- I. The vision of Isaiah ben-Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- 2. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for Jehovah has spoken! I have nurtured and brought up children, but they have rebelled against me.
- 3. The ox knows his owner, and the donkey, his master's crib. Israel does not know; my people do not understand.
- 4. Ah, sinful nation! People laden with iniquity! Seed of evildoers! Corrupt children! They have forsaken Jehovah; they have despised the Holy One of Israel. They are completely estranged.
- 5. Why would you be struck any more? You will rebel again. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint.
- 6. From the sole of the foot, even to the head, there is no soundness in it. Bruises, and stripes, and raw wounds have not been treated, <sup>1</sup> nor bandaged, nor mollified with oil.
- 7. Your country is a waste; your cities are burned up by fire; your land is devoured by strangers in your sight; yea, it is a waste overthrown by strangers.
- 8. And the daughter of Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a shack in a field of cucumbers, like a besieged city.
- 9. Had not the LORD of Hosts left of us a small remnant, we would be like Sodom; we would be like Gomorrah.
- 10. Hear the word of Jehovah, O rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the law of our God, O people of Gomorrah!
- 11. What is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? says the LORD. I am glutted with burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fatlings, and I take no pleasure in the blood of bullocks, and young rams, and he-goats.
- 12. Who has required you to trample my courts when you come to appear before me?
- 13. Stop bringing worthless offerings! Incense is an abomination to me. New moon, and Sabbaths, and the calling of a convocation, I cannot bear. The sacred Assembly is nothing to me.
- 14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts, my soul hates! They are a burden to me. I have worn myself out bearing them.
- 15. And when you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Though you make many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood!
- 16. Wash yourselves! Make yourselves clean! Remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes! Stop doing evil!
- 17. Learn to do good! Seek judgment; rebuke the oppressor; judge the orphan; plead for the widow.
- 18. Come, I pray you, let us reason together, says Jehovah. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,
- 20. but if you refuse and you are rebellious, you will be consumed by the sword, for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.
- 21. Oh, how the faithful city is turned to whoredom! She was filled with justice; righteousness lodged in her, but now, murderers.
- 22. Your silver has become dross; your choice wine is diluted with water.
- 23. Your princes are apostates and companions of thieves, all of them loving bribery and pursuing gifts. They will not be judges for an orphan, and a widow's case will not come before them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

- ¶24. Therefore says the Lord, the LORD of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: "Ah! I will be relieved of my adversaries and avenge myself of my enemies.
- 25. And I will cause my hand to come upon you again, and I will smelt away your dross as with lye, and I will remove all your alloy.
- 26. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. After that, you will be called, "The City of Righteousness", a faithful town.
- 27. Zion will be redeemed by judgment, and those of her who repent, by righteousness,
- 28. but all the sinful rebels will be crushed, and those who forsake Jehovah will be consumed.
- 29. For you will be ashamed of the terebinths which you desired, and you will be abashed because of the gardens which you chose.
- 30. For you will be like a terebinth whose leaf withers and falls, and like a garden that has no water,
- 31. and the strong man will be like tow, and his work, like a spark, and they both will burn together, and nothing will quench them.

- ¶1. The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2. It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the house of Jehovah will be established as head of the mountains, and will be exalted above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it.
- 3. And many nations will go, and they will say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob! And He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths." For from Zion will the law go forth, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.
- 4. And He will judge between the nations, and He will reprove many nations, and they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war any more.
- 5. O house of Jacob! Come, and let us walk in the light of Jehovah!
- 6. For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are full of evil from the east and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they are content with children of foreigners,
- 7. and their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures. Their land is also filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots.
- 8. And their land is filled with idols; to the work of their own hands, to that which their own fingers have made, they bow.
- 9. And the common man humbles himself, and the great man is abased before them; therefore, do not forgive them.
- 10. Go into the rock, or hide yourself in the ground in terror at Jehovah's presence and from the splendor of His majesty. (compare verse 17)
- 11. The haughty looks of the great man will be humbled, and the pride of common men will be abased, and Jehovah alone will be exalted on that day.
- 12. For the day of the LORD of Hosts is coming upon everyone who is proud and haughty, and upon everyone who lifts himself up, and he will be abased,
- 13. and upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,
- 14. and upon all the mountains that are exalted, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,
- 15. and upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall,
- 16. and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all the valuable crafts<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

- 17. And the haughtiness of man will be brought down, and the loftiness of men will be brought low. And Jehovah alone will be exalted on that day. (compare verse 11)
- 18. And He will utterly do away with the idols.
- 19. And they will go into crevices in the rocks and holes in the ground, in terror at Jehovah's presence and away from the splendor of His majesty when He rises to shake the earth.
- 20. In that day, a man will throw his idols of silver and his idols of gold that they made for him to worship to the mole-rats and the bats,
- 21. entering into caves in the rocks and into the clefts of cliffs in terror at Jehovah's presence, and away from the splendor of His majesty when He rises to shake the earth.
- 22. Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils! For wherein is he to be accounted of?

- ¶1. The Lord, the LORD of Hosts, is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support, the entire supply of bread and the entire supply of water:
- 2. mighty man, and the man of war; judge, and prophet, and diviner, and elder;
- 3. captain of fifty, and eminent man, and counselor, and wise man; magicians, and expert charmer.
- 4. And I will make children their princes, and unstable men shall rule over them.
- 5. And the people shall be oppressed, each one by another, and each one by his neighbor. The young shall behave arrogantly against their elders, and the disgraceful man, against the honorable one.
- 6. For a man will grab hold of his brother of the house of his father, and say, "You have a mantle! You be our leader, and let this ruin be under your hand!"
- 7. He will swear in that day, saying, "I am not a healer, and there is neither bread nor mantle in my house. You will not make me the people's leader."
- 8. Jerusalem is certainly offended, and Judah is fallen, for their talk and their deeds concerning Jehovah incite rebellion in the eyes of His glory.
- 9. The look of their faces testifies against them, and they declare their sin like Sodom. They do not hide! Woe to their soul, for they have dealt destruction to themselves.
- 10. Tell<sup>3</sup> the righteous man that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruits if the doings.
- 11. Woe to the wicked man! It shall be ill with him, for the recompense of his hands shall be given him.
- 12. O my people! Their greedy leaders act like a child, and women rule over them. O my people! Your leaders have caused you to err and have confused the way of your paths.
- 13. Jehovah is standing up to plead His cause; yea, He is standing to judge the peoples.
- 14. Jehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of His people, and their princes: "You have devoured the vineyard! The plunder of the poor man is in your houses!"
- 15. What do you mean, that you crush my people and grind the faces of the poor, says the Lord GOD of Hosts.
- 16. And Jehovah says, Because you are haughty, O daughters of Zion, and walk about with stretched-out neck and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as you go, and with their feet they rattle ankle bracelets.
- 17. But my Lord will strike with a scab the scalp of the daughters of Zion, and Jehovah will expose their private parts.
- 18. In that day, my Lord will take away the finery, the anklets, and the headbands, and the crescent-shaped ornaments,
- 19. the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> That is, "You [plural] tell". Who God is giving this commandment to is not stated.

- 20. the head-dresses, and the armlets, and the sashes, and boxes of perfume,<sup>4</sup> and the charms,
- 21. the rings and the nose-rings,
- 22. the festal robes, and the mantles, and the cloaks, and the purses,
- 23. and the mirrors, and the fine linen, and the headdresses, and the shawls,
- 24. and it will be that instead of a sweet aroma, there shall be rottenness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a fancy robe, a wrap of sackcloth; branding instead of beauty.
- 25. Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty men in battle,
- 26. and they shall mourn and lament in her gates, and she will dwell on the land, purged.

- I. And seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name! O take away our reproach!
- ¶2. In that day will the Branch of Jehovah be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel.
- 3. And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and he who remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem,
- 4. when the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the blood-guiltiness of Jerusalem from her midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of destruction.
- 5. And Jehovah will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her Assemblies a cloud by day and the smoke and brightness of a flaming fire by night, for over all the glory will be a canopy.
- 6. And it will be a pavilion for shade from the heat by day, and a refuge and shelter from storm and rain.

- I. I will sing, if you please, for my beloved a song for my beloved regarding his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.
- 2. And he dug it up, and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines. And he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine-vat in it, and then waited for it to yield grapes. But it produced wild grapes!
- 3. So, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge now, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.
- 4. What more could have been done for my vineyard that I did not do in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it produce wild grapes?
- 5. So now, let me tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be consumed; I will break down its wall, and it shall be a trampling-place,
- 6. and I will make it a waste. It shall not be pruned, and it shall not be hoed, and briars and thorns shall come up. And I will command the clouds above[?] that they let rain no rain upon it.
- 7. Yea, the vineyard of the LORD of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah, His delightful plant. And He looked for justice, but behold, murder! For righteousness, but behold, a cry!
- 8. Woe to you who join house to house and add field to field until there is no place, that you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!
- 9. In my ears the Lord of Hosts said, "I will damn myself if many great and fine houses are not given to destruction, without inhabitant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Hebrew obscure.

- 10. Yea, a ten-acre vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah!
- 11. Woe to those who rise early in the morning to follow strong drink, continuing until in the evening, wine inflames them!
- 12. And lyre, and lute, and tambourine, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts, but the work of Jehovah, they do not regard, nor do they consider the work of His hands.
- 13. For this, my people are exiled, being without knowledge. Yea, His honored men are hungry, and His people are parched with thirst.
- 14. Therefore, Sheol has enlarged herself; she has opened her mouth without measure, and her nobility, and her multitude, and her clamor will descend into it. And He will rejoice in her.
- 15. And the mean man shall be humbled, and the great man shall be abased; yea, the eyes of haughty men shall be abased.
- 16. And the LORD of Hosts will be exalted in judgment, and the Holy God will be sanctified in righteousness.
- 17. Then lambs shall feed as in their pasture, and sojourners shall eat fatlings in waste places.
- 18. Ah, those who drag wickedness with cords of vanity, and sin with cart-ropes,
- 19. who say, "Let it hurry! Let His work be done quickly so we might see it", and "Let the council of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we might know it!"
- 20. Woe to those who call evil good, and good, evil; who put forth darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put forth bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter
- 21. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and understanding in their own opinion.
- 22. Woe to those who are mighty when it comes to drinking wine, and the men valiant when it comes to mixing up a strong drink.
- 23. You who acquit a wicked man because of a bribe and take away the just cause of righteous men from them.
- 24. Therefore, as a tongue of fire devours stubble and as dry grass sinks down in a flame, their root will be like rot, and their blossom will go up like dust, for they have rejected the law of the LORD of Hosts and despised the decree of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25. Therefore, the wrath of Jehovah was kindled against His people, and He stretched forth His hand against them and struck them, and the mountains quaked, and their carcasses were like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out.
- 26. And He will raise a signal to nations far away, and He will hiss for them to come from the ends of the earth. And behold, quickly, swiftly, they will come.
- 27. Not one among them is weary; not one stumbles. They do not grow drowsy, and they do not sleep, nor is their waistband loosed, nor the strap of their sandal broken.
- 28. Their arrows are sharpened, and all their bows drawn; their horses 'hooves are like flint, and their wheels like the whirlwind.
- 29. Their roaring is like a lion, and they roar like young lions. They growl and seize prey, and safely carry it away, and there is no rescuing it.
- 30. And they will growl over it on that day like the roaring of the sea. And He looked at the land, and behold, darkness and distress, and by its clouds was the light darkened.

I. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the skirts of his robe filled the temple.

- 2. Six-winged seraphim were standing up above Him with six wings; each had six wings. With two, he was covering his face, and with two, he was covering his feet, and with two, he was flying about.
- 3. And one called out to another, and said, "Holy! Holy! Holy is the LORD of Hosts! The earth is full of His glory!
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- 8. And I heard the voice of my Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"
- 9. And he said, "Go! And say to this people, 'You will certainly hear, but you will by no means understand. And you will certainly see, but you will by no means perceive.
- 10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears dull, and make their eyes blind, lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and repent, and He heal them!' "
- 11. Then I said, "How long, my Lord?" And he said, "Until cities lie waste, without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the ground is made an utter desolation,
- 12. and Jehovah has sent the people far away, and the emptiness be great in the midst of the land.
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- 10. And again Jehovah spoke to Ahaz, saying,
- 11. "Ask for a sign from Jehovah your God, in the depth of Sheol or in the height of heaven!"
- 12. But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I put Jehovah to the test."
- 13. Then He said, "Hear, now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to wear out men, that you must also wear out my God?
- 14. Therefore, my Lord will Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the pregnant virgin! And she is bearing a son, and she will call his name Immanuel.
- 15. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he might learn to refuse what is evil, and choose the good.
- 16. But before the young man knows to refuse what is evil and choose the good, the land that you loathe shall be forsaken of its two kings."
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- 12. You shall not say "a conspiracy" to all them to whom this people says, "A conspiracy"; neither shall you fear or tremble at their fear.
- 13. But you shall sanctify the LORD of Hosts, and Him shall you fear, and at Him shall you tremble.
- 14. And he will be a sanctuary, but a stumbling-stone and a rock of offense for both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 15. And many among them will stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and taken.
- 16. Bind up the testimony! Seal the law among those who are taught by me!
- 17. And I will wait for Jehovah, who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob, and I will put my hope in Him.
- 18. Behold! I and the children whom Jehovah has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel!
- 19. And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the soothsayers, who squeal and growl" should not a people inquire of their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?
- 20. To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
- 21. And he will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry, and it shall come to pass that when he is hungry, he will become enraged, and he will curse his king and his God, but then he will look upward.
- 22. And he will look to the land, and behold, strife and darkness, gloomy anguish. And then, he will be cast into darkness.

- ¶1. But the gloom will not be such as was her affliction the first time, when He cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali and afterward honored the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, the territory of the Gentiles.
- 2. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in a land of the shadow of death, light has shined.
- 3. You multiplied the heathen; you did not increase joy. They rejoiced before you as in the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when dividing up spoil,

- 4. but you will break the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
- 5. Yea, every boot shakes the earth and every mantel is soaked with blood, but it will be for burning, fuel for a fire.
- 6. For a child is born for us. To us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder. And He will call his name, "Wonder", "Counselor", "Mighty God", "Everlasting Father", "Prince of Peace".
- 7. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time and forever. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will do this.

¶8. The Lord has sent forth a word against Jacob, and it fell upon Israel.

- 9. And all His people shall know, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria who say with a proud and arrogant heart,
- 10. "The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will replace them with cedars!"
- 11. But Jehovah shall raise up Rezin's adversaries against him, and join his enemies together.
- 12. Syria before and Philistines behind, and they shall consume Israel with an open mouth. For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out.
- 13. For the people will not return to Him who is smiting them; yea, they will not seek the LORD of Hosts.
- 14. And so, the LORD has cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and reed, in one day.
- 15. The elder with haughty face, he is the head, and the prophet who teaches falsehood, he is the tail.
- 16. The leaders of this people make them err, and those who are led by them are ruined.
- 17. Therefore, the LORD will not rejoice over the young men, nor will He have compassion on His orphans and His widows. For every one of His people is profane and does evil, and every mouth speaks without sense. For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out.
- 18. For wickedness has burned like fire; it consumes briar and thorn; yea, it ignites thickets of the forest, and they mount up in a column of smoke.
- 19. Through the wrath of the LORD of Hosts shall the land be scorched, and the people will be like fuel for the fire; no one will spare his brother.
- 20. Yea, he will snatch away on the right hand, and they will be hungry, and he will devour on the left, and they will not be satisfied. They will eat, each one, the flesh of his own arm.
- 21. Manasseh with Ephraim, and Ephraim with Manasseh; together are they against Judah. For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out.

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- 12. And it shall be that when the Lord completes all his work in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, that I will visit the fruit of the exalted heart of the King of Assyria, and the majesty of his lofty looks.

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- 16. Therefore, the LORD of Hosts will send leanness among His fat ones, and instead of His glory, He will kindle a burning like kindling a fire.
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- 21. A remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the God of the Mighty One.
- 22. For though your people Israel be like the sand of the sea, a remnant of them shall return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness,
- 23. for my Lord, the LORD of Hosts, will make the decreed destruction in the midst of all the land.
- 24. Therefore, thus says my Lord, the LORD of Hosts, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, O my people, who dwell in Zion, when he strikes with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, in the manner of the Egyptians.

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- ¶1. And a Shoot will come forth from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.
- 2. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD,
- 3. and He shall make him discerning in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what his eyes see, nor will he make decisions by what his ears hear.
- 4. And in righteousness will he judge the poor and reprove with equity on behalf of the oppressed of earth. And he will smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips will he slay the wicked.
- 5. And righteousness will be a girdle for his loins, and faithfulness, his waist-belt.
- 6. And the wolf will dwell with the lamb; and the leopard will lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling will be together; and a little boy will lead them.
- 7. And the cow and the bear will graze, and their young will lie down together. And a lion will eat straw like an ox.

- 8. And the nursing infant will play over the hole of an asp, and the weaned child will put his hand in a viper's den.
- 9. They will neither do harm nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.
- 10. And on that day, there will be a Root of Jesse who will stand as a sign to the nations. Gentiles will inquire of him, and his rest will be glorious.
- 11. And it shall come to pass on that day that the Lord will extend his hand a second time to redeem the remnant of his people that is left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.
- 12. And he will lift up a signal for the Gentiles, and he will gather the banished men of Israel and he will assemble the dispersed women of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
- 13. And the envy of Ephraim will depart, and the enemies of Judah will be cut off. And Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will not vex Ephraim.
- 14. And they will fly westward against the slope of the Philistines. Together, they will plunder the children of the east, taking possession of Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon will be their subjects.
- 15. And Jehovah will completely destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt, and He will wave His hand over the river<sup>5</sup> with His mighty wind and strike it into seven streams, enabling men to cross over in sandals.
- 16. And there will be a highway for the remnant of His people from Assyria who remain, as there was for Israel on the day they came up out of the land of Egypt.

- I. And in that day you will say, "I will praise you, O LORD! Though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you are comforting me.
- 2. Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust, and I will not be afraid, for the Lord, Jehovah, is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!"
- 3. And with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 4. And in that day, you will say, "Give thanks to Jehovah! Call upon His Name! Make His deeds known among His people, for His Name is exalted!
- 5. Sing Jehovah's praise! For He created Majesty, who is being made known in all the earth!"
- 6. Cry out and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is exalted in your midst.

- ¶1. The burden concerning Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:
- 2. Lift up a signal on a bare mountain; lift up your voice to them! Wave your hand, that they may enter the noble gates.
- 3. I have commanded my consecrated ones. Yea, I have summoned my mighty ones to accomplish my wrath, my proudly exulting ones.
- 4. The sound of a tumult in the mountains like that of many people, the sound of an uproar of kingdoms, of nations being gathered! The LORD of Hosts is mustering an army for battle!
- 5. They come from the far reaches of the earth, from the end of heaven Jehovah and the instruments of His indignation that He might destroy the whole land!
- 6. Howl! For the day of the LORD is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Probably the Euphrates River.

- 7. Because of this, all hands will become feeble, and every man's heart will melt,
- 8. and they will be terrified. Pangs and agony will grip them; they will be in anguish like a woman giving birth. Each man will look in astonishment at his fellow, all their faces flushed.
- 9. Behold, the day of the LORD is coming cruel, with fury and fierce anger to make the earth a desolation, and He will annihilate its sinners out of it.
- 10. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not emit their light, the sun will be dark when it comes forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.
- 11. And I will punish the world for evil, and the wicked for their iniquity, and I will make the vainglory of the arrogant to cease, and I will abase the pride of fearsome men.
- 12. I will make a man more rare than fine gold, and men more rare than gold of Ophir.
- 13. Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of its place in the wrath of the LORD of Hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.
- 14. And it shall come to pass that, like a hunted gazelle or like a flock that no one gathers, every man will turn to his own people, and every man will flee to his own land.
- 15. Everyone who is found will be pierced through, and everyone who is caught will fall by the sword.
- 16. And their little ones will be dashed to pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished.
- 17. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who do not regard silver, and as for gold, they do not delight in it.
- Archers will also cut the young men to pieces, and they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb. Their eye will not pity children.
- 19. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty and the pride of the Chaldeans, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 20. She will not continue forever, neither will she abide from generation to generation. And no Arab will pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flock lie down there.
- 21. But wild beasts will lie down there; yea, their houses will be filled with wolves, and owls will abide there, and he-goats will caper there.
- 22. Hyenas will cry out in its forsaken places,<sup>6</sup> and wolves, in its luxurious palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

- I. For Jehovah will have mercy on Jacob, and He will yet choose Israel and make them to rest in their land, and the foreigner will join himself to them and be united with the house of Jacob.
- 2. And the nations will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them in Jehovah's land as male and female slaves; so, they will take them captive whose captives they were, and they will rule over those who oppressed them.
- ¶3. And it shall come to pass on the day that Jehovah gives you rest from your pain, and from your trembling, and from the hard service which you were made to render,
- 4. that you will lift up this proverb against the King of Babylon, and you will say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The arrogant city has ceased!"
- 5. Jehovah has broken the staff of the wicked people, the scepter of the rulers,
- 6. striking down peoples in overflowing rage with an unceasing blow, taking dominion over the nations in His anger, punishing them without sparing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Literally, "widows".

