

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 1-33

Judah Called to Repentance

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

The Wickedness of Judah

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!

For the Lord has spoken:

"I have nourished and brought up children,

And they have rebelled against Me;

3 The ox knows its owner

And the donkey its master's ^{1a}crib;

But Israel does not know,

My people do not ^{1a}consider."

4 Alas, sinful nation,

A people ^{1a}laden with iniquity,

A ^{1a}brood of evildoers,

Children who are corrupters!

They have forsaken the Lord,

They have provoked to anger

The Holy One of Israel,

They have turned away backward.

5 Why should you be stricken again?

You will revolt more and more.

The whole head is sick,

And the whole heart faints.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,

There is no soundness in it,

But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores;

They have not been closed or bound up,

Or soothed with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate,

Your cities *are* burned with fire;

Strangers devour your land in your presence;

And *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a ^{1a}booth in a vineyard,

As a hut in a garden of cucumbers,

As a besieged city.

9 Unless the Lord of hosts

Had left to us a very small remnant,

We would have become like Sodom,

We would have been made like Gomorrah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
You rulers of Sodom;
Give ear to the law of our God,
You people of Gomorrah:

¹¹ "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?"
Says the Lord.

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
And the fat of fed cattle.
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
Or of lambs or goats.

¹² "When you come to appear before Me,
Who has required this from your hand,
To trample My courts?

¹³ Bring no more futile sacrifices;
Incense is an abomination to Me.

The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—
I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

¹⁴ Your New Moons and your appointed feasts
My soul hates;

They are a trouble to Me,
I am weary of bearing *them*.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands,
I will hide My eyes from you;
Even though you make many prayers,
I will not hear.

Your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes.
Cease to do evil,

¹⁷ Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Rebuke the oppressor;

Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the widow.

¹⁸ "Come now, and let us reason together,"

Says the Lord,

"Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be as wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,

You shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel,

You shall be devoured by the sword";

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Degenerate City

²¹ How the faithful city has become a [Ⓜ]harlot!

It was full of justice;
Righteousness lodged in it,
But now murderers.

²² Your silver has become dross,
Your wine mixed with water.

²³ Your princes *are* rebellious,
And companions of thieves;
Everyone loves bribes,
And follows after rewards.
They do not defend the fatherless,
Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

²⁴ Therefore the Lord says,
The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel,
"Ah, I will [Ⓜ]rid Myself of My adversaries,
And [Ⓜ]take vengeance on My enemies.
²⁵ I will turn My hand against you,
And thoroughly[Ⓜ] purge away your dross,
And take away all your alloy.
²⁶ I will restore your judges as at the first,
And your counselors as at the beginning.
Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city."

²⁷ Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
And her [Ⓜ]penitents with righteousness.

²⁸ The destruction of transgressors and of sinners *shall betogether*,
And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

²⁹ For [Ⓜ]they shall be ashamed of the [Ⓜ]terebinth trees
Which you have desired;
And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens
Which you have chosen.

³⁰ For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades,
And as a garden that has no water.

³¹ The strong shall be as tinder,
And the work of it as a spark;
Both will burn together,
And no one shall quench *them*.

The Future House of God

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

² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house

Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.
³ Many people shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning [Ⓜ]hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

The Day of the Lord

⁵ O house of Jacob, come and let us walk
In the light of the Lord.
⁶ For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are filled with eastern ways;
They *are* soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they [Ⓜ]are pleased with the children of foreigners.
⁷ Their land is also full of silver and gold,
And there is no end to their treasures;
Their land is also full of horses,
And there is no end to their chariots.
⁸ Their land is also full of idols;
They worship the work of their own hands,
That which their own fingers have made.
⁹ People bow down,
And each man humbles himself;
Therefore do not forgive them.
¹⁰ Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust,
From the terror of the Lord
And the glory of His majesty.
¹¹ The [Ⓜ]lofty looks of man shall be humbled,
The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,
And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.
¹² For the day of the Lord of hosts
Shall come upon everything proud and lofty,
Upon everything lifted up—
And it shall be brought low—

¹³ Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
¹⁴ Upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up;
¹⁵ Upon every high tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
¹⁶ Upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all the beautiful sloops.
¹⁷ The ^[u]loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low;
The Lord alone will be exalted in that day,
¹⁸ But the idols ^[u]He shall utterly abolish.
¹⁹ They shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the ^[u]earth,
From the terror of the Lord
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.
²⁰ In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver
And his idols of gold,
Which they made, *each* for himself to worship,
To the moles and bats,
²¹ To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crags of the rugged rocks,
From the terror of the Lord
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.
²² Sever^[u] yourselves from such a man,
Whose breath *is* in his nostrils;
For ^[u]of what account is he?

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

³ For behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah
The^[u] stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;
² The mighty man and the man of war,
The judge and the prophet,
And the diviner and the elder;
³ The captain of fifty and the ^[a]honorable man,
The counselor and the skillful artisan,
And the expert enchanter.
⁴ "I will give children^[a] *to be* their princes,
And ^[a]babes shall rule over them.
⁵ The people will be oppressed,

Every one by another and every one by his neighbor;
The child will be insolent toward the ^[ae]elder,
And the ^[ae]base toward the honorable."

⁶ When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, *saying*,
"You have clothing;
You be our ruler,
And *let* these ruins *be* under your ^[ae]power,"

⁷ In that day he will protest, saying,
"I cannot cure *your* ills,
For in my house *is* neither food nor clothing;
Do not make me a ruler of the people."

⁸ For Jerusalem stumbled,
And Judah is fallen,
Because their tongue and their doings
Are against the Lord,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.
⁹ The look on their countenance witnesses against them,
And they declare their sin as Sodom;
They do not hide *it*.
Woe to their soul!

For they have brought evil upon themselves.
¹⁰ "Say to the righteous that *it shall be* well *with them*,
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

¹¹ Woe to the wicked! *It shall be* ill *with him*,
For the reward of his hands shall be ^[ae]given him.

¹² *As for* My people, children *are* their oppressors,
And women rule over them.

O My people! Those who lead you ^[ah]cause *you* to err,
And destroy the way of your paths."

Oppression and Luxury Condemned

¹³ The Lord stands up to ^[ae]plead,
And stands to judge the people.

¹⁴ The Lord will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people
And His princes:

"For you have ^[ae]eaten up the vineyard;
The plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.

