16:17** You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and played the prostitute with them;
- 16:18** and you took your embroidered garments, and covered them, and set my oil and my incense before them.
- 16:19** My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you even set it before them for a pleasant aroma; and thus it was,' says the LORD.
- 16:20** 'Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and you have sacrificed these to them to be devoured. Was your prostitution a small matter,
- 16:21** that you have slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire to them?
- 16:22** In all your abominations and your prostitution you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were wallowing in your blood.
- 16:23** It has happened after all your wickedness, woe, woe to you!' says the LORD,
- 16:24** 'that you have built for yourselves a vaulted place, and have made yourselves a lofty place in every street.
- 16:25** You have built your lofty place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty an abomination, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your prostitution.
- 16:26** You have also committed sexual immorality with the Egyptians, your neighbors, great of flesh; and have multiplied your prostitution, to provoke me to anger.
- 16:27** See therefore, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way.
- 16:28** You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet you weren't satisfied.

- 16:29** You have moreover multiplied your prostitution to the land of merchants, to Chaldea; and yet you weren't satisfied with this.
- 16:30** How weak is your heart,' says the LORD, 'since you do all these things, the work of an impudent prostitute;
- 16:31** in that you build your vaulted place at the head of every way, and make your lofty place in every street, and have not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn pay.
- 16:32** A wife who commits adultery! Who takes strangers instead of her husband!
- 16:33** They give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution.
- 16:34** You are different from other women in your prostitution, in that no one follows you to play the prostitute; and whereas you give hire, and no hire is given to you, therefore you are different.
- 16:35** Therefore, prostitute, hear the word of the LORD:'
- 16:36** Thus says the LORD, 'Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your abominations, and for the blood of your children, that you gave to them;
- 16:37** therefore see, I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those who you have loved, with all those who you have hated; I will even gather them against you on every side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.
- 16:38** I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.
- 16:39** I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your vaulted place, and break down your lofty places; and they shall strip you of your clothes, and take your beautiful jewels; and they shall leave you naked and bare.
- 16:40** They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords.

- 16:41** They shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, and you shall also give no hire any more.
- 16:42** So will I cause my wrath toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.
- 16:43** Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have raged against me in all these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring your way on your head,' says the LORD: 'and you shall not commit this lewdness with all your abominations.
- 16:44** Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, "As is the mother, so is her daughter."
- 16:45** You are the daughter of your mother, who loathes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.
- 16:46** Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells at your left hand, she and her daughters; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.
- 16:47** Yet have you not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, you were more corrupt than they in all your ways.'
- 16:48** 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.
- 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.
- 16:50** They were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.
- 16:51** Neither has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done.
- 16:52** You also, bear you your own shame, in that you have given judgment for your sisters; through your sins that you have committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than you: yes, be also

confounded, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

- 16:53 I will turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives in their midst;
- 16:54 that you may bear your own shame, and may be ashamed because of all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.
- 16:55 Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and you and your daughters shall return to your former estate.
- 16:56 For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride,
- 16:57 before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all who are around her, the daughters of the Philistines, who do despite to you all around.
- 16:58 You have borne your lewdness and your abominations,' says the LORD.
- 16:59 For thus says the LORD: 'I will also deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.
- 16:60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant.
- 16:61 Then you shall remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your elder sisters and your younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant.
- 16:62 I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall know that I am the LORD;
- 16:63 that you may remember, and be confounded, and never open your mouth anymore, because of your shame, when I have forgiven you all that you have done,' says the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 17:1 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 17:2** Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;
- 17:3** and say, "Thus says the LORD: 'A great eagle with great wings and long feathers, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar:
- 17:4** he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs of it, and carried it to a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.
- 17:5** He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful soil; he placed it beside many waters; he set it as a willow tree.
- 17:6** It grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.
- 17:7** There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of its plantation, that he might water it.
- 17:8** It was planted in a good soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.'
- 17:9** Say, 'Thus says the LORD: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? And not by a strong arm or many people can it be raised from its roots.
- 17:10** Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds where it grew.'"
- 17:11** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 17:12** "Say now to the rebellious house, 'Don't you know what these things mean? Tell them, behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to him to Babylon:
- 17:13** and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land;

- 17:14** that the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.
- 17:15** But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape who does such things? Shall he break the covenant, and yet escape?'
- 17:16** 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'Surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
- 17:17** Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons.
- 17:18** For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things; he shall not escape.'
- 17:19** Therefore thus says the LORD: 'As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it on his own head.
- 17:20** I will spread my net on him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me.
- 17:21** All his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it.'
- 17:22** Thus says the LORD: 'I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain:
- 17:23** in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shade of its branches shall they dwell.
- 17:24** All the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it.'"

Ezekiel

- 18:1** The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,
- 18:2** What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?"
- 18:3** "As I live," says the LORD, "You shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.
- 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins, he shall die.
- 18:5** But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right,
- 18:6** and has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a woman in her impurity,
- 18:7** and has not wronged any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment;
- 18:8** he who has not given forth on interest, neither has taken any increase, who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man,
- 18:9** has walked in my statutes, and has kept my ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live," says the LORD.
- 18:10** "If he fathers a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who does any one of these things,
- 18:11** and who does not any of those duties, but even has eaten on the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife,
- 18:12** has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination,
- 18:13** has given forth on interest, and has taken increase. Shall he then live? He shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall

surely die; his blood shall be on him.

- 18:14** Now, behold, if he fathers a son, who sees all his father's sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not such like;
- 18:15** who has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,
- 18:16** neither has wronged any, has not taken anything to pledge, neither has taken by robbery, but has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment;
- 18:17** who has withdrawn his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, has executed my ordinances, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.
- 18:18** As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity.
- 18:19** Yet you say, 'Why doesn't the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.
- 18:20** The soul who sins, he shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.
- 18:21** But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 18:22** None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live."
- 18:23** "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked?" says the LORD; "And not rather that he should return from his way, and live?"
- 18:24** "But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he has

trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die."

18:25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the LORD is not equal.' Hear now, house of Israel: Is my way not equal? Aren't your ways unequal?

18:26 When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies therein; in his iniquity that he has done shall he die.

18:27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

18:28 Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

18:29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the LORD is not fair.' House of Israel, aren't my ways fair? Aren't your ways unfair?

18:30 Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, everyone according to his ways," says the LORD. "Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make yourself a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, house of Israel?

18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies," says the LORD: "Therefore turn yourselves, and live."

Ezekiel

19:1 Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

19:2 and say, "What was your mother? A lioness: she crouched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her cubs.

19:3 She brought up one of her cubs: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.

19:4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

19:5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then

she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion.

- 19:6 He went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.
- 19:7 He knew their palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and its fullness, because of the noise of his roaring.
- 19:8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.
- 19:9 They put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel.
- 19:10 Your mother was like a vine, in your blood, planted by the waters: It was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
- 19:11 It had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and their stature was exalted among the thick boughs, and they were seen in their height with the multitude of their branches.
- 19:12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them.
- 19:13 Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land.
- 19:14 Fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation."

Ezekiel

- 20:1 It happened in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.
- 20:2 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 20:3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, Thus says the LORD: "Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says the LORD, I will not be inquired of by you."

- 20:4** Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers;
- 20:5** and tell them, "Thus says the LORD: In the day when I chose Israel, and swore to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, 'I am the LORD your God;'
- 20:6** in that day I swore to them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.
- 20:7** I said to them, 'Cast away every man the abominations of his eyes, and don't defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.'
- 20:8** But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they each didn't throw away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.
- 20:9** But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among which they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.
- 20:10** So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.
- 20:11** I gave them my statutes, and showed them my ordinances, which if a man does, he shall live in them.
- 20:12** Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.
- 20:13** But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they didn't walk in my statutes, and they rejected my ordinances, which if a man keep, he shall live in them; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them in the wilderness, to consume them.
- 20:14** But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.
- 20:15** Moreover also I swore to them in the wilderness, that I would not

bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

20:16 because they rejected my ordinances, and didn't walk in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

20:17 Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I didn't destroy them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness.

20:18 I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Don't walk in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols.

20:19 I am the LORD your God: walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them;

20:20 and make my Sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'

20:21 But the children rebelled against me; they didn't walk in my statutes, neither kept my ordinances to do them, which if a man do, he shall live in them; they profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

20:22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.

20:23 Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;

20:24 because they had not executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

20:25 Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances in which they should not live; (See NIV for a clearer translation)

20:26 and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD."

20:27 Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and tell them,

Thus says the LORD: "In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.

- 20:28** For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their pleasant aroma, and they poured out there their drink offerings.
- 20:29** Then I said to them, 'What does the high place where you go mean? So its name is called Bamah to this day.'
- 20:30** Therefore tell the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD: "Do you pollute yourselves in the way of your fathers? And do you play the prostitute after their abominations?
- 20:31** And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, house of Israel? As I live, says the LORD, I will not be inquired of by you;
- 20:32** and that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, in that you say, 'We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.'
- 20:33** As I live, says the LORD, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you:
- 20:34** and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out;
- 20:35** and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face.
- 20:36** Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you," says the LORD.
- 20:37** "I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;
- 20:38** and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who disobey against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they live, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know

that I am the LORD."