- 7. The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they burst forth with shouts of joy.
- 8. The cypress exults over you as well, the cedars of Lebanon say, "Since you are laid down, no feller has come up against us!"
- 9. Sheol below is excited because of you, to meet you when you come. It arouses the shades for you, all chief men of earth; it makes all the kings of the nations rise from their thrones.
- 10. They all will answer and say to you, "You have become weak as we! You are like us!"
- 11. Your splendor is brought down to Sheol with the sound of your harps; beneath you, the maggot is spread, and the worm is your covering."
- 12. Oh, how you have fallen from heaven, O light-bringer, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the earth, O weakener of the nations!
- 13. You have said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the Mountain of Assembly, on the far north side.
- 14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High."
- 15. Oh, but you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit.
- 16. Those who see you will gaze at you. They will ponder over you, asking, "Is this the one who caused the earth to tremble and kingdoms to shake,
- 17. who made the world like a desert and overthrew his cities? He did not open the house of his prisoners."
- 18. All the kings of the Gentiles all of them! lie down in glory, each in his own house,
- 19. but you! You are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain who were pierced with a sword and go down to the stones of the Pit; you are like a trampled corpse.
- 20. You will not be united with them in burial because you have destroyed your land and slain your people. The seed of evildoers will never be called!
- 21. Prepare a slaughtering-place for his sons because of the iniquity of their fathers. They will not arise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.
- 22. But I will rise up against them, says the LORD of Hosts. And I will cut off from Babylon name, and remnant, and offspring, and posterity, says the LORD.
- 23. And I will make her a possession for the porcupine and watery swamps, and I will sweep her with the besom of destruction, says the LORD of Hosts.
- \$\[124. The LORD of Hosts has sworn, saying, "I swear by my life as I think, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it come to pass! -
- 25. that I will shatter the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains will I trample him, and his yoke will be removed from them, and his burden will be removed from his shoulder.
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- ¶1. The burden of Damascus: Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and will become a heap of rubble.
- 2. The cities of Aroer are forsaken, they will be for flocks, and they will lie down, and nothing will make them afraid.
- 3. And the fortress will cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom of Damascus and the remnant of Syria will be as the glory of the sons of Israel, says the LORD of Hosts.
- ¶4. And on that day will the glory of Jacob be brought low, and the fatness of his flesh will be made lean.
- 5. And it shall come to pass that, as a reaper gathers standing grain and his arm reaps heads of grain, and then one gleans the heads in the Valley of Rephaim,
- 6. so there will be gleanings left in it, as when an olive tree is beaten two or three berries remain on the highest bough, and four or five on its fruit-bearing branches, says Jehovah, God of Israel.
- ¶7. On that day, man will gaze upon his Maker, and his eyes will see the Holy One of Israel.
- 8. And they will have no regard for the altars, the work of their hands; they will not look to what their fingers have made, neither the sacred trees nor sun-images.

- ¶9. In that day, his strong cities will be like the abandoned wood, even the high branch which they abandoned because of the sons of Israel, and it will become a desolation.
- 10. Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your refuge, therefore, you will plant pleasant plants, but with a strange slip will you set it.
- 11. In a day will you fence in your plant, and in the morning, you will cause your seed to sprout, but in a day of sickness and incurable pain, the harvest will be a heap.
- 12. Ah, the thunder of many peoples! They thunder like the thundering of the seas! Oh, the roar of nations! They roar like the roaring of mighty waters.
- 13. Nations will roar like the roar of many waters! Though he curse at Him, yet he will take flight for a distant place, but he will be chased like chaff on the hills before the wind, and like whirling dust before the storm-wind.
- 14. In the evening, behold, terror! Before morning, he is no more! This will be the portion of those looting us and the lot of those plundering us.

¶1. Ah, the land of whirring wings that is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,

- 2. that sends ambassadors by the river, even in vessels made of reeds across the face of the sea! Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared near and far, a mighty nation that tramples down, whose land rivers divide.
- 3. All you inhabitants of the world! You who live on earth! When the signal is raised on the mountains, look! And when the shofar is blown, listen!
- 4. For thus said Jehovah to me: "I will be quiet and watch from my dwelling-place, like dry heat upon herbs, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
- 5. For before the harvest, when the bud is gone and the flower has become a ripening grape, He will lop off the branches with pruning-hooks and chop off the spreading tendrils.
- 6. They will all be left to the birds of the mountains and beasts of the earth. The birds will summer upon them, and the beasts of the earth will winter upon them.
- 7. At that time shall a gift be brought to the LORD of Hosts from a people tall and smooth, a people feared near and far, a mighty nation that tramples down, whose land rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of Hosts, Mount Zion.

- I. The burden of Egypt. Behold, Jehovah is riding on a swift, dark cloud, and He is coming to Egypt. And the idols of Egypt shall tremble before Him, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in its midst.
- 2. And I will incite Egyptian against Egyptian. And they shall fight each against his brother and each against his fellow, city against city, kingdom against kingdom.
- 3. And the spirit of Egypt within him shall be emptied, and I shall confound his counsel. And they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to the mediums, and to the soothsayers.
- 4. And I will give Egypt over into the hand of harsh lords, and a fierce king will reign over them, says the Lord, the LORD of Hosts.
- 5. And the waters shall dry up from the sea, and the river shall be parched and dry up.
- 6. And the canals shall stink; they shall be brought low; the streams of Egypt shall dry up. Reed and rush shall wither.

- 7. Along the Nile, to the mouth of the Nile, shall be bare places, and everything sown by the Nile shall wither. It shall be driven away and be no more.
- 8. The fishermen also shall lament, and all who cast a hook into the Nile shall mourn, and they who spread a net upon the waters shall languish.
- 9. And the workers of combed flax and the weavers of white shall be ashamed.
- 10. And its foundations shall be crushed; all who work for wages shall be grieved in soul.
- 11. Surely the princes of Zoan are fools; Pharaoh's wise counsellors give brutish counsel! How can you say to Pharaoh, "I am a descendent of wise men, a descendent of ancient kings?"
- 12. Where are they, then, your wise men? Let them also declare to you, I pray, and let them understand what the LORD of Hosts has determined against Egypt.
- 13. The princes of Zoan have become foolish. The princes of Noph are deceived. They, the cornerstone of its tribes, have caused Egypt to go astray.
- 14. Jehovah has mingled a spirit of perversities in its midst, and they have caused Egypt to stagger in all that it does, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
- 15. And there shall be no work for an Egyptian that the head or tail, branch or bulrush may do.
- 16. In that day, Egypt shall be like women, and shall tremble and be afraid because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of Hosts when He shakes it over him.
- 17. And the land of Judah shall be a terror to the Egyptians. Everyone who remembers it shall be afraid for himself because of the counsel of the LORD of Hosts which He has determined against it.
- 18. On that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear by the LORD of Hosts. One will be called "City of the Sun"<sup>7</sup>.
- 19. On that day, there will be an altar to Jehovah in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a monument to Jehovah at its border.
- 20. And it will be for a sign and a testimony to the LORD of Hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to Jehovah because of oppressors, He will send them a savior, and he will contend for and deliver them.
- 21. And Jehovah will reveal Himself to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know Jehovah in that day, and they will bring sacrifices and offerings, and make vows to Jehovah and perform them.
- 22. And Jehovah will strike Egypt, but strike to heal, for they will turn to Jehovah, and He will be entreated of them and will heal them.
- 23. On that day, there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt, and the Egyptians, into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve God with the Assyrians.
- 24. On that day, Israel will be a third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,
- 25. for the LORD of Hosts will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel, my heritage."

- I. In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the King of Assyria sent him, he fought against Ashdod and took it.
- 2. At that time the LORD spoke by the hand of Isaiah ben-Amoz, saying, "Go, and loose the sackcloth from your loins and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Hebrew text, "City of Destruction". The Dead Sea Scrolls (4q56) has "City of the Sun" (Greek:Heliopolis).

- ¶3. And the LORD said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a portent against Egypt and Ethiopia,
- 4. so shall the King of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with buttocks uncovered. This will be the humiliating punishment of Egypt.
- 5. And they shall be dismayed and ashamed of Ethiopia, their hope, and of Egypt, their boasting.
- 6. And the inhabitant of this coastland will say in that day, 'Behold, this was our hope, to whom we fled for help, to be delivered from the King of Assyria. And now, how shall we escape?'"

- I. The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As destroying winds from the south pass through from the wilderness, he will come from a fearsome land.
- 2. A dire vision was declared to me: "The traitor betrays, and the spoiler spoils. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! I have made all her groaning to cease."
- For this, my loins were filled with anguish; pangs took hold of me like the pangs of a woman in travail. I
  was doubled over at hearing it; I was dismayed at the sight.
- 4. My heart skipped; horror overwhelmed me. The twilight I desired turned into trembling for me.
- 5. Arrange the table; lay out the rug; eat and drink! Rise up, you princes! Anoint the shield!
- 6. For thus did my Lord say to me: "Go! Set the watchman, that he may report what he sees."
- 7. And he saw a chariot with a pair of steeds, a chariot with asses, a chariot with camels, and he listened attentively, very attentively.
- 8. Then he cried out, "A lion! On the watchtower, my lord, I stand continually by day, and am stationed at my post whole nights."
- 9. Then, behold this! A chariot with a man and a pair of steeds came. And he answered and said, "Fallen! Babylon is fallen! And all the images of her gods has He shattered to the ground."
- 10. O my threshed one, and O son of my threshing-floor, that which I have heard from the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared to you!
- ¶11. The burden of Dumah. He is calling to me from Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"
- 12. The watchman said, "The morning comes, and then the night. If you would inquire, inquire! Return! Come!"
- ¶13. The burden of Arabia. You lodge in the forest of Arabia, O caravans of Dedanim.
- 14. When you meet him who is thirsty, bring water, O inhabitants of the land of Tema! Greet the fugitive with his bread!
- 15. For they fled from swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the press of battle.
- 16. For thus said my Lord to me, "Within a year, as the years of a hired man,<sup>8</sup> all the glory of Kedar will come to an end.
- 17. And the remnant of the number of bowmen, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, shall be few, for Jehovah, the God of Israel, has spoken.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> That is, strictly accounted for.

- I. The burden of the valley of vision. What's wrong with you now, that all of you have gone up to the housetops?
- 2. You were full of shouts, a bustling town! O jubilant city, your slain were neither slain by a sword nor died in battle.
- 3. All your rulers have fled together from the bow; they are taken prisoner. All who were found in you were taken prisoner together, though they fled far away.
- 4. Therefore, I said, "Look away from me! I am weeping bitterly. Do not try to comfort me over the devastation of the daughter of my people.
- 5. For it is my Lord's day of tumult, and trampling, and confusion, the LORD of Hosts in the valley of vision, tearing down a wall and crying out to the mountain."
- 6. And Elam bore the quiver with chariotry and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.
- 7. And it will come to pass that your choicest valleys will be full of chariotry, with the horsemen setting themselves in array at the gate.
- 8. And He will remove the covering of Judah, and in that day, you will look to the armor of the house of the forest.
- 9. But you will see breaches in the city of David, that they are many, and you will collect waters of the lower pool.
- 10. And you will count the houses of Jerusalem, and pull down the houses to fortify the wall,
- 11. and you will make a reservoir between the two walls for waters of the old pool. But you have not looked to its maker, and you did not consider the One who fashioned it long ago.
- 12. And in that day, my Lord, the LORD of Hosts, called for weeping, and for mourning, and for baldness, and for the girding of sackcloth.
- 13. But behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen, and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine, saying, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die!"
- 14. And in my hearing, it was revealed by the LORD of Hosts, "I will damn myself<sup>9</sup> if atonement for this iniquity will be made for you before you die, says my Lord, the LORD of Hosts."
- 15. Thus says my Lord, the LORD of Hosts, "Go! Get you to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say,
- 16. 'What do you have here? And whom do you have here that you have hewn a tomb for yourself in this place, O man hewing out his tomb on the height, cutting out a dwelling place for himself in the cliff?'
- 17. Behold, Jehovah will hurl you into captivity, O you mighty man; yea, He will take hold of you!
- He will whirl you round and round, spinning like a ball, into a large country. There you shall die, and there, your glorious chariots will be the shame of your lords 'house.
- 19. And I will thrust you out of your office, and from your station, He will tear you down."
- 20. And it shall come to pass in that day that I will call for my servant Eliakim ben-Hilkiah,
- 21. and I will clothe him with your tunic, and with your sash will I make him strong, and I will commit your authority into his hand, and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
- 22. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut; and he will shut, and no one will open.
- 23. I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and a glorious throne over his father's house shall be his.