¹⁵ What do you mean by crushing My people
And grinding the faces of the poor?"
Says the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁶ Moreover the Lord says:

"Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with ^[ak]outstretched necks
And ^[al]wanton eyes,
Walking and ^[am]mincing as they go,
Making a jingling with their feet,
¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
And the Lord will uncover their secret parts."
¹⁸ In that day the Lord will take away the finery:
The jingling anklets, the ^[an]scarves, and the crescents;
¹⁹ The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;
²⁰ The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands;
The perfume boxes, the charms,
²¹ and the rings;
The nose jewels,
²² the festal apparel, and the mantles;
The outer garments, the purses,
²³ and the mirrors;
The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

²⁴ And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench;
Instead of a sash, a rope;
Instead of well-set hair, baldness;
Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;
And ^[ao]branding instead of beauty.
²⁵ Your men shall fall by the sword,
And your ^[ap]mighty in the war.
²⁶ Her gates shall lament and mourn,
And she *being* desolate shall sit on the ground.

Jerusalem's Glorious Future

⁴ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,
"We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel;
Only let us be called by your name,
To take away our reproach."

The Renewal of Zion

² In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious;
And the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and appealing
For those of Israel who have escaped.

³ And it shall come to pass that *he who is* left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. ⁴ When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the ^[aḡ]blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, ⁵ then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a ^[aḡ]covering. ⁶ And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

God's Disappointing Vineyard

⁵ Now let me sing to my Well-beloved
A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:
My Well-beloved has a vineyard
^[aḡ]On a very fruitful hill.

² He dug it up and cleared out its stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine.
He built a tower in its midst,
And also ^[aḡ]made a winepress in it;
So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes,
But it brought forth wild grapes.

³ "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done to My vineyard
That I have not done in it?
Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes,
Did it bring forth wild grapes?

⁵ And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:
I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;
And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will lay it waste;
It shall not be pruned or ^[aḡ]dug,
But there shall come up briars and thorns.
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain on it."

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts *is* the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant.
He looked for justice, but behold, oppression;
For righteousness, but behold, ^[aḡ]a cry *for help*.

Impending Judgment on Excesses

⁸ Woe to those who ^[aḡ]join house to house;
They add field to field,
Till *there is* no place
Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!

⁹ In my hearing the Lord of hosts *said*,

"Truly, many houses shall be desolate,
Great and beautiful ones, without inhabitant.
¹⁰ For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath,^[ax]
And a homer of seed shall yield one ^[ay]ephah."
¹¹ Woe to those who rise early in the morning,
That they may ^[az]follow intoxicating drink;
Who continue until night, *till* wine inflames them!
¹² The harp and the strings,
The tambourine and flute,
And wine are in their feasts;
But they do not regard the work of the Lord,
Nor consider the operation of His hands.
¹³ Therefore my people have gone into captivity,
Because *they have* no knowledge;
Their honorable men *are* famished,
And their multitude dried up with thirst.
¹⁴ Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself
And opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and their multitude and their pomp,
And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.
¹⁵ People shall be brought down,
Each man shall be humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.
¹⁶ But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment,
And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.
¹⁷ Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture,
And in the waste places of the ^[ba]fat ones strangers shall eat.
¹⁸ Woe to those who ^[bb]draw iniquity with cords of ^[bc]vanity,
And sin as if with a cart rope;
¹⁹ That say, "Let Him make speed *and* hasten His work,
That we may see *it*;
And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come,
That we may know *it*."
²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
²¹ Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!
²² Woe to men mighty at drinking wine,
Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink,
²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe,
And take away justice from the righteous man!
²⁴ Therefore, as the ^[bd]fire devours the stubble,
And the flame consumes the chaff,
So their root will be as rottenness,

And their blossom will ascend like dust;
Because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts,
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
²⁵ Therefore the anger of the Lord is aroused against His people;
He has stretched out His hand against them
And stricken them,
And the hills trembled.
Their carcasses *were* as refuse in the midst of the streets.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.
²⁶ He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar,
And will whistle to them from the end of the earth;
Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.
²⁷ No one will be weary or stumble among them,
No one will slumber or sleep;
Nor will the belt on their loins be loosed,
Nor the strap of their sandals be broken;
²⁸ Whose arrows *are* sharp,
And all their bows bent;
Their horses' hooves will ^{be} seem like flint,
And their wheels like a whirlwind.
²⁹ Their roaring *will be* like a lion,
They will roar like young lions;
Yes, they will roar
And lay hold of the prey;
They will carry *it* away safely,
And no one will deliver.
³⁰ In that day they will roar against them
Like the roaring of the sea.
And if *one* looks to the land,
Behold, darkness *and* ^{be} sorrow;
And the light is darkened by the clouds.

Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said:

"Woe *is* me, for I am ^(b9)undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin ^(b9)purged."

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

"Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me."

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

'Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

¹⁰ "Make the heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
Lest they see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And return and be healed."

¹¹ Then I said, "Lord, how long?"

And He answered:

"Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,
The houses are without a man,
The land is utterly desolate,

¹² The Lord has removed men far away,
And the forsaken places *are* many in the midst of the land.

¹³ But yet a tenth *will be* in it,
And will return and be for consuming,
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,

Whose stump *remains* when it is cut down.
So the holy seed *shall be* its stump."

Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz

7 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *make* war against it, but could not ^[b]prevail against it. **2** And it was told to the house of David, saying, "Syria's forces are ^[b]deployed in Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind.

3 Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and ^[b]Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field, **4** and say to him: ^[b]'Take heed, and ^[b]be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. **5** Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, **6** "Let us go up against Judah and ^[b]trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel"— **7** thus says the Lord God:

"It shall not stand,
Nor shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus,
And the head of Damascus *is* Rezin.
Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be ^[b]broken,
So that it will not be a people.

9 The head of Ephraim *is* Samaria,
And the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son.
If you will not believe,
Surely you shall not be established." ' "

The Immanuel Prophecy

10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, **11** "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ^[b]ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!"

13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? **14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. ^[b] **15** Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. **16** For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings. **17** The Lord will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house—days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah."

¹⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord will whistle for the fly
That *is* in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt,
And for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.
¹⁹ They will come, and all of them will rest
In the desolate valleys and in the clefts of the rocks,
And on all thorns and in all pastures.
²⁰ In the same day the Lord will shave with a hired razor,
With those from beyond ^[b]the River, with the king of Assyria,
The head and the hair of the legs,
And will also remove the beard.
²¹ It shall be in that day
That a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep;
²² So it shall be, from the abundance of milk they give,
That he will eat curds;
For curds and honey everyone will eat who is left in the land.
²³ It shall happen in that day,
That wherever there could be a thousand vines
Worth a thousand *shekels* of silver,
It will be for briers and thorns.
²⁴ With arrows and bows *men* will come there,
Because all the land will become briers and thorns.
²⁵ And to any hill which could be dug with the hoe,
You will not go there for fear of briers and thorns;
But it will become a range for oxen
And a place for sheep to roam.