- 20:39 "As for you, house of Israel," thus says the LORD: "Go, serve everyone his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols."
- 20:40 "For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel," says the LORD, "There shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things.
- 20:41 As a pleasant aroma will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations.
- 20:42 You shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I swore to give to your fathers.
- 20:43 There you shall remember your ways, and all your doings, in which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.
- 20:44 You shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, you house of Israel," says the LORD.
- 20:45 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 20:46 "Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South;
- 20:47 and tell the forest of the South, 'Hear The word of the LORD: Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burnt thereby.
- 20:48 All flesh shall see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.'""

20:49 Then I said, "Ah LORD LORD! they say of me, 'Isn't he a speaker of parables?'"

Ezekiel

21:1 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21:2 Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and drop your word toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel;

21:3 and tell the land of Israel, "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.

21:4 Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

21:5 and all flesh shall know that I, the LORD, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more.

21:6 Sigh therefore, you son of man; with the breaking of your thighs and with bitterness you will sigh before their eyes

21:7 It shall be, when they tell you, "Why do you sigh?" that you shall say, "Because of the news, for it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it comes, and it shall be done, says the LORD.'""

21:8 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21:9 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD:' Say, 'A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished;

21:10 it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? the rod of my son, it condemns every tree.

21:11 It is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the killer.

21:12 Cry and wail, son of man; for it is on my people, it is on all the

princes of Israel: they are delivered over to the sword with my people; strike therefore on your thigh.

21:13 For there is a trial; and what if even the rod that condemns shall be no more?" says the LORD.

21:14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one who is deadly wounded, which enters into their rooms.

21:15 I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter.

21:16 Gather yourselves together, go to the right, set yourselves in array, go to the left, wherever your face is set.

21:17 I will also strike my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, the LORD, have spoken it."

21:18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

21:19 "Also, you son of man, appoint two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they both shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a place, mark it out at the head of the way to the city

21:20 You shall appoint a way for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified.

21:21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows back and forth, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver.

21:22 In his right hand was the divination Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts.

21:23 It shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths to them; but he brings iniquity to memory, that they may be taken.

21:24 Therefore thus says the LORD: Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that

in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to memory, you shall be taken with the hand.

21:25 You, deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the iniquity of the end,

21:26 Thus says the LORD: Remove the turban, and take off the crown; this shall be no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.

21:27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it ."

21:28 "You, son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach;' and say, 'A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning;

21:29 while they see for you false visions, while they divine lies to you, to lay you on the necks of the wicked who are deadly wounded, whose day has come in the time of the iniquity of the end.

21:30 Cause it to return into its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your birth, will I judge you.

21:31 I will pour out my indignation on you; I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men, skillful to destroy

21:32 You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be remembered no more: for I, the LORD, have spoken it."

Ezekiel

22:1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

22:2 "You, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations.

22:3 You shall say, 'Thus says the LORD: A city that sheds blood in the midst of her, that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her!

- 22:4** You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries.
- 22:5** Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one full of tumult.
- 22:6** Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone according to his power, have been in you to shed blood.
- 22:7** In you have they set light by father and mother; in the midst of you have they dealt by oppression with the foreigner; in you have they wronged the fatherless and the widow.
- 22:8** You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my Sabbaths.
- 22:9** Slandorous men have been in you to shed blood; and in you they have eaten on the mountains: in the midst of you they have committed lewdness.
- 22:10** In you have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you have they humbled her who was unclean in her impurity.
- 22:11** One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
- 22:12** In you have they taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me,' says the LORD.
- 22:13** 'Behold, therefore, I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the midst of you.
- 22:14** Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken it, and will do it.
- 22:15** I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you.
- 22:16** You shall be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

- 22:17** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 22:18** "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me: all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver.
- 22:19** Therefore thus says the LORD: Because you have all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.
- 22:20** As they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you.
- 22:21** Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.
- 22:22** As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you will be melted in its midst; and you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out my wrath on you."
- 22:23** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 22:24** "Son of man, tell her, 'You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained on in the day of indignation.
- 22:25** There is a conspiracy of her prophets in its midst, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in its midst.
- 22:26** Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
- 22:27** Her princes in its midst are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain.
- 22:28** Her prophets have plastered for them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, "Thus says the LORD," when the LORD has not spoken.
- 22:29** The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery;

yes, they have troubled the poor and needy, and have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully.

22:30 I sought for a man among them, who should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none.

22:31 Therefore have I poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought on their heads," says the LORD.

Ezekiel

23:1 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

23:2 "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:

23:3 and they played the prostitute in Egypt; they played the prostitute in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled the bosom of their virginity.

23:4 Their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah.

23:5 Oholah played the prostitute when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians neighbors,

23:6 who were clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

23:7 She bestowed her prostitution on them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and on whoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself

23:8 Neither has she left her prostitution since the days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their prostitution on her.

23:9 Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on whom she doted.

23:10 These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and her they killed with the sword: and she became a

byword among women; for they executed judgments on her.

- 23:11** Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her prostitution which were more than the prostitution of her sister.
- 23:12** She doted on the Assyrians, governors and rulers, neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.
- 23:13** I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way.
- 23:14** She increased her prostitution; for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion,
- 23:15** dressed with girdles on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them princes to look on, after the likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.
- 23:16** As soon as she saw them she doted on them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.
- 23:17** The Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their prostitution, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them.
- 23:18** So she uncovered her prostitution, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister
- 23:19** Yet she multiplied her prostitution, remembering the days of her youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt.
- 23:20** She doted on their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is like the issue of horses
- 23:21** Thus you called to memory the lewdness of your youth, in the handling of your bosom by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth.
- 23:22** Therefore, Oholibah," thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side:
- 23:23** the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, all

the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

23:24 They shall come against you with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a company of peoples; they shall set themselves against you with buckler and shield and helmet all around; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments.

23:25 I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal with you in fury; they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your residue shall be devoured by the fire

23:26 They shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your beautiful jewels.

23:27 Thus will I make your lewdness to cease from you, and your prostitution brought from the land of Egypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more."

23:28 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of them whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your soul is alienated;

23:29 and they shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your prostitution shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution.

23:30 These things shall be done to you, because you have played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols

23:31 You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand."

23:32 Thus says the LORD: "You will drink of your sister's cup, which is deep and large; you will be ridiculed and held in derision; it contains much.

23:33 You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

23:34 You shall even drink it and drain it out, and you shall gnaw the

broken pieces of it, and shall tear your breasts; for I have spoken it," says the LORD.

23:35 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitution."

23:36 The LORD said moreover to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations.

23:37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be devoured.

23:38 Moreover this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my Sabbaths.

23:39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and behold, thus have they done in the midst of my house.

23:40 Furthermore you have sent for men who come from far, to whom a messenger was sent, and behold, they came; for whom you did wash yourself, paint your eyes, and decorate yourself with ornaments,

23:41 and sit on a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon you set my incense and my oil.

23:42 The voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets on their hands twain, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

23:43 Then I said of her who was old in adulteries, 'Now will they play the prostitute with her, and she with them.'

23:44 They went in to her, as they go in to a prostitute: so went they in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

23:45 Righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands."

23:46 For thus says the LORD: "I will bring up a company against them,

and will give them to be tossed back and forth and robbed.

23:47 The company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

23:48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

23:49 They shall recompense your lewdness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

24:1 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

24:2 "Son of man, write the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon drew close to Jerusalem this same day.

24:3 Utter a parable to the rebellious house, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it:

24:4 gather its pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

24:5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under the caldron; make it boil well; yes, let its bones be boiled in its midst.'

24:6 Therefore thus says the LORD: Woe to the bloody city, to the caldron whose rust is therein, and whose rust is not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; No lot is fallen on it.

24:7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it on the bare rock; she didn't pour it on the ground, to cover it with dust.

24:8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood on the bare rock, that it should not be covered.

24:9 Therefore thus says the LORD: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great.

24:10 Heap on the wood, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make

thick the broth, and let the bones be burned.

- 24:11 Then set it empty on its coals, that it may be hot, and its brass may burn, and that its filthiness may be molten in it, that its rust may be consumed.
- 24:12 She has wearied herself with toil; yet her great rust doesn't go forth out of her; her rust doesn't go forth by fire.
- 24:13 In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed you and you weren't cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I have caused my wrath toward you to rest.
- 24:14 I, the LORD, have spoken it: it shall happen, and I will do it: I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to your ways, and according to your doings, shall they judge you,' says the LORD.
- 24:15 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 24:16 "Son of man, behold, I will take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down.
- 24:17 Sigh, but not aloud, make no mourning for the dead; bind your headdress on you, and put your shoes on your feet, and don't cover your lips, and don't eat men's bread."
- 24:18 So I spoke to the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.
- 24:19 The people said to me, "Won't you tell us what these things are to us, that you do so?"
- 24:20 Then I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 24:21 'Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword.
- 24:22 You shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.
- 24:23 Your tires shall be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet: you

shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another.