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- 24. And they shall hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the progeny and the products every little vessel, from all the bowls to all the pitchers.
- 25. In that day, says the LORD of Hosts, the peg that was fastened in a sure place shall be removed, and be cut down, and fall. Then, the burden that was on him shall be cut off, for the LORD has spoken.

- I. The burden of Tyre. Wail, O ships of Tarshish, for it is laid waste, without house, without entrance. From the land of Kittim, it is revealed to him.
- 2. Be still, O inhabitants of the coastland! The merchants of Sidon who traverse the sea have filled you. Gary [not used Revelation Book]
- 3. And by great waters, the seed of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile was her revenue; and she became a merchant of nations.
- 4. Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken, the fortress of the sea, saying: "I have not labored, nor have I given birth, nor have I brought up young men. I have exalted young women."
- 5. As at the report of Egypt, so will they be in anguish at the report of Tyre.
- 6. Pass over to Tarshish. Wail, you inhabitants of the coast!
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- I. Behold, Jehovah will make the land empty and lay it waste, and He will twist its face and scatter its inhabitants.
- 2. And it shall be that, as the people, so will be the priest; as the slave, so will be the master; as the maidservant, so will be the mistress; as the buyer, so will be the seller; as the lender, so will be the borrower; as the collector of usury, so will be the one who pays usury to him.
- 3. The land will be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for Jehovah has spoken this word!
- 4. The land will weep and wilt; the world will be weak and wilt; the haughty people of the land will languish.
- 5. And the land is defiled under its inhabitants, for they have transgressed the laws; they have changed the ordinance; they have broken the everlasting covenant.
- 6. Therefore, a curse will devour the land, and its inhabitants will bear their punishment. Therefore, the inhabitants of land will be scorched, with a few men left.
- 7. The new wine will mourn; the vine will languish; all the merry-hearted will sigh.

- 8. The merrymaking of the tambourines will cease; the noise of revelers will end; the merrymaking of the lyre will cease.
- 9. They will not drink wine with a song; strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.
- 10. The city of confusion will be broken; every house will be shut up, that none may enter.
- 11. There will be an outcry for wine; all joy will grow dark; the gladness of the land will be gone.
- 12. Desolation will be left in the city, and the gate will be battered to ruins.
- 13. For thus it shall be in the land, in the midst of the peoples, like the beating of an olive tree, like the gleaning when the harvest is complete.
- 14. They will lift up their voice; they will cry out because of the majesty of Jehovah; they will cry aloud from the sea.
- 15. Therefore, glorify Jehovah in the fires, in the coastlands of the sea, even the name of Jehovah, God of Israel.
- 16. From the end of the earth will we hear songs, to the glory of the Righteous One. Then I said, "My leanness! My leanness! Woe is me! The traitors have dealt treacherously! The traitors have dealt treacherously!"
- 17. Terror, and a pit, and a trap are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.
- 18. And it shall come to pass that he who flees from the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the midst of the pit shall be caught in the trap, for windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth quake.
- 19. The earth is utterly broken apart. The earth is split apart; the earth shakes violently.
- 20. Earth reels, staggering like a drunken man, and it sways like a hut, for its transgression weighs upon it, and it shall fall and never again rise.
- \$\[121. And it shall come to pass in that day that Jehovah will punish the army of the exalted one by the Exalted One, and punish the kings of the earth on the earth.
- 22. And they shall be gathered together as a prisoner in the pit, and they shall be shut up in a prison, and after many days, they will be visited.
- 23. Then the light of the moon will be ashamed, and the heat of the sun will be ashamed when the LORD of Hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and in the presence of His elders, His glory.

- I. O Jehovah, you are my God! I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you created Wonder plans from ancient time – the faithful Amen.
- 2. You have made of a city, a heap; of a fortified city, a ruin; of a city, a citadel of foreigners forever. (It shall not be rebuilt.)
- 3. Therefore, a mighty people will glorify you, a city of terrifying nations, they will fear you.
- 4. For you are a stronghold for the poor, a stronghold for the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from heat when the breath of terrifying nations comes like a storm against a wall.
- 5. Like parching heat in a dry place is the roar of strangers; you will subdue the parching heat with the shadow of a cloud. The song of terrifying nations is brought low.
- 6. And on this mountain, the LORD of Hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich things, a feast of wellaged wines, of rich things with marrow, and well-aged, refined wines.
- 7. And on this mountain will He swallow up the face of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all the nations.

- 8. He will swallow up death forever! And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces, and He will take away the reproach of His people from the whole earth, for Jehovah has spoken.
- ¶9. And it will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God! We have waited for Him, and He has saved us. This is Jehovah! We have waited for Him! Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation!"
- 10. For the hand of Jehovah will rest on this mountain. And Moab will be trampled under him as a strawheap is trampled down in waters of a dung-pit,
- 11. and he will spread out his hands in its midst the way a swimmer stretches forth his hands to swim, but He will bring low his pride along with the skill of his hands.
- 12. And the fortified stronghold of your walls He will cast down, lay low, and strike down to the earth, even to dust.

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2. Open the gates, that the righteous nation, the one that keeps faith, may enter in!

- 3. You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is fixed on you, because he trusts in you.
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- 10. Though favor be shown to the wicked man, he will never learn righteousness. In a land of upright souls, he will do wrong, and he will never see the majesty of Jehovah.
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- 16. O LORD, in distress they have sought you. They have poured out a whispered prayer, for your chastisement has been upon them.
- 17. As a woman at the point of giving birth writhes and cries out in her travail, so have we been in your sight, O LORD.

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- 18. We have conceived; we have travailed; we have, as it were, given birth to wind. We have brought no deliverance to the land, neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
- 19. Your dead men shall live; with my dead body shall they arise! Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust! For the dew of herbs is your dew, and earth will bring forth her shades.
- 20. Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you. Hide, so to speak, for a little while until the indignation is overpast.
- 21. For behold! Jehovah is coming out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. And the earth will disclose its blood and will no longer conceal its slain.

- ¶1. On that day, with His fierce, and mighty, and powerful sword, the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, even Leviathan the crooked serpent, and He will slay the dragon that is in the sea.
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- 4. Fury means nothing to me; whoever sets up briers and thorns in battle, I would march through it. I would burn it all up.
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- 12. It shall come to pass on that day that Jehovah will thresh from the flowing stream of the River to the Brook of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O sons of Israel.
- 13. And it shall come to pass on that day that a great shofar will be sounded, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and those who were banished in the land of Egypt will come and worship before Jehovah on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

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- 2. Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty one! With his power will he cast down to the earth like a hailstorm, a destructive tempest, like a mighty, overwhelming flood.
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- 9. Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Those weaned from milk; those taken from breasts.
- 10. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.
- 11. He will speak to this people with stammering lips and another tongue,
- 12. to whom He said, "This is the rest with which you will cause the weary one to rest," and, "This is the refreshing." Yet, they would not listen.

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16. Therefore, thus says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will lay a stone in Zion, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation! He who believes will not hasten away.

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# 23. Give ear, and hear my voice! Pay attention, and hear what I say!

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# Isaiah 29

- ¶1. Ah, Ariel! Ariel!<sup>10</sup> city against which David encamped! Add year to year, and let the feasts come round!
- 2. But I will bring distress upon Ariel, and there will be mourning and moaning, and she will be to me as the ariel.<sup>11</sup>
- And I, like David, will encamp against you<sup>12</sup> and lay siege against you with palisades, and I will raise siegeworks against you.
- 4. And when you are abased, you will speak from the ground, and your talk will be humbled in the dirt, your voice will be like one who has a familiar spirit from out of the ground,<sup>13</sup> and your speech will squeak from the dirt.
- 5. But the multitude of your intruders will become like fine dust, and the multitude of ruthless men like chaff drifting away. And it will happen in an instant suddenly!
- You will be visited by<sup>14</sup> the LORD of Hosts with thunder, and an earthquake, and a loud noise of wind, and a tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire,
- 7. and the multitude of all the nations that wage war against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision in the night.
- 8. And they will be as when a hungry man dreams and behold, he is eating, but then he awakes and is still hungry, or as when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he is drinking, but when he awakes, behold, he is faint, and he longs for water. So will the multitude of all the nations be that wage war against Mount Zion.
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- 11. And the vision of all this is to you like words in a sealed book, which men give to one who is literate, saying, "Please read this," and he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."
- 12. And then the book is given to one who is illiterate, saying, "Please read this," and he says, "I can't read."
- 13. Then the Lord said to me, "This people draw near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me, and their fear of me is taught by commandment of men.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This is a reference to Jerusalem. Here, the meaning of "Ariel" is probably, "lioness of God".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Here, the meaning of "ariel" seems to be "altar", as in Ezekiel 43:15–16, that is, a place for flames.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Possibly, "And I will camp around you".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> People possessed with a demon made abnormal sounds. Isaiah 8:19, for example, mentions "the mediums and the soothsayers, who squeal and growl."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Or, "from one with".

- 14. Therefore, I will all the more cause this people to wonder, working a wondrous thing. And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the discernment of their discerning men will be completely hidden.
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- 18. And in that day, the deaf will hear words of a scroll, and out of dimness and out of darkness, the eyes of the blind will see.
- 19. And the meek will increase their joy in Jehovah, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
- 20. For the terrifying man will have come to nothing, and the scorner will have come to an end, and all have been cut off who look for wickedness,
- 21. who make a man a sinner because of a word, and lay a trap for the judge in the gate, and by false pretense defraud the righteous man.
- ¶22. Therefore, thus says Jehovah, the One who ransomed Abraham, to the house of Jacob: Jacob will no longer be ashamed, nor will his face turn pale,
- 23. for when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name, and they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel,
- 24. and those who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumbled will take in instruction."

- ¶1. Woe to the rebellious children, says Jehovah, who give counsel, but not from me, and weave a covering, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin upon sin!
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- 7. And Egyptians are vain, and they will help to no avail. Therefore, I have called her, "Proud One". They are at ease.
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- 18. Therefore, Jehovah will wait to show you favor, and then He will rise up to show you mercy, for Jehovah is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him.