Assyria Will Invade the Land

⁸ Moreover the Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll, and write on it with a man's pen concerning ^[b]Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. ² And I will take for Myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

³ Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said to me, "Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz; ⁴ for before the child ^[b]shall have knowledge to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the ^[b]spoils of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria."

⁵ The Lord also spoke to me again, saying:

⁶ "Inasmuch as these people refused
The waters of Shiloah that flow softly,
And rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son;
⁷ Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them
The waters of ^[b]the River, strong and mighty—

The king of Assyria and all his glory;
He will ^[bvi]go up over all his channels
And go over all his banks.
⁸ He will pass through Judah,
He will overflow and pass over,
He will reach up to the neck;
And the stretching out of his wings
Will ^[bxi]fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel.^[bvi]
⁹ "Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces!
Give ear, all you from far countries.
Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces;
Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces.
¹⁰ Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing;
Speak the word, but it will not stand,
For ^[bz]God is with us."

Fear God, Heed His Word

¹¹ For the Lord spoke thus to me with ^[ca]a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

¹² "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,'
Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy,
Nor be afraid of their ^[cb]threats, nor be ^[cc]troubled.

¹³ The Lord of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
Let Him be your fear,
And *let Him be your dread.*

¹⁴ He will be as a ^[cd]sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of ^[ce]offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken,
Be snared and ^[cf]taken."

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony,
Seal the law among my disciples.

¹⁷ And I will wait on the Lord,
Who hides His face from the house of Jacob;
And I will hope in Him.

¹⁸ Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me!
We are for signs and wonders in Israel
From the Lord of hosts,
Who dwells in Mount Zion.

¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek* 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 They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. ²² Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven into darkness.

The Government of the Promised Son

⁹ Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is* distressed,
As when at first He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
In Galilee of the Gentiles.

² The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation
And increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,
As in the day of Midian.

⁵ For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle,
And garments rolled in blood,
Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.

⁶ For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

The Punishment of Samaria

⁸ The Lord sent a word against Jacob,
And it has fallen on Israel.

⁹ All the people will know—
Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria—
Who say in pride and arrogance of heart:

¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down,
But we will rebuild with hewn stones;
The sycamores are cut down,
But we will replace *them* with cedars."

¹¹ Therefore the Lord shall set up
The adversaries of Rezin against him,
And spur his enemies on,

¹² The Syrians before and the Philistines behind;
And they shall devour Israel with an open mouth.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

¹³ For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them,
Nor do they seek the Lord of hosts.

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord will cut off head and tail from Israel,
Palm branch and bulrush in one day.

¹⁵ The elder and honorable, he *is* the head;
The prophet who teaches lies, he *is* the tail.

¹⁶ For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err,
And *those who are* led by them are destroyed.

¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men,
Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows;
For everyone *is* a hypocrite and an evildoer,
And every mouth speaks *foolly*.

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

¹⁸ For wickedness burns as the fire;
It shall devour the briers and thorns,
And kindle in the thickets of the forest;
They shall mount up *like* rising smoke.

¹⁹ Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts
The land is burned up,
And the people shall be as fuel for the fire;
No man shall spare his brother.

²⁰ And he shall *snatch* on the right hand
And be hungry;
He shall devour on the left hand
And not be satisfied;
Every man shall eat the flesh of his own arm.

²¹ Manasseh *shall devour* Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh;
Together they *shall be* against Judah.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

Assyria Shall Be Broken

¹⁰ "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees,
Who write misfortune,
Which they have prescribed
² To rob the needy of justice,
And to take what is right from the poor of My people,
That widows may be their prey,
And *that* they may rob the fatherless.
³ What will you do in the day of punishment,
And in the desolation *which* will come from afar?
To whom will you flee for help?
And where will you leave your glory?
⁴ Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners,
And they shall fall ^[ce] among the slain."
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

Arrogant Assyria Also Judged

⁵ "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger
And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.
⁶ I will send him against an ungodly nation,
And against the people of My wrath
I will give him charge,
To seize the spoil, to take the prey,
And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
⁷ Yet he does not mean so,
Nor does his heart think so;
But *it is* in his heart to destroy,
And cut off not a few nations.
⁸ For he says,
'Are not my princes altogether kings?
⁹ *Is* not Calno like Carchemish?
Is not Hamath like Arpad?
Is not Samaria like Damascus?
¹⁰ As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols,
Whose carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria,
¹¹ As I have done to Samaria and her idols,
Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?' "

¹² Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has ^[C]performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *that He will say*, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks."

¹³ For he says:

"By the strength of my hand I have done *it*,
And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;
Also I have removed the boundaries of the people,
And have robbed their treasuries;
So I have put down the inhabitants like a ^[C]valiant *man*.

¹⁴ My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people,
And as one gathers eggs *that are* left,
I have gathered all the earth;
And there was no one who moved *his* wing,
Nor opened *his* mouth with even a peep."

¹⁵ Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it?
Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it?
As if a rod could wield *itself* against those who lift it up,
Or as if a staff could lift up, *as if it were* not wood!

¹⁶ Therefore the Lord, the ^[C]Lord of hosts,
Will send leanness among his fat ones;
And under his glory
He will kindle a burning
Like the burning of a fire.

¹⁷ So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame;
It will burn and devour
His thorns and his briars in one day.

¹⁸ And it will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,
Both soul and body;
And they will be as when a sick man wastes away.

¹⁹ Then the rest of the trees of his forest
Will be so few in number
That a child may write them.

The Returning Remnant of Israel

²⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day
That the remnant of Israel,
And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob,
Will never again depend on him who ^[C]defeated them,
But will depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

²¹ The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob,
To the Mighty God.

²² For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
A remnant of them will return;
The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

²³ For the Lord God of hosts
Will make a determined end
In the midst of all the land.

²⁴ Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. ²⁵ For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction." ²⁶ And the Lord of hosts will ^[LXX]stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; *as* His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.

²⁷ It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

²⁸ He has come to Aiath,
He has passed Migron;
At Michmash he has attended to his equipment.

²⁹ They have gone ^[LXX]along the ridge,
They have taken up lodging at Geba.
Ramah is afraid,
Gibeah of Saul has fled.

³⁰ ^[LXX]Lift up your voice,
O daughter of Gallim!
Cause it to be heard as far as Laish—
^[LXX]O poor Anathoth!

³¹ Madmenah has fled,
The inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge.

³² As yet he will remain at Nob that day;
He will shake his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

³³ Behold, the Lord,
The Lord of hosts,
Will lop off the bough with terror;
Those of high stature *will be* hewn down,
And the haughty will be humbled.

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

The Reign of Jesse's Offspring

11 There shall come forth a ^[LXX]Rod from the ^[LXX]stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall ^[LXX]grow out of his roots.