24:24 Thus Ezekiel shall be a sign to you; according to all that he has done, you will do. When this comes, then you will know that I am the LORD.'

24:25 You, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters,

24:26 that in that day he who escapes shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears?

24:27 In that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped, and you shall speak, and be no more mute: so you will be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

25:1 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

25:2 "Son of man, set your face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them:

25:3 and tell the children of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the LORD, because you said, "Aha, against my sanctuary," when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity:

25:4 therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in you, and make their dwellings in you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

25:5 I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a resting place for flocks: and you shall know that I am the LORD.

25:6 For thus says the LORD: Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of your soul against the land of Israel;

25:7 therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand on you, and will

deliver you for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

- 25:8 Thus says the LORD: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations;'**
- 25:9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim,**
- 25:10 to the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations.**
- 25:11 and I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD."**
- 25:12 Thus says the LORD: "Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself on them;**
- 25:13 Therefore thus says the LORD, I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; even to Dedan shall they fall by the sword.**
- 25:14 I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance," says the LORD.**
- 25:15 Thus says the LORD: "Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy with perpetual enmity;**
- 25:16 Therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I will stretch out my hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast**
- 25:17 I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance on them."**

Ezekiel

- 26:1 It happened in the eleventh year, in the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 26:2 "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha, she is broken: the gate of the peoples; she is turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste:'
- 26:3 therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I am against you, Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.
- 26:4 They shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock.
- 26:5 She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, says the LORD; and she shall become a spoil to the nations.
- 26:6 Her daughters who are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 26:7 For thus says the LORD: Behold, I will bring on Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and many people.
- 26:8 He shall kill your daughters in the field with the sword; and he shall make forts against you, and cast up a mound against you, and raise up the buckler against you.
- 26:9 He shall set his battering engines against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers.
- 26:10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city in which is made a breach.
- 26:11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your streets; he shall kill your people with the sword; and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground.
- 26:12 They shall make a spoil of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise; and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the waters

- 26:13** I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be no more heard.
- 26:14** I will make you a bare rock; you shall be a place for the spreading of nets; you shall be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it," says the LORD.
- 26:15** Thus says the LORD to Tyre: "Shall not the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of you?
- 26:16** Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit on the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished at you.
- 26:17** They shall take up a lamentation over you, and tell you, 'How you are destroyed, who were inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city, who was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all who lived there!'
- 26:18** Now shall the islands tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the islands that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure.
- 26:19** For thus says the LORD: 'When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep on you, and the great waters shall cover you;
- 26:20** then will I bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make you to dwell in the lower parts of the earth, in the places that are desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you be not inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living:
- 26:21** I will make you a terror, and you shall no more have any being; though you are sought for, yet you will never be found again,'" says the LORD.

Ezekiel

- 27:1** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- 27:2** "You, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre;

- 27:3** and tell Tyre, you who dwell at the entry of the sea, who are the merchant of the peoples to many islands, 'Thus says the LORD: You, Tyre, have said, I am perfect in beauty.'
- 27:4** Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.
- 27:5** They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; they have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.
- 27:6** Of the oaks of Bashan have they made your oars; they have made your benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood, from the islands of Kittim.
- 27:7** Of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was your sail, that it might be to you for a banner; blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was your awning.
- 27:8** The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers: your wise men, Tyre, were in you, they were your pilots
- 27:9** The old men of Gebal and the wise men of it were in you your repairers of ship seams: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to deal in your merchandise.
- 27:10** Persia and Lud and Put were in your army, your men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your comeliness.
- 27:11** The men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all around, and valorous men were in your towers; they hanged their shields on your walls all around; they have perfected your beauty.
- 27:12** Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares.
- 27:13** Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traffickers; they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for your merchandise.
- 27:14** They of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses and war horses and mules.
- 27:15** The men of Dedan were your traffickers; many islands were the market of your hand: they brought you in exchange horns of ivory and ebony.
- 27:16** Syria was your merchant by reason of the multitude of your

handiworks: they traded for your wares with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies.

- 27:17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were your traffickers: they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and confections, and honey, and oil, and balm.**
- 27:18 Damascus was your merchant for the multitude of your handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool.**
- 27:19 Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for your wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among your merchandise.**
- 27:20 Dedan was your trafficker in precious cloths for riding.**
- 27:21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of your hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they your merchants.**
- 27:22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were your traffickers; they traded for your wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.**
- 27:23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur Chilmad, were your traffickers.**
- 27:24 These were your traffickers in choice wares, in wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise.**
- 27:25 The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.**
- 27:26 Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas.**
- 27:27 Your riches, and your wares, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your repairers of ship seams, and the dealers in your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, with all your company which is in the midst of you, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin.**
- 27:28 At the sound of the cry of your pilots the suburbs shall shake.**

- 27:29** All who handled the oar, the mariners, all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand on the land,
- 27:30** and shall cause their voice to be heard over you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes:
- 27:31** and they shall make themselves bald for you, and clothe them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning
- 27:32** In their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, 'Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought to silence in the midst of the sea?'
- 27:33** When your wares went forth out of the seas, you filled many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise.
- 27:34** In the time that you were broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and all your company fell in your midst.
- 27:35** All the inhabitants of the islands are astonished at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in their face.
- 27:36** The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you are become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being."

Ezekiel

- 28:1** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- 28:2** Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, "Thus says the LORD: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas;' yet you are man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God;
- 28:3** behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from you;
- 28:4** by your wisdom and by your understanding you have gotten yourself riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures;
- 28:5** by your great wisdom by your traffic you have increased your riches,

- and your heart is lifted up because of your riches;
- 28:6** therefore thus says the LORD: Because you have set your heart as the heart of God,
- 28:7** therefore, behold, I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness.
- 28:8** They shall bring you down to the pit; and you shall die the death of those who are slain, in the heart of the seas.
- 28:9** Will you yet say before him who kills you, 'I am God?' but you are man, and not God, in the hand of him who wounds you
- 28:10** You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it," says the LORD.
- 28:11** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 28:12** "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, 'Thus says the LORD: You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
- 28:13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you. In the day that you were created they were prepared.
- 28:14** You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
- 28:15** You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.
- 28:16** By the abundance of your traffic they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- 28:17** Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you.

- 28:18** By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your traffic, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who see you.
- 28:19** All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being."
- 28:20** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 28:21** "Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it,
- 28:22** and say, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against you, Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of you; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
- 28:23** For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her, with the sword on her on every side; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 28:24** There shall be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of any that are around them, that scorned them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 28:25** Thus says the LORD: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob.
- 28:26** They shall dwell securely therein; yes, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments on all those who do them despite all around them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God."

Ezekiel

- 29:1** In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 29:2** "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.

- 29:3** Speak and say, Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, that has said, "My river is my own, and I have made it for myself."
- 29:4** I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales; and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales.
- 29:5** I'll cast you forth into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You'll fall on the open field. You won't be brought together, nor gathered. I have given you for food to the animals of the earth and to the birds of the sky.
- 29:6** All the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
- 29:7** When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulders; and when they leaned on you, you broke, and paralyzed all of their thighs.'
- 29:8** Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and will cut off man and animal from you.
- 29:9** The land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD. Because he has said, "The river is mine, and I have made it;"
- 29:10** therefore, behold, I am against you, and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from the tower of Seveneh even to the border of Ethiopia.
- 29:11** No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of animal shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.
- 29:12** I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.'
- 29:13** For thus says the LORD: 'At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered;

- 29:14** and I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth; and they shall be there a base kingdom.
- 29:15** It shall be the base of the kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.
- 29:16** It shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to memory, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the LORD."
- 29:17** It came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first of the month, The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 29:18** "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it.
- 29:19** Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.
- 29:20** I have given him the land of Egypt as his recompense for which he served, because they worked for me,' says the LORD.
- 29:21** In that day will I cause a horn to bud forth to the house of Israel, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in their midst; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 30:1** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- 30:2** Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the LORD: "Wail, Alas for the day!
- 30:3** For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of the nations.
- 30:4** A sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude,

and her foundations shall be broken down.

- 30:5** Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mixed people, and Cub, and the children of the land that is allied with them, shall fall with them by the sword."
- 30:6** Thus says the LORD: "They also who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword, says the LORD.
- 30:7** They shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted
- 30:8** They shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed.
- 30:9** In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish on them, as in the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes.
- 30:10** Thus says the LORD: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
- 30:11** He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.
- 30:12** I will make the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I, the LORD, have spoken it."
- 30:13** Thus says the LORD: "I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis; and there shall be no more a prince from the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.
- 30:14** I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments on No
- 30:15** I will pour my wrath on Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.
- 30:16** I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime.