- ¶19. O people in Zion, dwelling in Jerusalem, you will never weep again! He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer you.
- 20. Though the Lord has given you the bread of distress and the water of affliction, your Teacher will no longer hide himself, but your eyes will see your Teacher.<sup>15</sup>
- 21. And your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it," when you go to the right or when you go to the left.
- 22. And you will defile the idols overlaid with your silver and your golden cast images; you will trash them like a menstruous cloth. You will say to it, "Be gone!"
- 23. And He will give rain for your seed that you sow in the ground, and grain, the produce of the ground, and it will be rich and full. And in that day, your cattle will feed in large pastures,
- 24. and the oxen and young asses that work the ground will eat seasoned provender that has been winnowed with a winnowing shovel and fork.
- 25. And on the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, channels for streams of water will be on every lofty mountain and on every high hill.
- 26. And the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days, when Jehovah binds up the brokenness of His people and heals the deep wound from His blow.
- 27. Behold, the Name of Jehovah will come from far away, burning with his anger and a heavy burden. His lips will be full of indignation, and his tongue will be like a devouring fire,
- 28. and his breath will be like a flooding torrent reaching up to the neck, to sift nations in a sieve for worthlessness<sup>16</sup>, with the bridle on the jaws of nations that caused them to err.<sup>17</sup>
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- I. Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help. They depend on horses, and they trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are so numerous, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek Jehovah
- 2. even though He is wise, and can bring disaster, and does not take back His words. He will certainly rise against the house of evildoers and against him who helps the workers of iniquity.
- 3. The Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When Jehovah stretches out His hand, the helper stumbles and the one who is helped falls. And together, they all shall perish.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Most translators understand the word "teachers" in this verse to be a "plural of majesty", referring to Jesus as the Teacher of Israel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> That is, to remove those whom God considers worthless.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Most translations add words to this clause to make it appear that God will add this bridle to the Gentiles, to make them err, but that is contrary to what the previous part of this verse says God will be doing. This is a promise from God that He will rid the Gentiles both of worthless men and of the spiritual bridle by which those worthless men misled them.

- 4. For thus did Jehovah say to me: "As the lion or the young lion roars over his prey when a band of herdsmen is summoned against him, and he is not dismayed at their voices nor cowed by their clamor, so will the LORD of Hosts come down to do battle upon Mount Zion, even upon her hill."
- 5. Like birds flying, so will the LORD of Hosts defend Jerusalem; He will defend and deliver her. He will pass over her and spare her.
- 6. Return to Him from whom the children of Israel have gone deep in apostasy!
- 7. For in that day, every man among you will despise his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which sin your hands made for yourselves.
- 8. And the Assyrian will not fall by the sword of a great man, nor will the sword of a common man consume him. But he will flee from before His sword, and his young men will be made forced laborers.
- 9. His rock will pass away in terror, and his princes will be dismayed at the sign, says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

¶1.Behold, a King will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule justly.

- 2. And a man will be like a shelter from the wind, and a covert from the storm, like streams of water in parched ground, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
- 3. The eyes of those who see will not look away, and the ears of those who hear will give heed.
- 4. And the heart of the hasty will understand and know, and the tongue of stammerers will speak readily and clearly.
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- 9. Get up, you smug women! Hear my voice, you complacent daughters! Give ear to my decree!
- 10. In a little more than a year, you complacent women will tremble, because the vintage will fail; the harvest will not come in.
- 11. Shudder, you smug women! Tremble, you complacent women! Strip down and make yourself naked, and gird sackcloth on your loins.
- 12. Lament upon the breasts for the pleasant fields and for the fruitful vines.
- 13. Upon the land of my people, thorns and briars will come up, yea, upon all houses of merriment in the jubilant city.
- 14. For the citadel will be abandoned; the crowded city will be deserted. Hill and watchtower will become open fields forever, the delight of wild asses, a pasture for flocks,
- 15. until the Spirit is poured out on us from on high. Then the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be deemed a forest,
- 16. and justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness will dwell in the fruitful field.
- 17. The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, eternal quietness and security.
- 18. And my people will dwell in a peaceful meadow, and in secure dwellings, and in tranquil resting places.

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# 13. Hear, you who are far away! And acknowledge my might, you who are near.

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- 17. Your eyes will see the King in his beauty; they will behold a land far away.
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- 20. Look on Zion, the city of our meetings! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an untroubled habitation, an unmoved tent whose stakes will never be pulled up, nor will any of its cords be broken.
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- 24. And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick." The people who live in her will be forgiven of their sin.

- ¶1. Come near, O Gentiles, to hear! And pay attention, O nations! Let the earth and what fills it hear, the world and all that comes from it!
- 2. For the indignation of Jehovah is upon all the nations, and fury against all their armies. He has devoted them to destruction. He has given them to the slaughter.
- 3. Their dead will be cast out; the stench of their corpses will rise; and the mountains will be drenched with their blood.
- 4. And all the host of heaven shall come apart, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll, and all their host shall fall down, the way leaves fall from a vine or like figs falling from a tree.
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- 16. Seek you from the book of the LORD and read! Not one shall fail. Not one shall lack its mate. For my mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has assembled them.
- 17. And he has cast a lot(m) for them, and He has divided it(f) to them by lot. They will possess it forever; from generation to generation, they will dwell in it.

#### Isaiah 35

¶1. The wilderness and the dry place will rejoice, and the desert will shout for joy and bloom like a rose.

- 2. It will bloom abundantly and shout. Yea, and sing for joy! The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
- 3. Strengthen the weak hands, and steady the feeble knees!
- 4. Say to those with an anxious heart, "Be strong; do not be afraid. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; God's Reward, himself, will come and save you!"
- 5. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.
- 6. Then shall the lame man leap like a stag, and the tongue of the dumb man will sing, for waters will break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.
- 7. And the parched ground will become a pool, and the thirsty land, springs of water. In the habitat of wolves, its grassy resting-place, will be reeds and rushes.
- 8. And a highway will be there, and a way, and it will be called, "The Way of Holiness". No unclean man will travel over it, but it belongs to him who walks the Way, and fools will not wander about on it.
- 9. No lion will be there; indeed, no ferocious beasts will go up on it. Such will not be found there. But the redeemed will travel on it.
- 10. And the redeemed of Jehovah will return and enter into Zion with singing and eternal joy on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. this verse is identical with 51:11

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- ¶1. "Comfort, oh comfort my people!" says Jehovah your God.
- 2. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and tell her that her hard service is ended, that her iniquity has been pardoned, that she has received double from the hand from Jehovah for all her sins.
- 3. A voice crying in the wilderness! "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!
- 4. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill shall be brought low. The hilly place will be level, and rugged places, a plain.

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- 10. Behold! The Lord GOD will come with power, and His arm rules for Him! Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.
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- 12. Who measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with His span, and comprehended the dust of the earth with His measure, and weighed the mountains in His scales and the hills in a balance?
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- 11. Behold, all who are angry with you will be ashamed and confounded. They will be as nothing, and the men who contend with you will perish.

- 12. You will seek them, but you will not find them. The men who strove with you will be as nothing, and the men who made war against you, as though they had not been.
- 13. For I am Jehovah your God, who holds your right hand and says to you, "Do not be afraid; I will help you.
- ¶14. Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you!" says Jehovah your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
- 15. Behold, I will make of you a sharp, new threshing-sledge, having teeth; you will thresh mountains and crush them, and you will make hills like chaff.
- 16. You will winnow them, and a wind will carry them away, and a tempest will scatter them. And you will rejoice in Jehovah, and you will glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- ¶17. The poor and the needy seek water and there is none; their tongue is parched with thirst. I, Jehovah, will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
- 18. I will open up rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land, springs of water.
- 19. I will plant cedar, acacia, and myrtle, and olive trees in the wilderness. I will set in the desert plain the cypress, the plane-tree, and the box-tree together,
- 20. that they may all see, and realize, and consider, and understand that the hand of Jehovah has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has brought it to pass.
- 21. Present your case, says Jehovah. Bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.
- 22. Let them approach and tell us what will happen! Let them reveal former things, what they were, that we may wonder, and acknowledge their fulfillment. Or declare to us things to come.
- 23. Tell what is coming in the future, and let us know that you are gods! Yea, do good! Or do evil, that we may be in awe, and fear!
- 24. Behold, you are nothing and your work is nothing. Whoever chooses you is an abomination.
- 25. I have stirred up one from the north, and he will come. From the rising of the sun, he was called by my name, and he will trample on rulers as on clay, the way a potter treads clay.
- 26. Who has declared it from the beginning, that we might know, or beforehand, that we might say he is righteous? Yea, there is no one declaring it. Yea, there is no one proclaiming it. Yea, there is no one who hears your words.
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- I. Behold my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights! I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2. He will not cry aloud; nor will he lift up his voice and cause it to be heard in the street.
- 3. A bruised reed he will not break, and smoldering flax he will not quench. He will assuredly bring forth justice.
- 4. He will not fail, nor be discouraged, until he has established justice on the earth, and the isles will wait for his law.

- 5. Thus says the LORD God, Creator of the heavens, and He who stretched them out, He who shaped the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and breath to those who live in it:
- 6. "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness, and I will hold your hand and keep you hidden. And then, I will give you for a covenant for the people, for a light of the nations,
- 7. to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners out of the dungeon, those who sit in darkness out of the prison house.
- 8. I am Jehovah. That is my name. And I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to graven images.
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- 24. Who has given Jacob over as plunder, and Israel to spoilers? Is it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned? For they would neither walk in His ways, nor obey His law,
- 25. and so, He poured out His furious anger on him, even a fierce battle which set him on fire on every side. Yet, he did not understand, and so it consumed him, and he did not lay it to heart.

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- 5. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east, and I will gather you from the west.
- 6. I will say to the north, "Give them up!", and to the south, "Do not withhold them! Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth –
- 7. each one who is called by my name, and whom I created for my glory! I formed him! Yea, I made him!"
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- 19. Behold, I will do a new thing! It is about to spring up! Will you not understand it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.
- 20. The beast of the field will honor me, the wolves and the unclean fowl, because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.
- 21. I planned this people for myself; they shall declare my praise.
- 22. But you did not call on me, Jacob. You grew tired of me, O Israel.
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- 25. I, yes, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.26.
- 27. Your first father sinned, and your instructors transgressed against me.
- 28. So I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and I gave Jacob over to destruction, and Israel to revilings.