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 His delight *is* in the fear of the Lord,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

⁶ "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

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

¹⁰ "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious."

¹¹ It shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of His people who are left,
From Assyria and Egypt,
From Pathros and Cush,
From Elam and Shinar,
From Hamath and the ^(da)islands of the sea.

¹² He will set up a banner for the nations,
And will ^(db)assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together the dispersed of Judah
From the four ^(dc)corners of the earth.

¹³ Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart,
And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off;
Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

¹⁴ But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west;

Together they shall plunder the ^[dd]people of the East;
They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab;
And the people of Ammon shall obey them.
¹⁵ The Lord will utterly ^[dd]destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;
With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over ^[dd]the River,
And strike it in the seven streams,
And make *men* cross over ^[dd]dry-shod.
¹⁶ There will be a highway for the remnant of His people
Who will be left from Assyria,
As it was for Israel
In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

A Hymn of Praise

¹² And in that day you will say:

"O Lord, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

² Behold, God *is* my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
'For Yah, the Lord, *is* my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.' "

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

⁴ And in that day you will say:

"Praise the Lord, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the Lord,
For He has done excellent things;
This *is* known in all the earth.

⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

Proclamation Against Babylon

¹³ The burden^[dd] against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

² "Lift up a banner on the high mountain,
Raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.

³ I have commanded My ^[dd]sanctified ones;

I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—
Those who rejoice in My exaltation.”

⁴ The noise of a multitude in the mountains,
Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The Lord of hosts musters
The army for battle.

⁵ They come from a far country,
From the end of heaven—
The Lord and His ^[4d] weapons of indignation,
To destroy the whole land.

⁶ Wail, for the day of the Lord *is* at hand!
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp,
Every man’s heart will melt,

⁸ And they will be afraid.
Pangs^[4k] and sorrows will take hold of *them*;
They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;
They will be amazed at one another;
Their faces *will be like* flames.

⁹ Behold, the day of the Lord comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate;
And He will destroy its sinners from it.

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going forth,
And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

¹¹ “I will punish the world for *its* evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will halt the arrogance of the proud,
And will lay low the haughtiness of the ^[4l] terrible.

¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold,
A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens,
And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the Lord of hosts
And in the day of His fierce anger.

¹⁴ It shall be as the hunted gazelle,
And as a sheep that no man ^[4m] takes up;
Every man will turn to his own people,
And everyone will flee to his own land.

¹⁵ Everyone who is found will be thrust through,
And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

¹⁶ Their children also 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 will not ^[do] regard silver;
And *as for* gold, they will not delight in it.
¹⁸ Also *their* bows will dash the young men to pieces,
And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
Their eye will not spare children.
¹⁹ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
²⁰ It will never be inhabited,
Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;
Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there,
Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.
²¹ But wild beasts of the desert will lie there,
And their houses will be full of ^[do] owls;
Ostriches will dwell there,
And wild goats will caper there.
²² The hyenas will howl in their citadels,
And jackals in their pleasant palaces.
Her time *is* near to come,
And her days will not be prolonged."

Mercy on Jacob

¹⁴ For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. ² Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the Lord; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

Fall of the King of Babylon

³ It shall come to pass in the day the Lord gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, ⁴ that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,
The golden^[do] city ceased!
⁵ The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked,
The scepter of the rulers;
⁶ He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
He who ruled the nations in anger,
Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.

⁷ The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet;
They break forth into singing.
⁸ Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,
And the cedars of Lebanon,
Saying, 'Since you ^[da]were cut down,
No woodsman has come up against us.'
⁹ "Hell ^[da]from beneath is excited about you,
To meet *you* at your coming;
It stirs up the dead for you,
All the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up from their thrones
All the kings of the nations.
¹⁰ They all shall speak and say to you:
'Have you also become as weak as we?
Have you become like us?
¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
And the sound of your stringed instruments;
The maggot is spread under you,
And worms cover you.'

The Fall of Lucifer

¹² "How you are fallen from heaven,
O ^[da]Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!
¹³ For you have said in your heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'
¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the ^[da]lowest depths of the Pit.
¹⁶ "Those who see you will gaze at you,
And consider you, *saying*:
'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
Who shook kingdoms,
¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness
And destroyed its cities,
Who ^[du]did not open the house of his prisoners?'
¹⁸ "All the kings of the nations,
All of them, sleep in glory,
Everyone in his own house;

¹⁹ But you are cast out of your grave
Like an ^[ab]abominable branch,
Like the garment of those who are slain,
^[ab]Thrust through with a sword,
Who go down to the stones of the pit,
Like a corpse trodden underfoot.
²⁰ You will not be joined with them in burial,
Because you have destroyed your land
And slain your people.
The brood of evildoers shall never be named.
²¹ Prepare slaughter for his children
Because of the iniquity of their fathers,
Lest they rise up and possess the land,
And fill the face of the world with cities."

Babylon Destroyed

²² "For I will rise up against them," says the Lord of hosts,
"And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant,
And offspring and posterity," says the Lord.
²³ "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine,
And marshes of muddy water;
I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the Lord of hosts.

Assyria Destroyed

²⁴ The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying,
"Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:
²⁵ That I will break the Assyrian in My land,
And on My mountains tread him underfoot.
Then his yoke shall be removed from them,
And his burden removed from their shoulders.
²⁶ *This is* the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth,
And *this is* the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
²⁷ For the Lord of hosts has purposed,
And who will annul *it*?
His hand *is* stretched out,
And who will turn it back?"

Philistia Destroyed

²⁸ This is the ^[bd]burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died.

²⁹ "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,
Because the rod that struck you is broken;

For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper,
And its offspring *will be* a fiery flying serpent.

³⁰ The firstborn of the poor will feed,
And the needy will lie down in safety;
I will kill your roots with famine,
And it will slay your remnant.

³¹ Wail, O gate! Cry, O city!
All you of Philistia *are* dissolved;
For smoke will come from the north,
And no one *will be* alone in his ^[dy]appointed times."
³² What will they answer the messengers of the nation?
That the Lord has founded Zion,
And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

Proclamation Against Moab

15 The burden^[ds] against Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste
And destroyed,
Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste
And destroyed,

² He has gone up to the ^[eb]temple and Dibon,
To the high places to weep.
Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba;
On all their heads *will be* baldness,
And every beard cut off.

³ In their streets they will clothe themselves with sackcloth;
On the tops of their houses
And in their streets
Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly.

⁴ Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,
Their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz;
Therefore the ^[eb]armed soldiers of Moab will cry out;
His life will be burdensome to him.