- 30:17** The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into captivity.
- 30:18** At Tehaphnehes also the day shall withdraw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.
- 30:19** Thus will I execute judgments on Egypt; and they shall know that I am the LORD."
- 30:20** It happened in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 30:21** "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and behold, it has not been bound up, to apply healing medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword."
- 30:22** Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand
- 30:23** I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
- 30:24** I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.
- 30:25** I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon; and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out on the land of Egypt.
- 30:26** I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 31:1** It happened in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 31:2** Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: "Whom

are you like in your greatness?

- 31:3** Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs.
- 31:4** The waters nourished it, the deep made it to grow: its rivers ran all around its plantation; and it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.
- 31:5** Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it shot them forth.
- 31:6** All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches all the animals of the field brought forth their young; and all great nations lived under its shadow.
- 31:7** Thus was it beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by many waters.
- 31:8** The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the fir trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty.
- 31:9** I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it."
- 31:10** Therefore thus said the LORD: "Because you are exalted in stature, and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;
- 31:11** I will even deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness.
- 31:12** Strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: on the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.
- 31:13** On his ruin all the birds of the sky shall dwell, and all the animals of the field shall be on his branches;

- 31:14** to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones stand up on their height, even all who drink water: for they are all delivered to death, to the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with those who go down to the pit."
- 31:15** Thus says the LORD: "In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers; and the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.
- 31:16** I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth.
- 31:17** They also went down into Sheol with him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were his arm, that lived under his shadow in the midst of the nations.
- 31:18** To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude," says the LORD.

Ezekiel

- 32:1** It happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 32:2** "Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, 'You were likened to a young lion of the nations: yet you are as a monster in the seas; and you broke out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers'.
- 32:3** Thus says the LORD: 'I will spread out my net on you with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net.
- 32:4** I will leave you on the land, I will cast you forth on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will satisfy the animals of the whole earth with you.

- 32:5** I will lay your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height.
- 32:6** I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of you.
- 32:7** When I shall extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light.
- 32:8** All the bright lights of the sky will I make dark over you, and set darkness on your land, says the LORD.
- 32:9** I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known.
- 32:10** Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.'
- 32:11** For thus says the LORD: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you.
- 32:12** By the swords of the mighty will I cause your multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall bring to nothing the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed.
- 32:13** I will destroy also all its animals from beside many waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them anymore, nor the hoofs of animals trouble them.
- 32:14** Then will I make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, says the LORD.
- 32:15** When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of that of which it was full, when I shall strike all those who dwell therein, then shall they know that I am the LORD.
- 32:16** This is the lamentation with which they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament therewith; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith, says the LORD.'"
- 32:17** It happened also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth of the month,

that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 32:18** "Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit.
- 32:19** 'Whom do you pass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.'
- 32:20** They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes.
- 32:21** The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those who help him: they are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
- 32:22** Asshur is there and all her company; her graves are all around her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword;
- 32:23** whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.
- 32:24** There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit.
- 32:25** They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are around her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of those who are slain.
- 32:26** There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude; their graves are around them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living.
- 32:27** They shall not lie with the mighty who are fallen of the uncircumcised, who are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
- 32:28** But you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with those who are slain by the sword.

- 32:29** There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.
- 32:30** There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who are gone down with the slain; in the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.
- 32:31** Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, says the LORD.
- 32:32** For I have put his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 33:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 33:2** "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and tell them, 'When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman;
- 33:3** if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blows the trumpet, and warn the people;
- 33:4** then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn't take warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head.
- 33:5** He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn't take warning; his blood shall be on him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul.
- 33:6** But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn't blow the trumpet, and the people aren't warned, and the sword comes, and takes any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.'
- 33:7** So you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

- 33:8** When I tell the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die,' and you don't speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 33:9** Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.
- 33:10** You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: 'Thus you speak, saying, "Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live?"'
- 33:11** Tell them, 'As I live, says the LORD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, house of Israel?'
- 33:12** You, son of man, tell the children of your people, "The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his disobedience; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall he who is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins.
- 33:13** When I tell the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he has committed, therein shall he die.
- 33:14** Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die;' if he turn from his sin, and does that which is lawful and right;
- 33:15** if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walks in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 33:16** None of his sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.
- 33:17** Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the LORD is not equal:' but as for them, their way is not equal.
- 33:18** When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die therein.
- 33:19** When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is

lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

33:20 Yet you say, 'The way of the LORD is not equal.' House of Israel, I will judge every one of you after his ways."

33:21 It happened in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth of the month, that one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been struck."

33:22 Now the hand of the LORD had been on me in the evening, before he who was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more mute.

33:23 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

33:24 "Son of man, they who inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.'

33:25 Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land?

33:26 You stand on your sword, you work abomination, and every one of you defiles his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land?'

33:27 You shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him who is in the open field will I give to the animals to be devoured; and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

33:28 I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through.

33:29 Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.'

33:30 As for you, son of man, the children of your people talk of you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, everyone to his brother, saying, 'Please come and hear what is the word that comes forth from the LORD.'

- 33:31** They come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but don't do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain.
- 33:32** Behold, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they don't do them.
- 33:33** When this comes to pass, (behold, it comes), then shall they know that a prophet has been among them."

Ezekiel

- 34:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 34:2** "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and tell them, even to the shepherds, 'Thus says the LORD: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep?
- 34:3** You eat the fat, and you clothe yourself with the wool, you kill the fatlings; but you don't feed the sheep.
- 34:4** You haven't strengthened the diseased, neither have you healed that which was sick, neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought back that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor you have ruled over them.
- 34:5** They were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the animals of the field, and were scattered.
- 34:6** My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth; and there was none who searched or sought.'
- 34:7** 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 34:8** As I live, says the LORD, surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and didn't feed my sheep;'
- 34:9** 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

- 34:10** Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.'
- 34:11** 'For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
- 34:12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 34:13** I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 34:14** I will feed them with good pasture; and on the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture shall they feed on the mountains of Israel.
- 34:15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, says the LORD.
- 34:16** I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice.'
- 34:17** 'As for you, O my flock, thus says the LORD: "Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats.
- 34:18** Does it seem a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but must you tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but must you foul the residue with your feet?
- 34:19** As for my sheep, they eat that which you have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet."
- 34:20** Therefore thus says the LORD to them: "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

- 34:21** Because you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad;
- 34:22** therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
- 34:23** I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
- 34:24** I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken it.
- 34:25** I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil animals to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 34:26** I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing.
- 34:27** The tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them.
- 34:28** They shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the animals of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid.
- 34:29** I will raise up to them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more.
- 34:30** They shall know that I, the LORD, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people," says the LORD.
- 34:31** "You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God," says the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 35:1** Moreover The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 35:2** "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it,
- 35:3** and tell it, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment.
- 35:4** I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 35:5** Because you have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end;
- 35:6** therefore, as I live, says the LORD, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.
- 35:7** Thus will I make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns.
- 35:8** I will fill its mountains with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in all your watercourses shall they fall who are slain with the sword.
- 35:9** I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited; and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 35:10** Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:
- 35:11** therefore, as I live, says the LORD, I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge you.
- 35:12** You shall know that I, the LORD, have heard all your insults which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they have been given us to devour.
- 35:13** You have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it.
- 35:14** Thus says the LORD: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you

desolate.

35:15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you: you shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

36:1 You, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, "You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

36:2 Thus says the LORD: Because the enemy has said against you, 'Aha! and, the ancient high places are ours in possession;'"

36:3 Therefore prophesy, and say, "Thus says the LORD: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the residue of the nations, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people;

36:4 Therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD: 'Thus says the LORD to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are all around;

36:5 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey."

36:6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and tell the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, "Thus says the LORD: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the shame of the nations:

36:7 therefore thus says the LORD: I have sworn, saying, Surely the nations that are around you, they shall bear their shame.

36:8 But you, mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come.

36:9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn into you, and you shall be tilled and sown;

- 36:10** and I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built;
- 36:11** and I will multiply on you man and animal; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better to you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 36:12** Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no more henceforth bereave them of children.
- 36:13** Thus says the LORD: 'Because they say to you, "You are a devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your nation;"
- 36:14** therefore you shall devour men no more, neither bereave your nation any more, says the LORD;
- 36:15** neither will I let you hear any more the shame of the nations, neither shall you bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shall you cause your nation to stumble any more, says the LORD."
- 36:16** Moreover The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 36:17** "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.
- 36:18** Therefore I poured out my wrath on them for the blood which they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols;
- 36:19** and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.
- 36:20** When they came to the nations, where they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.'
- 36:21** But I had respect for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, where they went.