- ¶1. But now, listen, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen.
- 2. Thus says Jehovah: He who made you and formed you from the womb will help you. Do not be afraid, O Jacob my servant, and Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
- 3. For I will pour out water on thirsty ground, and streams on dry land. I will pour out my Spirit on your seed, and my blessing on your offspring.
- 4. And they will spring up among grass, like the sallows by springs of water.
- 5. One will say, "I am Jehovah's", and another will call himself by the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, "Jehovah's", and surname himself by the name of Israel.
- 6. Thus says Jehovah, King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of Hosts: I am first, and I am last, and besides me, there is no god.
- 7. And who is like me? Let him proclaim, and let him declare future events, and let him explain to me who created people in ancient times. And let him declare to them what will come about!
- 8. Do not fear. Oh, do not be afraid! Did I not cause you to hear this long ago? I certainly declared it, and you are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? There is no other Rock. I know of none.
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- 21. Remember these things, Jacob; for you are my servant, O Israel. I formed you as a servant for me. O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
- 22. I have blotted out your transgressions as with a cloud, and your sins as with a thick cloud. Return to me, for I have redeemed you!
- 23. Shout for joy, O heavens, for Jehovah has done it! Shout, O lower parts of the earth! Break out in praise, O mountains! Forest, and every tree in it! For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel!

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- 3. I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, so that you may know that I, the Lord, who calls you by your name, am the God of Israel.
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- 5. I am Jehovah, and there is no other; besides me there is no God. I gird you, though you do not know me,
- 6. so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and to the west, that there is none besides me. I am Jehovah, and there is no other.
- 7. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil.<sup>18</sup> I, Jehovah, do all these things.
- 8. Send a shower, O heavens, from above! And let clouds pour down righteousness! Let the earth open up, that they may bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up with it. I, Jehovah, have created it.
- ¶9. Woe to him who strives with his Maker. Let a potsherd strive with potsherds of the earth. Should the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you doing?' Or should the thing you have made say, "He has no hands'?
- 10. Woe to him who says to a father, "What are you fathering?" or to a mother, "What are you giving birth to?"
- ¶11. Thus says Jehovah, Israel's Holy One, and his Maker: "Ask me about things to come concerning my children! But you command me concerning the work of my own hands!
- 12. I made the earth, and created man upon it. I, even my hands, stretched out the heavens, and I ordained all their hosts.
- 13. I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways. He will build my city, and he will set my captives free, not at a price, nor for a reward, says the LORD of Hosts."
- ¶14. Thus says Jehovah, "The goods of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia and the Sabeans (men of stature) will pass over to you, and they will be yours. They will follow you in chains. They will pass

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Or, "bring about calamity".

over and bow down to you. They will entreat you, saying, 'God is with you, and there is no other God! No other!'"

- 15. Truly, O God of Israel, Savior, <sup>19</sup> you truly are a God who hides Himself.
- 16. They shall be ashamed, and humiliated as well, all of them; together shall they go into humiliation who engrave images.
- 17. Israel will be saved by Jehovah for all eternity! They shall not be ashamed, and they shall not be humiliated to ages everlasting.
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- 20. Assemble and come! Gather yourselves together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who raise up their carved image of wood and pray to a god who cannot save.
- 21. Declare it, and bring evidence! Yea, let them consult together! Who spoke this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, Jehovah? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior!<sup>20</sup> There is no one but me!
- 22. Turn to me and be saved, all ends of the earth! I am God, and there is no other!
- 23. I have sworn by myself; the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess.
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# Isaiah 46

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- 5. To whom will you liken me, or make me equal, or compare me, as though we were alike?
- 6. Those who lavish gold from a purse and weigh out silver on the scales hire a goldsmith, who makes it a god. Then they fall down and worship it.
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- 9. Call to mind the beginning things from ancient time, that I am God, and there are no other gods. There is none like me,
- 10. revealing the end from the beginning, and from ancient time what has not yet happened, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all that I please,"
- 11. calling a bird of prey from the rising sun, the man of my counsel from a distant land. Yea, I have spoken; I will also bring to pass! I have planned; I will also do!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Or, "Messiah".

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- 6. I was furious with my people; I polluted my heritage and gave them into your hand. You showed them no mercy. On the aged one, you made your yoke very heavy.
- 7. You have said, "I shall be queen forever." Therefore, you did not take these things to heart, nor did you remember her end.
- 8. So now, hear this, O licentious woman who sits confidently, who says in her heart, "I am, and there is no other besides me. I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children,"
- 9. These two things will come to you in a moment, in one day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in their full measure because of your many sorceries and because of your great charms.
- 10. You were bold in your wickedness, and you thought, "There is no one who sees me." Your wisdom and your knowledge turned you from me, and you said in your heart, "I am, and there is none besides me."
- 11. But evil will come upon you that you will not know how to charm away, and sudden destruction will fall upon you for which you cannot provide atonement, and devastation will come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing.
- 12. Make a stand now with your charms and with the multitude of your sorceries with which you have toiled from your youth. Maybe you can prevail! Maybe you will frighten me!
- 13. You are worn out with your many consultations. Let now your astrologers stand up and save you, those who scan the stars, predicting each month what is coming upon you.
- 14. Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them. They cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. There is no coal to keep them warm, or fire to sit before.
- 15. Thus shall your merchants be to you, for whom you have labored from your youth. They will wander off, each to his own way. There will be no one to save you.

- ¶1. Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and come out from the waters of Judah, who take oaths by the name of Jehovah, and offer invocations by the God of Israel, but not in truth or in righteousness.
- 2. How they claim to belong to the holy city and to be sustained by the God of Israel whose name is the LORD of Hosts!
- 3. I revealed past events before they happened. Yea, they went forth from my mouth, and I caused them to be heard. I acted suddenly, and they came to pass.
- 4. Knowing that you are stubborn, and that your neck is sinew of iron, and that your brow is brass,
- 5. I told you of them ahead of time. Before it came to pass, I made you hear of them, lest you should say, "My own effort brought those things about" or "My graven image and my molten image ordained them."

- 6. You have heard; now, look at all this! Will you not declare it? Even now, I am causing you to hear new things, even hidden things that you do not know!
- 7. Right now they are created, and not long ago; before today, you have not heard them, lest you should say, "Behold, I knew them."
- 8. You have not heard, nor have you understood, nor was your ear open before. For I know that you are very treacherous. From the womb, you were named, "Rebel".
- 9. For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for the sake of my praise will I restrain it for you, lest I cut you off.
- 10. Behold, I have refined you, but not the way silver is refined; I have chosen you in a furnace of affliction.
- 11. For my own sake for my own sake! will I do it. For why should my name be profaned? And I will not give my glory to another.
- ¶12. Listen to me, Jacob! And Israel, whom I named! I am He! I am the beginning and the end.
- 13. Yea, my hand founded the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens! When I call, they stand up together.
- 14. Come together, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? Jehovah has loved him, and he will do His pleasure in Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.
- 15. I, even I, have spoken! Yea, I ordained him; I sent him, and he made his way successful.
- not used yet [Amy, this is in the Father and Son book]
- 16. Draw near to me! Hear this! From the beginning, I have not spoken in secret. From the beginning of time, I was there. And now, the Lord Jehovah has sent me and His spirit.
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- 20a. Get out of Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing! Declare it, cause this to be heard, send it out to the end of the earth! Say, "Jehovah has redeemed His servant Jacob!"
- 21. They did not thirst when He led them through the deserts. He made water to flow for them from a rock; He split a rock, and water gushed out.
- 22. There is no peace, says Jehovah, to the wicked.

- 1. Hear me, O isles! Listen, people from afar! Jehovah called me from the womb. From my mother's belly, He made mention of my name.
- 2. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand, He hid me. He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver, He has hidden me.
- 3. He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, for in you, I will glorify myself."
- 4. As for me, I said, "I have labored for nothing; I have spent my strength in vain. For nothing! Yet, my judgment is surely with the LORD, and my reward with my God."
- 5. And then the LORD, the One who formed me from the womb as His servant to bring Jacob back to Him, said that even if Israel is not brought in, I will yet be honored in the LORD's eyes. My God is my strength!
- 6. Then He said, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, to bring back those of Israel who are preserved. I have appointed you to be a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the end of the earth."

- 7. Thus said Jehovah, the redeemer of His holy one, Israel, to the one despised by man, the one abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings will see and arise, and princes shall bow down because of the LORD who is faithful, Israel's Holy One, who has chosen you."
- 8. This is what Jehovah said: "In an acceptable time I will answer you, and in the day of salvation, I will help you. And I will watch over you and give you for a covenant of the people, to cause the earth to rise to inherit desolate inheritances,
- 9. saying to the prisoners, 'Come forth!' And to those in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be in all the high places.
- 10. And they will neither hunger nor thirst, and heat and sun will not beat upon them. For He who pities them will guide them, and by springs of water will He refresh them.
- 11. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways will be raised up.
- 12. Behold, some shall come from far away, and behold, others from the north and from the west, and others from the land of Sinim."
- 13. Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth! Break forth with a shout of praise, O mountains! For Jehovah has comforted His people, and He will have compassion on His afflicted.
- 14. And Zion will think, "Jehovah has abandoned me, and my Lord has forgotten me!"
- 15. Can a woman forget her sucking child, to have compassion on the son of her womb? Indeed, these women may forget, but I will not forget you.
- 16. Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands. Your walls are always before me.

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- \*17. Your children will make haste; your destroyers and your devastators will depart from you.
- \*18. Lift up your eyes and look round about. They all are gathered; they have come to you. As I live, declares Jehovah, truly, you will put all of them on as an ornament and bind them, as the bride does.
- \*19. Because your ruins, and your desolate places, and your devastated land will surely then be crowded by settlers, but those who swallowed you up will be far away,
- \*20. children of your bereavement will keep saying in your ears, "This place is too crowded for me! Come to me that I may dwell here."
- \*21. And you shall say in your heart, "Who bare these for me? For I was bereaved and barren, an exiled woman, one put away. But who reared these? Behold, I was left alone! These, where were they?"
- 22. Thus says the Lord Jehovah: "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles and raise up my signal to the nations, and they will bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulder.
- 23. Kings will be your attendants, and their queens, your supporters. They will bow before you, face to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you shall know that I am Jehovah. Those who wait for me will not be disappointed!
- 24. Can prey be taken away from a mighty warrior, or a captive be rescued from a fierce man?
- 25. For thus says Jehovah: The captive of the mighty warrior will indeed be taken, and the prey of the fearsome man will be rescued. For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will rescue your children.
- 26. And I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they will be drunk on their own blood as on sweet wine. And all flesh shall know that I am Jehovah, your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

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- 4. My Lord, Jehovah, has given me the tongue of the learned, that I might know how to help the weary with a word. He awakens, morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.
- 5. My Lord, Jehovah, opened my ear, and I did not rebel, and I did not I turn back away.
- 6. I gave my back to the strikers, and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from shame or spit.
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- 11. Behold, all of you who kindle a fire, surrounding yourselves with sparks! Walk by the flame of your fire, and with the sparks you ignite. This you will have from my hand: You will lie down in a place of torment.