⁵ "My heart will cry out for Moab;
His fugitives *shall flee* to Zoar,
Like ^[ec]a three-year-old heifer.

For by the Ascent of Luhith
They will go up with weeping;
For in the way of Horonaim
They will raise up a cry of destruction,

⁶ For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate,
For the green grass has withered away;
The grass fails, there is nothing green.

⁷ Therefore the abundance they have gained,
And what they have laid up,
They will carry away to the Brook of the Willows.
⁸ For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab,
Its wailing to Eglaim
And its wailing to Beer Elim.
⁹ For the waters of ^[ed]Dimon will be full of blood;
Because I will bring more upon Dimon,
Lions upon him who escapes from Moab,
And on the remnant of the land."

Moab Destroyed

16 Send the lamb to the ruler of the land,
From ^[ee]Sela to the wilderness,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
² For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest;
So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.
³ "Take counsel, execute judgment;
Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day;
Hide the outcasts,
Do not betray him who escapes.
⁴ Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab;
Be a shelter to them from the face of the ^[ee]spoiler.
For the extortioner is at an end,
Devastation ceases,
The oppressors are consumed out of the land.
⁵ In mercy the throne will be established;
And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David,
Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."
⁶ We have heard of the pride of Moab—
He is very proud—
Of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath;
But his ^[ee]lies shall not be so.
⁷ Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab;
Everyone shall wail.
For the foundations of Kir Hareseth you shall mourn;
Surely *they are* stricken.
⁸ For the fields of Heshbon languish,
And the vine of Sibmah;
The lords of the nations have broken down its choice plants,
Which have reached to Jazer
And wandered through the wilderness.
Her branches are stretched out,
They are gone over the sea.

⁹ Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah,
With the weeping of Jazer;
I will drench you with my tears,
O Heshbon and Elealeh;
For ^[eh] battle cries have fallen
Over your summer fruits and your harvest.

¹⁰ Gladness is taken away,
And joy from the plentiful field;
In the vineyards there will be no singing,
Nor will there be shouting;
No treaders will tread out wine in the presses;
I have made their shouting cease.

¹¹ Therefore my ^[eh] heart shall resound like a harp for Moab,
And my inner being for ^[eh] Kir Heres.

¹² And it shall come to pass,
When it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place,
That he will come to his sanctuary to pray;
But he will not prevail.

¹³ This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning Moab since that time. ¹⁴ But now the Lord has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant *will be* very small *and* feeble."

Proclamation Against Syria and Israel

17 The burden^[ek] against Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus will cease from *being* a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap.

² ^[eh] The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken;
They will be for flocks
Which lie down, and no one will make *them* afraid.

³ The fortress also will cease from Ephraim,
The kingdom from Damascus,
And the remnant of Syria;
They will be as the glory of the children of Israel,"
Says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ "In that day it shall come to pass
That the glory of Jacob will ^[em] wane,
And the fatness of his flesh grow lean.
⁵ It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain,
And reaps the heads with his arm;
It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain
In the Valley of Rephaim.

⁶ Yet gleanings will be left in it,

Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Two *or* three olives at the top of the uppermost bough,
Four *or* five in its most fruitful branches,"
Says the Lord God of Israel.
⁷ In that day a man will look to his Maker,
And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.
⁸ He will not look to the altars,
The work of his hands;
He will not respect what his fingers have made,
Nor the ^[en]wooden images nor the incense altars.
⁹ In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken ^[eo]bough
And ^[ep]an uppermost branch,
Which they left because of the children of Israel;
And there will be desolation.
¹⁰ Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation,
And have not been mindful of the Rock of your ^[eo]stronghold,
Therefore you will plant pleasant plants
And set out foreign seedlings;
¹¹ In the day you will make your plant to grow,
And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish;
But the harvest *will be* a heap of ruins
In the day of grief and desperate sorrow.
¹² Woe to the multitude of many people
Who make a noise like the roar of the seas,
And to the rushing of nations
That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!
¹³ The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters;
But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee far away,
And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind,
Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
¹⁴ Then behold, at eventide, trouble!
And before the morning, he *is* no more.
This is the portion of those who plunder us,
And the lot of those who rob us.

Proclamation Against Ethiopia

¹⁸ Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings,
Which *is* beyond the rivers of ^[eo]Ethiopia,
² Which sends ambassadors by sea,
Even in vessels of reed on the waters, *saying*,
"Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth *of skin*,
To a people terrible from their beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading down,
Whose land the rivers divide."

³ All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth:
When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see *it*;
And when he blows a trumpet, you hear *it*.

⁴ For so the Lord said to me,
"I will take My rest,
And I will ^[es]look from My dwelling place
Like clear heat in sunshine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."

⁵ For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect
And the sour grape is ripening in the flower,
He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks
And take away *and* cut down the branches.

⁶ They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey
And for the beasts of the earth;
The birds of prey will summer on them,
And all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.

⁷ In that time a present will be brought to the Lord of hosts
^[et]From a people tall and smooth *of skin*,
And from a people terrible from their beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading down,
Whose land the rivers divide—
To the place of the name of the Lord of hosts,
To Mount Zion.

Proclamation Against Egypt

19 The burden^[eu] against Egypt.

Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud,
And will come into Egypt;
The idols of Egypt will ^[ev]totter at His presence,
And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

² "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians;
Everyone will fight against his brother,
And everyone against his neighbor,
City against city, kingdom against kingdom.

³ The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst;
I will destroy their counsel,
And they will consult the idols and the charmers,
The mediums and the sorcerers.

⁴ And the Egyptians I will give
Into the hand of a cruel master,
And a fierce king will rule over them,"
Says the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

⁵ The waters will fail from the sea,
And the river will be wasted and dried up.
⁶ The rivers will turn foul;
The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up;
The reeds and rushes will wither.
⁷ The papyrus reeds by ^[ew]the River, by the mouth of the River,
And everything sown by the River,
Will wither, be driven away, and be no more.
⁸ The fishermen also will mourn;
All those will lament who cast hooks into the River,
And they will languish who spread nets on the waters.
⁹ Moreover those who work in fine flax
And those who weave fine fabric will be ashamed;
¹⁰ And its foundations will be broken.
All who make wages *will be* troubled of soul.
¹¹ Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools;
Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish counsel.
How do you say to Pharaoh, "I *am* the son of the wise,
The son of ancient kings?"
¹² Where *are* they?
Where are your wise men?
Let them tell you now,
And let them know what the Lord of hosts has purposed against Egypt.
¹³ The princes of Zoan have become fools;
The princes of ^[ex]Noph are deceived;
They have also ^[ey]deluded Egypt,
Those who are the ^[ez]mainstay of its tribes.
¹⁴ The Lord has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst;
And they have caused Egypt to err in all her work,
As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
¹⁵ Neither will there be *any* work for Egypt,
Which the head or tail,
Palm branch or bulrush, may do.