- 36:22** Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: I don't do this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, where you went.
- 36:23** I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the LORD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.
- 36:24** For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.
- 36:25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.
- 36:26** I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.
- 36:27** I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my ordinances, and do them.
- 36:28** You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- 36:29** I will save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you.
- 36:30** I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations.
- 36:31** Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.
- 36:32** Nor for your sake do I this, says the LORD, be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, house of Israel.'
- 36:33** Thus says the LORD: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built.
- 36:34** The land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all who passed by.

- 36:35** They shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.
- 36:36** Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, the LORD, have built the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."
- 36:37** Thus says the LORD: "For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock.
- 36:38** As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 37:1** The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- 37:2** He caused me to pass by them all around: and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and behold, they were very dry.
- 37:3** He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "LORD, you know."
- 37:4** Again he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and tell them, 'You dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
- 37:5** Thus says the LORD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.
- 37:6** I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."
- 37:7** So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 37:8** I saw, and, behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and

skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

- 37:9** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, son of man, and tell the wind, 'Thus says the LORD: Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"
- 37:10** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army.
- 37:11** Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'
- 37:12** Therefore prophecy, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.
- 37:13** You shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, my people.
- 37:14** I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,' says the LORD."
- 37:15** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- 37:16** "You, son of man, take one stick, and write on it, "For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions;' then take another stick, and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel his companions;'
- 37:17** and join them for you one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.
- 37:18** When the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'
- 37:19** Tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them with it, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.'
- 37:20** The sticks whereon you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.
- 37:21** Say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will take the children of

Israel from among the nations, where they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

- 37:22** and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all;
- 37:23** neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
- 37:24** My servant David shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them.
- 37:25** They shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers lived; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, forever: and David my servant shall be their prince forever.
- 37:26** Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.
- 37:27** My tent also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 37:28** The nations shall know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in their midst forevermore."

Ezekiel

- 38:1** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 38:2** "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
- 38:3** and say, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:
- 38:4** and I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will

bring you forth, with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords;

38:5 Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

38:6 Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with you.

38:7 Be prepared, yes, prepare yourself, you, and all your companies who are assembled to you, and be a guard to them.

38:8 After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.

38:9 You shall ascend, you shall come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

38:10 Thus says the LORD: It shall happen in that day, that things shall come into your mind, and you shall devise an evil device:

38:11 and you shall say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates;

38:12 to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn your hand against the waste places that are inhabited, and against the people who are gathered out of the nations, who have gotten livestock and goods, who dwell in the middle of the earth.

38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions of it, shall tell you, "Have you come to take the spoil? Have you assembled your company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great spoil?"

38:14 Therefore, Son of man, prophesy, and tell Gog, 'Thus says the LORD: In that day when my people Israel dwells securely, shall you not know it?

38:15 You shall come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you, and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great

company and a mighty army;

- 38:16 and you shall come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in you, Gog, before their eyes.'
- 38:17 'Thus says the LORD: Are you he of whom I spoke in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?'"
- 38:18 "It shall happen in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel," says the LORD, "that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils.
- 38:19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;
- 38:20 so that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the sky, and the animals of the field, and all creeping things who creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the surface of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
- 38:21 I will call for a sword against him to all my mountains," says the LORD: "Every man's sword shall be against his brother.
- 38:22 With pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him, and on his hordes, and on the many peoples who are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and sulfur.
- 38:23 I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel

- 39:1 You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:
- 39:2 and I will turn you around, and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring you on the mountains of Israel;

- 39:3** and I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.
- 39:4** You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your hordes, and the peoples who are with you: I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the animals of the field to be devoured.
- 39:5** You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken it," says the LORD.
- 39:6** "I will send a fire on Magog, and on those who dwell securely in the islands; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 39:7** My holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I allow my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.
- 39:8** Behold, it comes, and it shall be done," says the LORD; "This is the day about which I have spoken.
- 39:9** Those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the war clubs, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years;
- 39:10** so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them," says the LORD.
- 39:11** "It shall happen in that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of those who pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop those who pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it 'The valley of Hamon Gog.'
- 39:12** Seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land.
- 39:13** Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, says the LORD.
- 39:14** They shall set apart men of continual employment, who shall pass through the land, and, with those who pass through, those who bury those who remain on the surface of the land, to cleanse it: after the

end of seven months shall they search.

- 39:15** Those who pass through the land shall pass through; and when any sees a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, until the undertakers have buried it in the valley of Hamon Gog.
- 39:16** Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land."
- 39:17** You, son of man, thus says the LORD: "Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every animal of the field, 'Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.
- 39:18** You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan
- 39:19** You shall eat fat until you be full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you
- 39:20** You shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war," says the LORD.
- 39:21** "I will set my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.
- 39:22** So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day and forward.
- 39:23** The nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword.
- 39:24** According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I to them; and I hid my face from them."
- 39:25** Therefore thus says the LORD: "Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name.
- 39:26** They shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses by which they

have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them afraid;

39:27 when I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations.

39:28 They shall know that I am the LORD their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land; and I will leave none of them anymore there;

39:29 neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit on the house of Israel," says the LORD.

Ezekiel

40:1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was struck, in the same day, the hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me there.

40:2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south.

40:3 He brought me there; and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

40:4 The man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for, to the intent that I may show them to you, you are brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel."

40:5 Behold, a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits long, of a cubit and a handbreadth each: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

40:6 Then came he to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its steps: and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad; and the other threshold, one reed broad.

40:7 Every lodge was one reed long, and one reed broad; and the space

between the lodges was five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the house was one reed.

40:8 He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed.

40:9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house.

40:10 The lodges of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

40:11 He measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits;

40:12 and a border before the lodges, one cubit on this side, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

40:13 He measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a breadth of twenty-five cubits; door against door.

40:14 He made also posts, sixty cubits; and the court reached to the posts, around the gate.

40:15 From the forefront of the gate at the entrance to the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits.

40:16 There were closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate all around, and likewise to the arches; and windows were around inward; and on each post were palm trees.

40:17 Then brought he me into the outer court; and behold, there were rooms and a pavement, made for the court all around: thirty rooms were on the pavement.

40:18 The pavement was by the side of the gates, answerable to the length of the gates, even the lower pavement.

40:19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, one hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north.

40:20 The gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured its length and its breadth.

- 40:21** The lodges of it were three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its arches were after the measure of the first gate: its length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
- 40:22** The windows of it, and its arches, and the palm trees of it, were after the measure of the gate whose prospect is toward the east; and they went up to it by seven steps; and its arches were before them.
- 40:23** There was a gate to the inner court over against the other gate, both on the north and on the east; and he measured from gate to gate one hundred cubits.
- 40:24** He led me toward the south; and behold, a gate toward the south: and he measured its posts and its arches according to these measures.
- 40:25** There were windows in it and in its arches all around, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
- 40:26** There were seven steps to go up to it, and its arches were before them; and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, on its posts.
- 40:27** There was a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.
- 40:28** Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;
- 40:29** and its lodges, and its posts, and its arches, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in its arches all around; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad.
- 40:30** There were arches all around, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits broad.
- 40:31** The arches of it were toward the outer court; and palm trees were on its posts: and the ascent to it had eight steps.
- 40:32** He brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures;
- 40:33** and its lodges, and its posts, and its arches, according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in its arches all

around; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad.

- 40:34 The arches of it were toward the outer court; and palm trees were on its posts, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.
- 40:35 He brought me to the north gate: and he measured according to these measures;
- 40:36 its lodges, its posts, and its arches: and there were windows therein all around; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty- five cubits.
- 40:37 The posts of it were toward the outer court; and palm trees were on its posts, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.
- 40:38 A room with its door was by the posts at the gates; there they washed the burnt offering.
- 40:39 In the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to kill thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.
- 40:40 On the side outside, as one goes up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate, were two tables.
- 40:41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they killed the sacrifices.
- 40:42 There were four tables for the burnt offering, of cut stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon they laid the instruments with which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifice.
- 40:43 The hooks, a handbreadth long, were fastened within all around: and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.
- 40:44 Outside of the inner gate were rooms for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.
- 40:45 He said to me, "This room, whose prospect is toward the south, is for

the priests, the keepers of the duty of the house;

40:46 and the room whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister to him."

40:47 He measured the court, one hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was before the house.

40:48 Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

40:49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; even by the steps by which they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

Ezekiel

41:1 He brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tent.

41:2 The breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured its length, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

41:3 Then went he inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits.

41:4 He measured its length, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said to me, "This is the most holy place."

41:5 Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side room, four cubits, all around the house on every side.

41:6 The side rooms were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side rooms all around, that they might have hold therein, and not have hold in the wall of the house.