# Isaiah 51

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- ¶3. For Jehovah will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her ruins and make her wilderness like Eden, and her dry plain like the garden of Jehovah. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of singing.
- ¶4. Listen to me, O my people! Give me your ear, O my nation! For a law will go forth from me, and my justice, as a light. I will give rest to the nations.
- 5. My righteousness will come near them, my salvation will go forth, and my arms will bring justice to the nations. The isles will yearn for me, and they will put their hope in my strength.
- 6. Lift your eyes to the heavens, and behold the earth below! For the heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wax old like a garment, and its inhabitants will likewise die, but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will not be destroyed.
- ¶7. Hear me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law! Do not fear the reproach of man and do not be dismayed at their revilings,
- 8. for the moth shall eat them like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool. But my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations.
- 9. Awake! Awake! Put on strength, O Arm of the LORD! Awake as in days of old, in generations long past! Are you not the one who hewed the proud one into pieces, and pierced the dragon?

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- 11. And the redeemed of Jehovah will return and enter into Zion with singing, and eternal joy on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.<sup>21</sup>
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> This verse is identical to 35:10.

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- 16. I have put my words in your mouth (but covered you in the shadow of my hand), to plant the heavens, and to lay the foundation of the earth, and to say to Zion, "You are my people."
- 17. Wake yourself! Wake yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem, who have drunk from the hand of Jehovah the cup of His wrath, who have drunk the dregs<sup>22</sup> of the cup of staggering, and drained it.
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- 21. Therefore, hear this now, you who are afflicted and drunk, but not from wine!
- ¶22. Thus says your Lord, Jehovah, and your God, who pleads the cause of His people: "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering, the dregs<sup>23</sup> of the cup of my wrath. You will never drink it again.
- 23. But I will put it in the hand of your tormentors who said to your soul, 'Bow down that we may walk over you!' And you have made your back like the ground, like the street, for them to walk over."

#### Isaiah 52

- ¶1. Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for no longer will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter into you.
- 2. Shake off the dust! Arise, O captive Jerusalem! Loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion!
- ¶3. For thus says Jehovah:" You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money."
- 4. For thus says my Lord, Jehovah:" At the first, my people went down to Egypt to sojourn there, and then Assyria oppressed them, for nothing.
- 5. Now, therefore, who is mine here? says the LORD. For my people were taken away with no remuneration. They that rule over them howl, says the LORD, and everyday my name is continually blasphemed.
- 6. Therefore, my people will know my name. Therefore, in that day, they will know that I am He who is speaking. Behold, it is I."
- 7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who

brings tidings of good, who proclaims salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

- 8. The voice of your watchmen! They lift up their voice! They cry out as one, for they will see eye to eye when Jehovah comes back to Zion.
- 9. Break forth, shout joyfully together, O you ruins of Jerusalem! For Jehovah has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10. Jehovah has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.
- 11. Leave! Leave! Come out of there! Don't touch the unclean thing! Come out from her midst; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

- 12. For you will not go out in haste, nor will you go in flight, for Jehovah is going before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.
- 13. Behold, my servant will act prudently. He will be exalted and lifted up; yea, he will be very high.
- 14. Many shall be aghast at you. So great shall be the disfigurement of his visage that it will be beyond human, and his form, beyond the sons of men.
- 15. By this, he shall sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them, they will see, and that which they had not heard, they shall understand.

- 1. Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?
- 2. For he shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He will have no form or majesty, and when we see him, there will be no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and he knew sickness. He was like one hiding his face from us. He was despised, and we did not value him.
- 4. He has taken our sicknesses and borne our sufferings, yet we considered him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; chastisement for our peace was laid upon him; and by his wounds, we are healed.
- 6. We all, like sheep, have gone astray; every one of us has turned to his own way, and the LORD laid upon him the iniquity of us all.
- 7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.
- 8. He was taken from prison and from justice, and who will speak of his generation? He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- 9. He made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10. Yet it pleased the LORD to crush him; He has put him to grief. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his generation. He shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- 11. He will see the travail of his soul and be satisfied. By knowledge, my righteous servant shall justify many, for he will bear their iniquities.
- 12. Therefore will I divide to him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong because he exposed his soul to death and was numbered with transgressors. Yet, he bore the sins of many and interceded for transgressors.

- I. Sing, O barren woman who did not bear! Break out in song, and shout, you who have not travailed! For the children of the barren woman are more than the children of the married woman, says Jehovah.
- 2. Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched! Do not hold back! Lengthen your ropes and strengthen your stakes!
- 3. For you will break out to the right and to the left, and your seed will possess the nations and populate abandoned cities.

- 4. Do not be afraid, for you will not be ashamed, nor will you be humiliated. You will not be disgraced! On the contrary, you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your estrangement will you remember no more.
- 5. For your Maker is your husband. His name is the LORD of Hosts, even your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel! He will be called God of the whole earth.
- 6. For Jehovah called you when you were a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a young wife when she is rejected, says your God.
- 7. For a brief moment, I forsook you, but in great compassion will I gather you.
- 8. In a wave of rage, I hid my face from you for a moment, but in eternal lovingkindness will I have compassion on you, says your Redeemer, Jehovah.
- 9. For this is as the waters of Noah to me, concerning which I swore, "The waters of Noah will never again overflow the earth." Likewise have I sworn that I will be angry no more with you or rebuke you.
- 10. For the mountains may depart, and the hills may be shaken, but my lovingkindness will not depart from you, and my covenant of peace will not be shaken, says Jehovah, the One who pities you.
- 11. O soul, stormed-tossed, afflicted, and uncomforted! Behold! I am about to set your stones in antimony and lay your foundation with sapphires.
- 12. And I will make your pinnacles of rubies, and your gates of sparkling stones, and your entire wall of beautiful stones.
- 13. And all your children will be taught by Jehovah, and the peace of your children will be extraordinary.
- 14. By righteousness will you be restored. Keep far from oppression, that you be not afraid, and from extortion, that it come not near you.
- 15. Behold, they will surely gather together, but only by me. Whoever attacks you will fall before you.
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- ¶1. Ho! Every one who is thirsty, come to the water! And he who has no money, come! Buy and eat! Yea, come! Buy wine and milk without money, and without price.
- 2. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen closely to me and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.
- 3. Incline your ear and come to me! Hear, and your soul will live! And I will make an eternal covenant with you, the sure mercies of David.
- 4. Behold, I have appointed him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5. Behold, you will call a nation that you do not know, and nations that do not know you will run to you because of Jehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has honored you.

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- 8. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says the LORD.
- 9. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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12. For you will come out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will burst out before you into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

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13. Instead of the thorn-bush will come up the cypress; instead of the nettle<sup>24</sup> will come up the myrtle. And it will be for Jehovah's acclaim, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

### Isaiah 56

- ¶1. Thus says Jehovah: Keep judgment and do righteousness, for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness, to be revealed.
- 2. Blessed is the man who does this, the son of man who holds fast to it: who keeps from profaning the Sabbath and keeps his hand from doing any evil.
- 3. And let not the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to Jehovah say, "Jehovah has utterly separated me from my people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."
- 4. For thus says Jehovah to the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, and choose what pleases me, and hold fast my covenant:
- 5. In my house and within my walls, I will surely give them authority and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.
- ¶6. And as for the children of the foreigner who join themselves to Jehovah, to minister to Him and to love the name of Jehovah, and to be His servants, every one who keeps His Sabbath rather than profane it, and who holds fast my covenant,
- 7. them will I also bring to my holy mountain, and I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
- 8. The Lord, Jehovah, Gatherer of the outcasts of Israel, says, "I will gather more to him than those already gathered to him."
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# Isaiah 57

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- 3. Come near, you sons of a witch, you seed of an adulterer and a whore!
- 4. Against whom do you so lightly speak? Against whom do you open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue? Are you not the children of transgression and the seed of deceit!
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7. On a high and lofty hill, you made your bed; you went up there to offer sacrifice.

- 8. And by the door and the doorpost, you put your symbol. Yea, you exposed yourself to others besides me and went up, widened your bed, and made your covenant with them. You loved their bed. You saw a vision of power.
- 9. And with the oil, you journeyed for Molech,<sup>25</sup> and you multiplied your incenses, and you sent your missionaries to distant places, and you brought men down to sheol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Or "the king".

- 10. You wore yourself out with the length of your journey. You would not admit it was useless. You had found your powerful beast; that is why you did not feel weak.
- 11. Whom do you dread or fear, that you dissembled and did not remember me? You did not take it to heart! Have I not refrained myself from ancient time, and yet, you will not honor me?
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- 15. Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy: "I dwell in a high and holy place and with the humbled and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirits of the lowly and to revive the hearts of the oppressed."
- 16. For I will not contend forever, nor will I be angry forever, for the spirit before me would faint away, and the souls that I have made.
- 17. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain, I was angry, and I struck him. I hid myself and was angry, but he went on rebelling in the way of his own heart.
- 18. I have seen his ways, and I will heal him. And I will lead him and restore comforts to him and to those who mourn for him,
- 19. creating the fruit of his lips. Peace! Peace both far and near, says Jehovah, for I will surely heal him!
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- ¶1. Cry aloud! Do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a shofar and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins!
- 2. Yet, they seek me daily, and delight in knowing my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the judgment of their God. They ask me for righteous judgments, they delight in approaching God.
- 3. "Why have we fasted, and you take no notice? We have afflicted our souls, but you do not acknowledge it!" "Behold, in the day of your fast, you find pleasure and drive on all your laborers.
- 4. Behold, you fast for contention and strife, and to strike down with a fist of wickedness. You are not fasting today to make your voice heard on high.
- 5. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul, to bow down his head like a bulrush, to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, an acceptable day to Jehovah?
- 6. Is this not the fast that I have chosen? to undo the bonds of wickedness, to loosen the thongs of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you remove every yoke?
- 7. Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, that you bring the homeless poor into your house, that when you see the naked, you cover him, and that you do not hide yourself from your own kindred?
- 8. Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your healing shall spring forth quickly, and your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of Jehovah shall be behind you.
- 9. Then you shall call and Jehovah will answer. You shall cry for help, and He will say, "Here I am!" If you take away from your midst the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness.
- 10. Yea, if you provide freely for the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noon.
- 11. And Jehovah will always guide you, and satisfy your soul in dry places, and strengthen your whole being, and you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water.

- 12. And those who are from you will rebuild the ancient, wasted places. You shall raise up foundations for many generations, and you shall be called, 'the Repairer of the breach', and 'Restorer of paths to dwell in'.
- 13. If you refrain your foot on the Sabbath and do not pursue your own will on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, holy to Jehovah, to be honored, and if you honor Him by not pursuing your own ways, nor choosing your own will, nor saying anything of yourself,
- 14. Then, you will take great delight in Jehovah, and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of earth, and I will feed you the inheritance of Jacob your father, for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken."

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- 15. Yea, truth is missing, and he who turns from evil makes himself a prey. And Jehovah saw it, and it was evil in His eyes that there was no justice.

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- 17. Then will he put on righteousness like a breastplate, with a helmet of salvation on his head. And for clothes, he will put on garments of vengeance and wrap himself in zeal like a robe.
- 18. He will repay them according to their deeds: wrath to his adversaries, retribution to his enemies. He will render retribution to the isles.
- 19. From the west, they will fear the name of Jehovah, and from the rising of the sun, they will fear His glory. For he will come like a rushing river, the Spirit of God driving him on.
- 20. And the Redeemer will come to Zion, even to those in Jacob who repent of their transgression, says Jehovah.
- 21. As for me, this will be my covenant with them, says Jehovah: my Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I put in your mouth, will not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your children, nor from the mouth of your children's children, says Jehovah, from that time, and forever.