¹⁶ In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand
of the Lord of hosts, which He waves over it. ¹⁷ And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt;
everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the Lord of
hosts which He has determined against it.

Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed

¹⁸ In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear by
the Lord of hosts; one will be called the City of ^[fa]Destruction.

¹⁹ In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. ²⁰ And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. ²¹ Then the Lord will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the Lord and perform *it*. ²² And the Lord will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal *it*; they will return to the Lord, and He will be entreated by them and heal them.

²³ In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians.

²⁴ In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, ²⁵ whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”

The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia

20 In the year that Tartan^[6] came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it, ² at the same time the Lord spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and remove the sackcloth from your ^[6]body, and take your sandals off your feet.” And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

³ Then the Lord said, “Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, ⁴ so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵ Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. ⁶ And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, ‘Surely such *is* our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?’ ”

The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed

21 The ^[6]burden against the Wilderness of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass through,
So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

² A distressing vision is declared to me;
The treacherous dealer deals treacherously,
And the plunderer plunders.

Go up, O Elam!

Besiege, O Media!

All its sighing I have made to cease.

³ Therefore my loins are filled with pain;

Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor.

I was ^[6]distressed when I heard *it*;

I was dismayed when I saw it.

⁴ My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me;
The night for which I longed He turned into fear for me.

⁵ Prepare the table,
Set a watchman in the tower,
Eat and drink.

Arise, you princes,
Anoint the shield!

⁶ For thus has the Lord said to me:

"Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he sees."

⁷ And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen,
A chariot of donkeys, *and* a chariot of camels,
And he listened earnestly with great care.

⁸ Then he cried, "A lion, my Lord!

I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime;
I have sat at my post every night.

⁹ And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!"

Then he answered and said,
"Babylon is fallen, is fallen!
And all the carved images of her gods
He has broken to the ground."

¹⁰ Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor!
That which I have heard from the Lord of hosts,
The God of Israel,
I have declared to you.

Proclamation Against Edom

¹¹ The burden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of Seir,
"Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?"

¹² The watchman said,
"The morning comes, and also the night.
If you will inquire, inquire;
Return! Come back!"

Proclamation Against Arabia

¹³ The burden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies of Dedanites.

¹⁴ O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Bring water to him who is thirsty;
With their bread they met him who fled.
¹⁵ For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword,
From the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

¹⁶ For thus the Lord has said to me: "Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail; ¹⁷ and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the Lord God of Israel has spoken *it*."

Proclamation Against Jerusalem

22 The burden against the Valley of Vision.

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops,

² You who are full of noise,

A tumultuous city, a joyous city?

Your slain *men are* not slain with the sword,
Nor dead in battle.

³ All your rulers have fled together;

They are captured by the archers.

All who are found in you are bound together;

They have fled from afar.

⁴ Therefore I said, "Look away from me,

I will weep bitterly;

Do not labor to comfort me

Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people."

⁵ For *it is* a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity

By the Lord God of hosts

In the Valley of Vision—

Breaking down the walls

And of crying to the mountain.

⁶ Elam bore the quiver

With chariots of men *and* horsemen,

And Kir uncovered the shield.

⁷ It shall come to pass *that* your choicest valleys

Shall be full of chariots,

And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

⁸ He removed the protection of Judah.

You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest;

⁹ You also saw the damage to the city of David,

That it was great;

And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

¹⁰ You numbered the houses of Jerusalem,

And the houses you broke down

To fortify the wall.

¹¹ You also made a reservoir between the two walls
For the water of the old pool.

But you did not look to its Maker,
Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

¹² And in that day the Lord God of hosts
Called for weeping and for mourning,
For baldness and for girding with sackcloth.

¹³ But instead, joy and gladness,
Slaying oxen and killing sheep,
Eating meat and drinking wine:
"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

¹⁴ Then it was revealed in my hearing by the Lord of hosts,
"Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you,
Even to your death," says the Lord God of hosts.

The Judgment on Shebna

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord God of hosts:

"Go, proceed to this steward,
To Shebna, who *is* over the house, *and say*:

¹⁶ 'What have you here, and whom have you here,
That you have hewn a sepulcher here,
As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high,
Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?

¹⁷ Indeed, the Lord will throw you away violently,
O mighty man,
And will surely seize you.

¹⁸ He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball
Into a large country;
There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots
Shall be the shame of your master's house.

¹⁹ So I will drive you out of your office,
And from your position ^[19]he will pull you down.

²⁰ 'Then it shall be in that day,
That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;

²¹ I will clothe him with your robe
And strengthen him with your belt;
I will commit your responsibility into his hand.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
And to the house of Judah.

²² The key of the house of David
I will lay on his shoulder;
So he shall open, and no one shall shut;

And he shall shut, and no one shall open.

²³ I will fasten him *as* a peg in a secure place,
And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.

²⁴ 'They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers. ²⁵ In that day,' says the Lord of hosts, 'the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that *was* on it will be cut off; for the Lord has spoken.' "

Proclamation Against Tyre

23 The burden^[fn] against Tyre.

Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
For it is laid waste,
So that there is no house, no harbor;
From the land of ^[fn]Cyprus it is revealed to them.

² Be still, you inhabitants of the coastland,
You merchants of Sidon,
^[fn]Whom those who cross the sea have filled.

³ And on great waters the grain of Shihor,
The harvest of ^[fn]the River, *is* her revenue;
And she is a marketplace for the nations.

⁴ Be ashamed, O Sidon;
For the sea has spoken,
The strength of the sea, saying,
"I do not labor, nor bring forth children;
Neither do I rear young men,
Nor bring up virgins."

⁵ When the report *reaches* Egypt,
They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre.

⁶ Cross over to Tarshish;
Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland!

⁷ *Is* this your joyous *city*,
Whose antiquity *is* from ancient days,
Whose feet carried her far off to dwell?

⁸ Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city*,
Whose merchants *are* princes,
Whose traders *are* the honorable of the earth?

⁹ The Lord of hosts has purposed it,
To ^[fn]bring to dishonor the pride of all glory,
To bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

¹⁰ Overflow through your land like ^[fn]the River,
O daughter of Tarshish;
There is no more ^[fn]strength.

¹¹ He stretched out His hand over the sea,
He shook the kingdoms;
The Lord has given a commandment against Canaan
To destroy its strongholds.

¹² And He said, "You will rejoice no more,
O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon.
Arise, cross over to Cyprus;
There also you will have no rest."