- 41:7** The side rooms were broader as they encompassed the house higher and higher; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher around the house: therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest room to the highest by the middle room.
- 41:8** I saw also that the house had a raised base all around: the foundations of the side rooms were a full reed of six great cubits.
- 41:9** The thickness of the wall, which was for the side rooms, on the outside, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side rooms that belonged to the house.
- 41:10** Between the rooms was a breadth of twenty cubits around the house on every side.
- 41:11** The doors of the side rooms were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits all around.
- 41:12** The building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits.
- 41:13** So he measured the house, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long;
- 41:14** also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred cubits.
- 41:15** He measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court;
- 41:16** the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, over against the threshold, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered),
- 41:17** to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure.
- 41:18** It was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was

between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces;

41:19 so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. Thus was it made through all the house all around:

41:20 from the ground to above the door were cherubim and palm trees made: thus was the wall of the temple.

41:21 As for the temple, the door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance of it was as the appearance of the temple.

41:22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls, were of wood: and he said to me, "This is the table that is before the LORD."

41:23 The temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

41:24 The doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves: two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other.

41:25 There were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made on the walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the face of the porch outside.

41:26 There were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side rooms of the house, and the thresholds.

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42:1 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the room that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north.

42:2 Before the length of one hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

42:3 Over against the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the third story.

- 42:4** Before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits' breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north.
- 42:5** Now the upper rooms were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle, in the building.
- 42:6** For they were in three stories, and they didn't have pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was straitened more than the lowest and the middle from the ground.
- 42:7** The wall that was outside by the side of the rooms, toward the outer court before the rooms, its length was fifty cubits.
- 42:8** For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and behold, before the temple were one hundred cubits.
- 42:9** From under these rooms was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.
- 42:10** In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were rooms.
- 42:11** The way before them was like the appearance of the way of the rooms which were toward the north; according to their length so was their breadth: and all their exits were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.
- 42:12** According to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.
- 42:13** Then he said to me, "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are before the separate place, they are the holy rooms, where the priests who are near to the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.
- 42:14** When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertains to the people."
- 42:15** Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it all around.

- 42:16** He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around.
- 42:17** He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around.
- 42:18** He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
- 42:19** He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
- 42:20** He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall around it, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

Ezekiel

- 43:1** Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east.
- 43:2** Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory.
- 43:3** It was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.
- 43:4** The glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.
- 43:5** The Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.
- 43:6** I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me.
- 43:7** He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, and by the dead bodies of their kings their high places;

- 43:8** in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their doorpost beside my doorpost, and there was the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: therefore I have consumed them in my anger.
- 43:9** Now let them put away their prostitution, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in their midst forever.
- 43:10** You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.
- 43:11** If they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its forms, and all its laws; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form of it, and all its ordinances, and do them.
- 43:12** This is the law of the house: on the top of the mountain the whole limit around it shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.
- 43:13** These are the measures of the altar by cubits (the cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth): the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and its border around its edge a span; and this shall be the base of the altar.
- 43:14** From the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit.
- 43:15** The upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns.
- 43:16** The altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square in the four sides of it.
- 43:17** The ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad in the four sides of it; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit around; and its steps shall look toward the east."
- 43:18** He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the LORD: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

- 43:19** You shall give to the priests the Levites who are of the seed of Zadok, who are near to me, to minister to me, says the LORD, a young bull for a sin offering.
- 43:20** You shall take of its blood, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around: thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it.
- 43:21** You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, outside of the sanctuary.
- 43:22** On the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.
- 43:23** When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
- 43:24** You shall bring them near to the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to the LORD.
- 43:25** Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
- 43:26** Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they consecrate it.
- 43:27** When they have accomplished the days, it shall be that on the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you," says the LORD.

Ezekiel

- 44:1** Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looks toward the east; and it was shut.
- 44:2** The LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut.
- 44:3** As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before

the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same."

- 44:4** Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell on my face.
- 44:5** The LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I tell you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary.
- 44:6** You shall tell the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD: you house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,
- 44:7** in that you have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, to add to all your abominations.
- 44:8** You have not performed the duty of my holy things; but you have set performers of my duty in my sanctuary for yourselves.
- 44:9** Thus says the LORD, No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel.
- 44:10** But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity.
- 44:11** Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.
- 44:12** Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, says the LORD, and they shall bear their iniquity.
- 44:13** They shall not come near to me, to execute the office of priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

- 44:14** Yet will I make them performers of the duty of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall be done therein.
- 44:15** But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says the LORD:
- 44:16** they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my instruction.
- 44:17** It shall be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come on them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.
- 44:18** They shall have linen tires on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their waists; they shall not clothe themselves with anything that causes sweat.
- 44:19** When they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister, and lay them in the holy rooms; and they shall put on other garments, that they not sanctify the people with their garments.
- 44:20** Neither shall they shave their heads, nor allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut off the hair of their heads.
- 44:21** Neither shall any of the priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.
- 44:22** Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her who is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.
- 44:23** They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
- 44:24** In a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to my ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall make my Sabbaths holy.
- 44:25** They shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or

for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves.

- 44:26** After he is cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days.
- 44:27** In the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the LORD.
- 44:28** They shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.
- 44:29** They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.
- 44:30** The first of all the first fruits of everything, and every offering of everything, of all your offerings, shall be for the priest: you shall also give to the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house.
- 44:31** The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or animal."

Ezekiel

- 45:1** "Moreover, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to the LORD, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand: it shall be holy in all its border all around.
- 45:2** Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred in length by five hundred in breadth, square all around; and fifty cubits for its suburbs all around.
- 45:3** Of this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy.
- 45:4** It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the LORD; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.
- 45:5** Twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be to the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession to

themselves, twenty rooms.

- 45:6** You shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.
- 45:7** Whatever is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.
- 45:8** In the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.
- 45:9** Thus says the LORD: Let it suffice you, princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; dispossessing my people, says the LORD.
- 45:10** You shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.
- 45:11** The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: its measure shall be after the homer.
- 45:12** The shekel shall be twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be your mina.
- 45:13** This is the offering that you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley;
- 45:14** and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer; (for ten baths are a homer;)
- 45:15** and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel--for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says the LORD.
- 45:16** All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel.

- 45:17** It shall be the prince's part to give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the Sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.
- 45:18** Thus says the LORD: In the first month, in the first of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish; and you shall cleanse the sanctuary.
- 45:19** The priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.
- 45:20** So you shall do on the seventh of the month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple: so you shall make atonement for the house.
- 45:21** In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.
- 45:22** On that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.
- 45:23** The seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering.
- 45:24** He shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah.
- 45:25** In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil."

Ezekiel

- 46:1** Thus says the LORD: The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.
- 46:2** The prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate outside,

and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

- 46:3** The people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the new moons.
- 46:4** The burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the LORD shall be on the Sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;
- 46:5** and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.
- 46:6** On the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish:
- 46:7** and he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah
- 46:8** When the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by its way.
- 46:9** But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go forth straight before him.
- 46:10** The prince, when they go in, shall go in with them; and when they go out, he shall go out.
- 46:11** In the feasts and in the solemnities the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.
- 46:12** When the prince shall prepare a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, one shall open for him the gate that looks toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the Sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the

gate.

- 46:13** You shall prepare a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD daily: morning by morning you shall prepare it.
- 46:14** You shall prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering to the LORD continually by a perpetual ordinance.
- 46:15** Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.
- 46:16** Thus says the LORD: If the prince give a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.
- 46:17** But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons.
- 46:18** Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people not be scattered every man from his possession.
- 46:19** Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms for the priests, which looked toward the north: and behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward.
- 46:20** He said to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; that they not bring them forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people.
- 46:21** Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.
- 46:22** In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure.
- 46:23** There was a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around.

46:24 Then he said to me, These are the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

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- 47:1** He brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; (for the forefront of the house was toward the east;) and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar.
- 47:2** Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looks toward the east; and behold, there ran out waters on the right side.
- 47:3** When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles.
- 47:4** Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the waist.
- 47:5** Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.
- 47:6** He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river.
- 47:7** Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.
- 47:8** Then he said to me, "These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea shall the waters go which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed.
- 47:9** It shall happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the

waters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes.

- 47:10** It shall happen, that fishermen shall stand by it: from En Gedi even to En Eglaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.
- 47:11** But the miry places of it, and its marshes, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt.
- 47:12** By the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall its fruit fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because its waters issue out of the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing."
- 47:13** Thus says the LORD: "This shall be the border, by which you shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.
- 47:14** You shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.
- 47:15** This shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad;
- 47:16** Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer Hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.
- 47:17** The border from the sea, shall be Hazar Enon at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.
- 47:18** The east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border to the east sea you shall measure. This is the east side.
- 47:19** The south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the great sea. This is the south side southward.
- 47:20** The west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as over against the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

- 47:21** So you shall divide this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.
- 47:22** It shall happen, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you and to the aliens who live among you, who shall father children among you; and they shall be to you as the native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.
- 47:23** It shall happen, that in what tribe the stranger lives, there you shall give him his inheritance," says the LORD.