- ¶1. Arise! Shine! For your light has come, and the glory of Jehovah has risen upon you!
- 2. For behold, darkness may cover the earth, and thick darkness the nations, but upon you will Jehovah rise, and His glory will be seen over you.
- 3. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

- 4. Lift up your eyes and look around! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons are coming from far away, and your daughters will be borne on the hip.
- 5. Then you will see, and you will beam, and your heart will be in awe and swell because the multitude of the sea will be changed toward you, and the wealth of the Gentiles will come to you.
- 6. A multitude of camels will cover you, camels of Midian and Ephah. All those of Sheba will come, carrying gold and incense, proclaiming the praises of God.
- 7. All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth will be at your service. They will be offered up with favor on my altar, and I will magnify the house of my glory.
- 8. Who are these, flying like a cloud, and like doves to their dovecotes.
- 9. Surely, the isles will gather them for me, with ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, to the Name of Jehovah your God, even to the Holy One of Israel, because He will have honored you.
- 10. And sons of the foreigner will build your wall, and their kings will serve you, for in my wrath, I struck you down, but in my favor, I have had mercy on you.
- 11. Your gates will always be open; they will not be closed day or night so that the wealth of the Gentiles may come in to you, their kings led in procession.
- 12. For the nation or kingdom that does not serve you will perish; those nations will be utterly laid waste.
- 13. The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress, the plane-tree, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will glorify the place of my feet.
- 14. And the children of those who are afflicting you will come to you bending low, and all who despise you will bow at the soles of your feet, and they will call you, "The City of Jehovah, Zion of the Holy One of Israel".
- 15. Instead of you being forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting excellency, a joy from generation to generation.
- 16. You will suck the milk of the Gentiles and suck the breasts of kings, and you shall know that I, Jehovah, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 17. Instead of brass, I will bring gold; and instead of iron, I will bring silver; and instead of wood, brass; and instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your overseer, and righteousness your taskmaster.
- 18. Violence will no longer be heard in your land, nor devastation and destruction within your borders, and you will call your walls "Salvation" and your gates "Praise".
- 19. The sun will no longer be for your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon be for your light, but Jehovah will be your light forever, and your God will be your glory.
- 20. Your sun will never go down, and your moon will not wane, for Jehovah will forever be your light, and your days of mourning will be over.
- 21. And all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever, the plant of his planting, the work of my hands, that I might glorify myself.
- 22. The least one will become like a thousand, and the insignificant one, like a mighty nation. I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time.

¶1. The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, for Jehovah has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to declare liberty<sup>26</sup> to those held captive and freedom to those in prison,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> That is, as in the year of Jubilee. See Leviticus 25:10.

- 2. to proclaim the year of Jehovah's favor and the day of our God's vengeance, to comfort all who mourn,
- 3. to provide for those mourning in Zion to give them beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a weary spirit that they might be called, "trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah", that He might be glorified.
- 4. And they will build again the ancient ruins; they will raise up places laid waste of old; they will repair desolate cities that have lain waste for many generations.
- 5. And strangers will stand and tend your flocks, and the children of foreigners will be your plowmen and your vinedressers,
- 6. but you will be called priests of Jehovah; you will be addressed as "ministers of our God". You will consume the wealth of the Gentiles and boast in their riches.
- 7. Because your shame has been double, and humiliation was decreed their lot, they will possess double in their land. Everlasting joy will be theirs.
- 8. For I, Jehovah, love justice; I hate robbery and injustice. And I will give them a true recompense, and I will make an eternal covenant with them,
- 9. and their seed will be of repute among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the nations; all who see them will acknowledge them, that they are the seed that Jehovah has blessed.
- 10. I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah! My soul shall rejoice in my God, for He has clothed me with garments of salvation; with a robe of righteousness has He covered me, the way a bridegroom dons a splendid headdress, or a bride puts on her adornments.
- 11. For as the earth brings forth its shoot, and as a garden causes its seed to sprout, so will the Lord Jehovah cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the Gentiles.

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- 4. You will no longer be thought of as forsaken, and your land will no longer be considered a desolation, but you will be called Hephzibah<sup>27</sup>, and your land, Beulah<sup>28</sup>. For Jehovah delights in you, and your land will be married.
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- 11. Behold, Jehovah has declared to the ends of the earth, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold! Your salvation is coming! Behold! His reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- 12. And they will call them "the holy people, redeemed of Jehovah", and you will be called "Wanted", a city not forsaken.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Literally, "My delight is in her."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Literally, "married".

- I. "Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah in red-stained garments, this man glorious in his apparel, marching in his mighty strength?" "It is I, who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save!"
- 2. "How is it that there is red on your apparel, like a treader in a winepress?"
- "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the nations, no man was with me. I trod them down in my anger and trampled them in my rage; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and all my raiment was sullied.
- 4. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed ones had come."
- 5. I looked, but there was no helper, and I was astonished that there was no one to support me; so, my own arm brought me victory, and my anger, it supported me.
- 6. I trampled down the nations in my anger; I made them drunk with my rage, and I brought down their lifeblood to the earth.
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- 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 lifted them up, and carried them all the days of old,
- 10. but they rebelled and grieved His holy Spirit, and He was turned to be their enemy. He Himself fought against them.
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- I. Oh, that you would tear heaven open, that you would come down, that the mountains would quake at your presence –
- 2. as fire ignites brushwood, and as fire makes water boil to make your Name known to your adversaries, that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- 3. Then you did astonishing things we did not expect! You did come down, and the mountains did quake at your presence!
- 4. From the beginning of time, no one has heard, no ear has perceived, nor eye seen, O God, but you, what He will do for him who earnestly looks for Him.
- 5. You greet him who rejoices and works righteousness; they will remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, for we perpetually sinned against them, and yet we will be saved!
- 6. And we all are like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like a filthy garment. We all fall like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.
- 7. There has been no one calling on your name or stirring himself up to take hold of you because you hid your face from us and melted us in the hand of our iniquities.
- 8. But you, O LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the Potter; we are all the work of your hand.

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- I. I am sought by those who did not ask for me; I am found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Behold me! Behold me!" to a nation that was not called by my name.
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- 8. Thus says Jehovah: "Just as new wine is obtained from a cluster, and one says," Don't destroy it, for there is good in it, 'so will I do for the sake of my servants, lest he destroy them all.
- 9. And I will send forth a Seed from Jacob, even an Inheritor of my mountains from Judah, and my chosen ones will inherit it, and my servants will dwell there."

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- ¶13. Therefore, thus says the Lord, Jehovah, "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 ashamed.
- 14. Behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for anguish of heart and shall wail with a broken spirit.
- 15. You shall leave your name as a curse to my chosen ones, and my Lord, Jehovah, will put you to death and call His servants by another name.
- 16. Whoever blesses himself in the earth will bless himself by the God of truth, and he who swears in the earth will swear by the God of truth, for the former troubles will be forgotten, and will be hidden from my eyes.
- 17. For behold, I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be remembered nor come to mind.
- 18. Nevertheless, be glad and rejoice forever for what I am creating, for behold, I am creating Jerusalem a joy, and her people a delight.
- 19. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people, and no one will ever hear in her a sound of mourning or a sound of crying.
- 20. And there will no longer be an infant there that lives but a few days or an old man who does not fulfill his days. If the young man, even the sinner, dies at a hundred years old, he will have been cursed at a hundred years old.
- 21. They will build houses and live in them, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22. They will not build and another dwell; they will not plant and another eat. For as the days of a tree will be the days of my people, and my chosen will enjoy the work of their hands.

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- 23. They will not labor for nothing, and they will not give birth for trouble, for they are the seed blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them.
- 24. And it shall come to pass that before they cry out, I will answer. While they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- 25. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither do harm nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says Jehovah."

- ¶1. Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth, my footstool. Where is this house that you would build for me? And where is this resting-place for me?
- 2. All these things my hand made, and all these things already existed, says the LORD. But I will have regard to this man, to him who is humble and smitten in spirit, and who trembles at my word.
- 3. Slaughtering one of the herd will be like killing a man; sacrificing one of the flock, like breaking a dog's neck; offering up a gift, like offering up blood from a pig; burning incense, like blessing an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul takes pleasure in their abominations.
- 4. I also will choose manifold calamities for them, and I will bring their fears upon them because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they would not hear. But they did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I take no pleasure.
- ¶5. Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word, "Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name's sake said, 'Let the LORD be glorified! 'but He shall appear to your joy, and they will be ashamed."
- 6. A sound of uproar from the city! A sound from the temple! The sound of the LORD rendering recompense to His enemies.
- 7. Before she travailed, she gave birth. Before she was in pain, she gave birth to a man.
- 8. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be born in one day? Shall a nation be born at once? For even as she travailed, Zion gave birth to her children.
- 9. Would I bring to the birth and not bring forth the child, says Jehovah? Or would I who delivers the child also refuse to do so, says your God?
- 10. Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all who love her! Greatly rejoice with her, all of you who have mourned over her,
- 11. so that you may nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breast, so that you may milk out and take great delight from the bosom of her glory.
- 12. For thus says Jehovah: "Watch me! I will pour forth prosperity to her like a river, and the abundance of the Gentiles like an overflowing stream. And you will nurse, you will be borne on the hip, and you will be dandled on knees.
- 13. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you, and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.
- 14. And you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your whole being will flourish like the grass. And it will be known that the hand of Jehovah is upon His servants and His indignation is upon His enemies.
- 15. For behold, Jehovah will come in fire, and His chariots like a violent, rushing wind, and He will requite them in the fury of His wrath, and His rebuke will be with flames of fire.
- 16. For by fire and by His sword will Jehovah contend with all flesh, and the slain of Jehovah will be many.
- 17. Those who sanctify and purify themselves to enter the gardens, following one in the center, eating the flesh of pigs, and detestable things, and mice will come to an end together, says Jehovah.

- 18. For I know their works and their thoughts. The time is coming when I will gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory,
- 19. and I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of the survivors to the nations, Tarshish, Pul, and Lud (who draw the bow), Tubal and Javan, the distant coasts that have not the news about me and who did not see my glory, and they will proclaim my glory among the Gentiles.
- 20. And they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as a grain offering to Jehovah, on horses, and by chariots, and in wagons, and on mules, and on camels to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Jehovah, the way children of Israel take their grain offering in clean vessels to the house of Jehovah.
- 21. And I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites, says Jehovah.
- 22. For as the new heavens and the new earth which I have created will endure before me, says Jehovah, so will your seed and your name endure.
- 23. And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to the next, and from one Sabbath to the next, all flesh will come to worship before me, says Jehovah.
- 24. And they will go out and look at the dead bodies of men who rebelled against me, for their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched, and they will be an abhorrence to all flesh.