¹³ Behold, the land of the Chaldeans,
This people *which* was not;
Assyria founded it for wild beasts of the desert.
They set up its towers,
They raised up its palaces,
And brought it to ruin.

¹⁴ Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
For your strength is laid waste.

¹⁵ Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as *in* the song of the harlot:

¹⁶ "Take a harp, go about the city,
You forgotten harlot;
Make sweet melody, sing many songs,
That you may be remembered."

¹⁷ And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the Lord will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. ¹⁸ Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the Lord; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for  fine clothing.

Impending Judgment on the Earth

24 Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste,
Distorts its surface
And scatters abroad its inhabitants.

² And it shall be:
As with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor.

³ The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered,
For the Lord has spoken this word.

⁴ The earth mourns *and* fades away,
The world languishes *and* fades away;

The haughty^[tw] people of the earth languish.

⁵ The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant.

⁶ Therefore the curse has devoured the earth,
And those who dwell in it are ^[tw]desolate.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned,
And few men *are* left.

⁷ The new wine fails, the vine languishes,
All the merry-hearted sigh.

⁸ The mirth of the tambourine ceases,
The noise of the jubilant ends,
The joy of the harp ceases.

⁹ They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.

¹⁰ The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, so that none may go in.

¹¹ *There is* a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened,
The mirth of the land is gone.

¹² In the city desolation is left,
And the gate is stricken with destruction.

¹³ When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people,
It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree,
Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

¹⁴ They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing;
For the majesty of the Lord
They shall cry aloud from the sea.

¹⁵ Therefore glorify the Lord in the dawning light,
The name of the Lord God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea.

¹⁶ From the ends of the earth we have heard songs:
"Glory to the righteous!"

But I said, ^[tw]"I am ruined, ruined!
Woe to me!

The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously,
Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

¹⁷ Fear and the pit and the snare
Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.

¹⁸ And it shall be
That he who flees from the noise of the fear
Shall fall into the pit,
And he who comes up from the midst of the pit
Shall be ^[tw]caught in the snare;

For the windows from on high are open,
And the foundations of the earth are shaken.
¹⁹ The earth is violently broken,
The earth is split open,
The earth is shaken exceedingly.
²⁰ The earth shall reel^[E2] to and fro like a drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and not rise again.
²¹ It shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones,
And on the earth the kings of the earth.
²² They will be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the ^[G2]pit,
And will be shut up in the prison;
After many days they will be punished.
²³ Then the moon will be disgraced
And the sun ashamed;
For the Lord of hosts will reign
On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
And before His elders, gloriously.

Praise to God

²⁵ O Lord, You *are* my God.
I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful *things*;
Your counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.
² For You have made a city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin,
A palace of foreigners to be a city no more;
It will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore the strong people will glorify You;
The city of the ^[G2]terrible nations will fear You.
⁴ For You have been a strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.
⁵ You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place;
As heat in the shadow of a cloud,
The song of the terrible ones will be ^[G2]diminished.

⁶ And in this mountain
The Lord of hosts will make for all people
A feast of ^{gd}choice pieces,
A feast of ^{gd}wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees.
⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all people,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸ He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the Lord has spoken.
⁹ And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this *is* our God;
We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
This *is* the Lord;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."
¹⁰ For on this mountain the hand of the Lord will rest,
And Moab shall be trampled down under Him,
As straw is trampled down for the refuse heap.
¹¹ And He will spread out His hands in their midst
As a swimmer reaches out to swim,
And He will bring down their pride
Together with the trickery of their hands.
¹² The fortress of the high fort of your walls
He will bring down, lay low,
And bring to the ground, down to the dust.

A Song of Salvation

26 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;
God will appoint salvation *for* walls and bulwarks.
² Open the gates,
That the righteous nation which ^{gd}keeps the truth may enter in.
³ You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind *is* stayed *on You*,
Because he trusts in You.
⁴ Trust in the Lord forever,
For in Yah, the Lord, *is* ^{gd}everlasting strength.
⁵ For He brings ^{gdh}down those who dwell on high,

The lofty city;
He lays it low,
He lays it low to the ground,
He brings it down to the dust.

⁶ The foot shall ^[a]tread it down—
The feet of the poor
And the steps of the needy.”

⁷ The way of the just *is* uprightness;
O Most Upright,
You ^[a]weigh the path of the just.

⁸ Yes, in the way of Your judgments,
O Lord, we have waited for You;
The desire of *our* soul *is* for Your name
And for the remembrance of You.

⁹ With my soul I have desired You in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;
For when Your judgments *are* in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

¹⁰ Let grace be shown to the wicked,
Yet he will not learn righteousness;
In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,
And will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

¹¹ Lord, *when* Your hand is lifted up, they will not see.
But they will see and be ashamed
For ^[a]their envy of people;
Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

¹² Lord, You will establish peace for us,
For You have also done all our works ^[a]in us.

¹³ O Lord our God, masters besides You
Have had dominion over us;
But by You only we make mention of Your name.

¹⁴ *They are* dead, they will not live;
They are deceased, they will not rise.
Therefore You have punished and destroyed them,
And made all their memory to perish.

¹⁵ You have increased the nation, O Lord,
You have increased the nation;
You are glorified;
You have expanded all the ^[a]borders of the land.

¹⁶ Lord, in trouble they have visited You,
They poured out a prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them.

¹⁷ As a woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her ^[a]pangs,
When she draws near the time of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight, O Lord.

¹⁸ We have been with child, we have been in pain;
We have, as it were, ^[90]brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth,
Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

¹⁹ Your dead shall live;
Together with ^[90]my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment

²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.
²¹ For behold, the Lord comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her ^[90]blood,
And will no more cover her slain.

Israel Will Be Restored

²⁷ In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong,
Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
Leviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay the reptile that *is* in the sea.

The Restoration of Israel

² In that day sing to her,
"A vineyard of ^[90]red wine!
³ I, the Lord, keep it,
I water it every moment;
Lest any hurt it,
I keep it night and day.
⁴ Fury *is* not in Me.
Who would set briers *and* thorns
Against Me in battle?
I would go through them,
I would burn them together.
⁵ Or let him take hold of My strength,
That he may make peace with Me;
And he shall make peace with Me."