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- 48:1** "Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north ends, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath, (and they shall have their sides east west), Dan, one portion.
- 48:2** By the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion.
- 48:3** By the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion.
- 48:4** By the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion.
- 48:5** By the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.
- 48:6** By the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one portion.
- 48:7** By the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion.
- 48:8** By the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in its midst.
- 48:9** The offering that you shall offer to the LORD shall be twenty- five

thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in breadth.

- 48:10** For these, even for the priests, shall be the holy offering: toward the north twenty-five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst.
- 48:11** It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my instruction, who didn't go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
- 48:12** It shall be to them an offering from the offering of the land, a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites.
- 48:13** Answerable to the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.
- 48:14** They shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall the first fruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy to the LORD.
- 48:15** The five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs; and the city shall be in its midst.
- 48:16** These shall be its measures: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.
- 48:17** The city shall have suburbs: toward the north two hundred fifty, and toward the south two hundred fifty, and toward the east two hundred fifty, and toward the west two hundred fifty.
- 48:18** The remainder in the length, answerable to the holy offering, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable to the holy offering; and its increase shall be for food to those who labor in the city.
- 48:19** Those who labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.
- 48:20** All the offering shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: you shall offer the holy offering foursquare, with the

possession of the city.

- 48:21** The residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering and of the possession of the city; in front of the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, answerable to the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst.
- 48:22** Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince.
- 48:23** As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion.
- 48:24** By the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion.
- 48:25** By the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion.
- 48:26** By the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion.
- 48:27** By the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion.
- 48:28** By the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the great sea.
- 48:29** This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions," says the LORD.
- 48:30** These are the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure;
- 48:31** and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.
- 48:32** At the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the

gate of Dan, one.

48:33 At the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

48:34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

48:35 It shall be eighteen thousand reeds around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, the LORD is there.

Daniel

- 1:1** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it.
- 1:2** The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.
- 1:3** The king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in certain of the children of Israel, even of the seed royal and of the nobles;
- 1:4** youths in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the language of the Chaldeans.
- 1:5** The king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at its end they should stand before the king.
- 1:6** Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
- 1:7** The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, Shadrach; and to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.
- 1:8** But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
- 1:9** Now God made Daniel to find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs.
- 1:10** The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? So would you endanger my head with the king."

- 1:11** Then Daniel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:
- 1:12** "Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink.
- 1:13** Then let our faces be looked on before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's dainties; and as you see, deal with your servants."
- 1:14** So he listened to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.
- 1:15** At the end of ten days their faces appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths who ate of the king's dainties.
- 1:16** So the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.
- 1:17** Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
- 1:18** At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
- 1:19** The king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.
- 1:20** In every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm.
- 1:21** Daniel continued even to the first year of king Cyrus.

Daniel

- 2:1** In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him.
- 2:2** Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

- 2:3** The king said to them, "I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."
- 2:4** Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in the Syrian language, "O king, live forever: tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."
- 2:5** The king answered the Chaldeans, "The thing is gone from me: if you don't make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- 2:6** But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."
- 2:7** They answered the second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."
- 2:8** The king answered, "I know of a certainty that you would gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me.
- 2:9** But if you don't make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation."
- 2:10** The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, "There is not a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean.
- 2:11** It is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."
- 2:12** For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.
- 2:13** So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.
- 2:14** Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to kill the wise men of Babylon;

- 2:15** he answered Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree so urgent from the king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.
- 2:16** Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation.
- 2:17** Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:
- 2:18** that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon
- 2:19** Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
- 2:20** Daniel answered, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his.
- 2:21** He changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding;
- 2:22** he reveals the deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
- 2:23** I thank you, and praise you, you God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we desired of you; for you have made known to us the king's matter."
- 2:24** Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him: "Don't destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation."
- 2:25** Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."
- 2:26** The king answered Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"
- 2:27** Daniel answered before the king, and said, "The secret which the king

has demanded can neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers, show to the king;

- 2:28** but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these:
- 2:29** as for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind on your bed, what should happen hereafter; and he who reveals secrets has made known to you what shall happen.
- 2:30** But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.
- 2:31** You, O king, saw, and behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its aspect was awesome.
- 2:32** As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass,
- 2:33** its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay.
- 2:34** You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces
- 2:35** Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.
- 2:36** This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king.
- 2:37** You, O king, are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory;
- 2:38** and wherever the children of men dwell, the animals of the field and the birds of the sky has he given into your hand, and has made you to rule over them all: you are the head of gold.
- 2:39** After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

- 2:40** The fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush.
- 2:41** Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.
- 2:42** As the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.
- 2:43** Whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cling to one another, even as iron does not mingle with clay.
- 2:44** In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.
- 2:45** Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall happen hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."
- 2:46** Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and sweet odors to him.
- 2:47** The king answered to Daniel, and said, "Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you have been able to reveal this secret."
- 2:48** Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon.
- 2:49** Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

Daniel

- 3:1** **Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.**
- 3:2** **Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.**
- 3:3** **Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.**
- 3:4** **Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, peoples, nations, and languages,**
- 3:5** **that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up;**
- 3:6** **and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."**
- 3:7** **Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.**
- 3:8** **Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews.**
- 3:9** **They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live for ever.**
- 3:10** **You, O king, have made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;**
- 3:11** **and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.**
- 3:12** **There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the**

province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not respected you. They don't serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

3:14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, "Is it on purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

3:15 Now if you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if you don't worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 If it be, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

3:18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up."

3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

3:20 He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

3:21 Then these men were bound in their pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace

3:22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

3:23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound

into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spoke and said to his counselors, "Didn't we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king."

3:25 He answered, "Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are unharmed; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spoke and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth out of the midst of the fire.

3:27 The satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their pants changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.

3:28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

3:29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything evil against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god who is able to deliver after this sort."

3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel

4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

4:2 It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked toward me.

- 4:3** How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.
- 4:4** I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.
- 4:5** I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 4:6** Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.
- 4:7** Then came in the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.
- 4:8** But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream before him, saying,
- 4:9** "Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.
- 4:10** Thus were the visions of my head on my bed: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and its height was great.
- 4:11** The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to the sky, and its sight to the end of all the earth.
- 4:12** The leaves of it were beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it was food for all: the animals of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.
- 4:13** I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from the sky.
- 4:14** He cried aloud, and said thus, 'Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the animals get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches.
- 4:15** Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a

band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the sky: and let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth:

- 4:16 let his heart be changed from man's, and let an animal's heart be given to him; and let seven times pass over him.
- 4:17 The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will, and sets up over it the lowest of men."
- 4:18 This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.
- 4:19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, "Belteshazzar, don't let the dream, or the interpretation, trouble you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, the dream be to those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries.
- 4:20 The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the sky, and its sight to all the earth;
- 4:21 whose leaves were beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it was food for all; under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation:
- 4:22 it is you, O king, that are grown and become strong; for your greatness is grown, and reaches to the sky, and your dominion to the end of the earth.
- 4:23 Whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from the sky, and saying, 'Cut down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky: and let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him;'
- 4:24 this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king:
- 4:25 that you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the

animals of the field, and you shall be made to eat grass as oxen, and shall be wet with the dew of the sky, and seven times shall pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will.

4:26 Whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; your kingdom shall be sure to you, after that you shall have known that the heavens do rule.

4:27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may be a lengthening of your tranquility."

4:28 All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar.

4:29 At the end of twelve months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon.

4:30 The king spoke and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

4:31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from the sky, saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you:

4:32 and you shall be driven from men; and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field; you shall be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will."

4:33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky, until his hair was grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

4:34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives forever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation.

4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or ask him, 'What are you

doing?'

- 4:36** At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned to me; and my counselors and my lords sought to me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me.
- 4:37** Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those who walk in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel

- 5:1** Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
- 5:2** Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them.
- 5:3** Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them.
- 5:4** They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
- 5:5** In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
- 5:6** Then the king's face was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his thighs were loosened, and his knees struck one against another.
- 5:7** The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever shall read this writing, and show me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."
- 5:8** Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation.

- 5:9** Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his face was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.
- 5:10** The queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever; don't let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed.
- 5:11** There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and the king Nebuchadnezzar your father, the king, I say, your father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;
- 5:12** because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."
- 5:13** Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel, who are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?
- 5:14** I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.
- 5:15** Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing.
- 5:16** But I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations, and dissolve doubts; now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."
- 5:17** Then Daniel answered before the king, "Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.
- 5:18** You, king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty:

- 5:19** and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he killed, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down.
- 5:20** But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:
- 5:21** and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will.
- 5:22** You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this,
- 5:23** but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which don't see, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have not glorified.
- 5:24** Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.
- 5:25** This is the writing that was inscribed: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'
- 5:26** This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end;
- 5:27** TEKEL; you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.
- 5:28** PERES; your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."
- 5:29** Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 5:30** In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean King was slain.

5:31 Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Daniel

6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom;

6:2 and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account to them, and that the king should have no damage.

6:3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

6:4 Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, because he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

6:5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

6:6 Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, And said thus to him, "King Darius, live forever.

6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

6:8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter."

6:9 Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

6:10 When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his room toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did before.

- 6:11** Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.
- 6:12** Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree: "Haven't you signed an decree, that every man who shall make petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter."
- 6:13** Then answered they and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, doesn't respect you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."
- 6:14** Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored until the going down of the sun to rescue him.
- 6:15** Then these men assembled together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed."
- 6:16** Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you."
- 6:17** A stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.
- 6:18** Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him.
- 6:19** Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.
- 6:20** When he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice; the king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?"
- 6:21** Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever.

- 6:22** My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; because as before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt."
- 6:23** Then was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.
- 6:24** The king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions mauled them, and broke all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den.
- 6:25** Then king Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you.
- 6:26** I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be even to the end.
- 6:27** He delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."
- 6:28** So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel

- 7:1** In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters.
- 7:2** Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke forth on the great sea.
- 7:3** Four great animals came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
- 7:4** The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I saw until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand on two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it.

- 7:5** Behold, another animal, a second, like a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth: and they said thus to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'
- 7:6** After this I saw, and behold, another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the animal had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
- 7:7** After this I saw in the night visions, and, behold, a fourth animal, awesome and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the animals that were before it; and it had ten horns.
- 7:8** I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.
- 7:9** I saw until thrones were placed, and one who was ancient of days sat: his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels burning fire.
- 7:10** A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
- 7:11** I saw at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I saw even until the animal was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire.
- 7:12** As for the rest of the animals, their dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
- 7:13** I saw in the night visions, and behold, there came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
- 7:14** There was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.
- 7:15** As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

- 7:16** I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.
- 7:17** These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth.
- 7:18** But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.
- 7:19** Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth animal, which was diverse from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet;
- 7:20** and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows.
- 7:21** I saw, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- 7:22** until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
- 7:23** Thus he said, 'The fourth animal shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- 7:24** As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings.
- 7:25** He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.
- 7:26** But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end.
- 7:27** The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms

under the whole sky, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

7:28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my face was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel

8:1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.

8:2 I saw in the vision; now it was so, that when I saw, I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai.

8:3 Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

8:4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no animals could stand before him, neither was there any who could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself.

8:5 As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

8:6 He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his power.

8:7 I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled on him; and there was none who could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8:8 The male goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns toward the four winds of the sky.

8:9 Out of one of them came forth a little horn, which grew exceeding

great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land.

8:10 It grew great, even to the army of the sky; and some of the army and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled on them.

8:11 Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

8:12 The army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through disobedience; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered.

8:13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long shall be the vision concerning the continual burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army to be trodden under foot?"

8:14 He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

8:15 It happened, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

8:16 I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision."

8:17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face: but he said to me, "Understand, son of man; for the vision belongs to the time of the end."

8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

8:19 He said, "Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongs to the appointed time of the end.

8:20 The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.

8:21 The rough male goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

- 8:22** As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.
- 8:23** In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
- 8:24** His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do his pleasure; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.
- 8:25** Through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in their security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
- 8:26** The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true: but seal up the vision; for it belongs to many days to come."
- 8:27** I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but none understood it.

Daniel

- 9:1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans,
- 9:2** in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years about which the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years.
- 9:3** I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.
- 9:4** I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments,
- 9:5** we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances;

- 9:6** neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 9:7** Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you.
- 9:8** Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.
- 9:9** To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him;
- 9:10** neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
- 9:11** Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law, turning aside, that they should not obey your voice: therefore the curse and the oath written in the law of Moses the servant of God has been poured out on us; for we have sinned against him.
- 9:12** He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for under the whole sky, such has not been done as has been done to Jerusalem.
- 9:13** As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us: yet have we not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and have discernment in your truth.
- 9:14** Therefore has the LORD watched over the evil, and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he does, and we have not obeyed his voice.
- 9:15** Now, Lord our God, who has brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- 9:16** Lord, according to all your righteousness, let your anger and please let your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us.

- 9:17** Now therefore, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.
- 9:18** My God, turn your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and see our desolations, and the city which is called by your name: for we do not present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies' sake.
- 9:19** Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, listen and do; don't defer, for your own sake, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."
- 9:20** While I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- 9:21** yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening offering.
- 9:22** He instructed me, and talked with me, and said, "Daniel, I am now come forth to give you wisdom and understanding.
- 9:23** At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went forth, and I have come to tell you; for you are greatly beloved: therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.
- 9:24** Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.
- 9:25** Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Anointed One, the prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troubled times.
- 9:26** After the sixty-two weeks the Anointed One shall be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and its end shall be with a flood, and even to the end shall be war; desolations are determined.
- 9:27** He shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the

midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate; and even to the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out on the desolate."

Daniel

- 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.
- 10:2** In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks.
- 10:3** I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.
- 10:4** In the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel,
- 10:5** I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Uphaz:
- 10:6** his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.
- 10:7** I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me didn't see the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves.
- 10:8** So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.
- 10:9** Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground.
- 10:10** Behold, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

- 10:11** He said to me, "Daniel, you man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for am I now sent to you." When he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.
- 10:12** Then he said to me, "Don't be afraid, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard: and I have come for your words' sake.
- 10:13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.
- 10:14** Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for many days:"
- 10:15** and when he had spoken to me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was mute.
- 10:16** Behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned on me, and I retain no strength.
- 10:17** For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord?" for as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.
- 10:18** Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me.
- 10:19** He said, "Greatly beloved man, don't be afraid: peace be to you, be strong, yes, be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me."
- 10:20** Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. When I go forth, behold, the prince of Greece shall come.
- 10:21** But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none who holds with me against these, but Michael your prince."

Daniel

- 11:1** "As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.
- 11:2** Now will I show you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he has grown strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.
- 11:3** A mighty king shall stand up, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.
- 11:4** When he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of the sky, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides these.
- 11:5** The king of the south shall be strong, and of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.
- 11:6** At the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and those who brought her, and he who became the father of her, and he who strengthened her in those times.
- 11:7** But out of a shoot from her roots shall one stand up in his place, who shall come to the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail.
- 11:8** Also their gods, with their molten images, with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall refrain some years from the king of the north.
- 11:9** He shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land.
- 11:10** His sons shall war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through; and they shall return and war, even to his fortress.
- 11:11** The king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north; and he shall set

forth a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand.

- 11:12** The multitude shall be lifted up, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.
- 11:13** The king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with much substance.
- 11:14** In those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the violent among your people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they shall fall.
- 11:15** So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city: and the forces of the south shall not stand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to stand.
- 11:16** But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his hand shall be destruction.
- 11:17** He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions; and he shall perform them: and he shall give him the daughter of women, to corrupt her; but she shall not stand, neither be for him.
- 11:18** After this shall he turn his face to the islands, and shall take many: but a prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; yes, moreover, he shall cause his reproach to turn on him.
- 11:19** Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.
- 11:20** Then shall stand up in his place one who shall cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory; but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.
- 11:21** In his place shall stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
- 11:22** The overwhelming forces shall be overwhelmed from before him, and shall be broken; yes, also the prince of the covenant.

- 11:23** After the treaty made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small people.
- 11:24** In time of security shall he come even on the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: yes, he shall devise his devices against the strongholds, even for a time.
- 11:25** He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall war in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against him.
- 11:26** Yes, they who eat of his dainties shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain.
- 11:27** As for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.
- 11:28** Then shall he return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do his pleasure, and return to his own land.
- 11:29** At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former.
- 11:30** For ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do his pleasure: he shall even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant.
- 11:31** Forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt offering, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.
- 11:32** Such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.
- 11:33** Those who are wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil, many days.

- 11:34** Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall join themselves to them with flatteries.
- 11:35** Some of those who are wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet for the time appointed.
- 11:36** The king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done.
- 11:37** Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all.
- 11:38** But in his place shall he honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers didn't know shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.
- 11:39** He shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whoever acknowledges he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price.
- 11:40** At the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through.
- 11:41** He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.
- 11:42** He shall stretch forth his hand also on the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.
- 11:43** But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.
- 11:44** But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.
- 11:45** He shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

Daniel

- 12:1** "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall be found written in the book.
- 12:2** Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 12:3** Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse; and those who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.
- 12:4** But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run back and forth, and knowledge shall be increased."
- 12:5** Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the other on the river bank on that side.
- 12:6** One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"
- 12:7** I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
- 12:8** I heard, but I didn't understand: then I said, "My lord, what shall be the issue of these things?"
- 12:9** He said, Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.
- 12:10** Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand.
- 12:11** From the time that the continual burnt offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days.

12:12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days.

12:13 But go you your way until the end; for you shall rest, and shall stand in your lot, at the end of the days.