⁶ Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob;
Israel shall blossom and bud,
And fill the face of the world with fruit.
⁷ Has He struck ^[LXX] Israel as He struck those who struck him?
Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him?
⁸ In measure, by sending it away,
You contended with it.
He removes *it* by His rough wind
In the day of the east wind.
⁹ Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered;
And this *is* all the fruit of taking away his sin:
When he makes all the stones of the altar
Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust,
^[LXX] Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand.
¹⁰ Yet the fortified city *will be* desolate,
The habitation forsaken and left like a wilderness;
There the calf will feed, and there it will lie down
And consume its branches.
¹¹ When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off;
The women come *and* set them on fire.
For it *is* a people of no understanding;
Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them,
And He who formed them will show them no favor.
¹² And it shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord will thresh,
From the channel of ^[LXX] the River to the Brook of Egypt;
And you will be gathered one by one,
O you children of Israel.
¹³ So it shall be in that day:
The great trumpet will be blown;
They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria,
And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt,
And shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim,
Whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower
Which *is* at the head of the ^[LXX] verdant valleys,
To those who are overcome with wine!
² Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one,
Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm,
Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing,
Who will bring *them* down to the earth with *His* hand.
³ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim,

Will be trampled underfoot;

⁴ And the glorious beauty is a fading flower
Which *is* at the head of the ^[a w]verdant valley,
Like the first fruit before the summer,
Which an observer sees;
He eats it up while it is still in his hand.

⁵ In that day the Lord of hosts will be
For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty
To the remnant of His people,

⁶ For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment,
And for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

⁷ But they also have erred through wine,
And through intoxicating drink are out of the way;
The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink,
They are swallowed up by wine,
They are out of the way through intoxicating drink;
They err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.

⁸ For all tables are full of vomit *and* filth;
No place *is clean*.

⁹ "Whom will he teach knowledge?
And whom will he make to understand the message?
Those *just* weaned from milk?
Those *just* drawn from the breasts?

¹⁰ For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little."

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue
He will speak to this people,

¹² To whom He said, "This *is* the rest *with which*
You may cause the weary to rest,"
And, "This *is* the refreshing";
Yet they would not hear.

¹³ But the word of the Lord was to them,
"Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little,"
That they might go and fall backward, and be broken
And snared and caught.

¹⁴ Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men,
Who rule this people who *are* in Jerusalem,

¹⁵ Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death,
And with Sheol we are in agreement.
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
It will not come to us,

For we have made lies our refuge,
And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.”

A Cornerstone in Zion

¹⁶ Therefore thus says the Lord God:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation,
A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;
Whoever believes will not act hastily.

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

¹⁸ Your covenant with death will be annulled,
And your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
Then you will be trampled down by it.

¹⁹ As often as it goes out it will take you;
For morning by morning it will pass over,
And by day and by night;
It will be a terror just to understand the report.”

²⁰ For the bed is too short to stretch out *on*,
And the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself *in it*.

²¹ For the Lord will rise up as *at* Mount Perazim,
He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon—
That He may do His work, His awesome work,
And bring to pass His act, His ^[ox]unusual act.

²² Now therefore, do not be mockers,
Lest your bonds be made strong;
For I have heard from the Lord God of hosts,
A ^[ov]destruction determined even upon the whole earth.

Listen to the Teaching of God

²³ Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my speech.

²⁴ Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow?
Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods?

²⁵ When he has leveled its surface,
Does he not sow the black cummin
And scatter the cummin,
Plant the wheat in rows,
The barley in the appointed place,
And the ^[oz]spelt in its place?

²⁶ For He instructs him in right judgment,
His God teaches him.
²⁷ For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge,
Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin;
But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick,
And the cummin with a rod.
²⁸ Bread *flour* must be ground;
Therefore he does not thresh it forever,
Break *it with* his cartwheel,
Or crush it *with* his horsemen.
²⁹ This also comes from the Lord of hosts,
Who is wonderful in counsel *and* excellent in ^{the} guidance.

Woe to Jerusalem

²⁹ "Woe to ^{the} Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt!
Add year to year;
Let feasts come around.
² Yet I will distress Ariel;
There shall be heaviness and sorrow,
And it shall be to Me as Ariel.
³ I will encamp against you all around,
I will lay siege against you with a mound,
And I will raise siegeworks against you.
⁴ You shall be brought down,
You shall speak out of the ground;
Your speech shall be low, out of the dust;
Your voice shall be like a medium's, out of the ground;
And your speech shall whisper out of the dust.
⁵ "Moreover the multitude of your foes
Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones
Like chaff that passes away;
Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
⁶ You will be punished by the Lord of hosts
With thunder and earthquake and great noise,
With storm and tempest
And the flame of devouring fire.
⁷ The multitude of all the nations who fight against ^{the} Ariel,
Even all who fight against her and her fortress,
And distress her,
Shall be as a dream of a night vision.
⁸ It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams,
And look—he eats;
But he awakes, and his soul is still empty;

Or as when a thirsty man dreams,
And look—he drinks;
But he awakes, and indeed *he is* faint,
And his soul still craves:
So the multitude of all the nations shall be,
Who fight against Mount Zion.”

The Blindness of Disobedience

⁹ Pause and wonder!
Blind yourselves and be blind!
They are drunk, but not with wine;
They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink.

¹⁰ For the Lord has poured out on you
The spirit of deep sleep,
And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets;
And He has covered your heads, *namely*, the seers.

¹¹ The whole vision has become to you like the words of a  book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one who is literate, saying, “Read this, please.”

And he says, “I cannot, for it *is* sealed.”

¹² Then the book is delivered to one who  is illiterate, saying, “Read this, please.”

And he says, “I am not literate.”

¹³ Therefore the Lord said:

“Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths
And honor Me with their lips,
But have removed their hearts far from Me,
And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work

Among this people,
A marvelous work and a wonder;
For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish,
And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden.”

¹⁵ Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord,
And their works are in the dark;
They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around!
Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;
For shall the thing made say of him who made it,
“He did not make me”?

Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

Future Recovery of Wisdom

¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while

Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?

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

¹⁹ The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the Lord,
And the poor among men shall rejoice
In the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For the ^hterrible one is brought to nothing,
The scornful one is consumed,
And all who watch for iniquity are cut off—

²¹ Who make a man an offender by a word,
And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
And turn aside the just by empty words.

²² Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Nor shall his face now grow pale;

²³ But when he sees his children,
The work of My hands, in his midst,
They will hallow My name,
And hallow the Holy One of Jacob,
And fear the God of Israel.

²⁴ These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding,
And those who complained will learn doctrine."

Futile Confidence in Egypt

³⁰ "Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord,

"Who take counsel, but not of Me,
And who ^hdevise plans, but not of My Spirit,
That they may add sin to sin;

² Who walk to go down to Egypt,
And have not asked My advice,
To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh,
And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

³ Therefore the strength of Pharaoh
Shall be your shame,
And trust in the shadow of Egypt
Shall be *your* humiliation.

⁴ For his princes were at Zoan,
And his ambassadors came to Hanes.
⁵ They were all ashamed of a people *who* could not benefit them,
Or be help or benefit,
But a shame and also a reproach."

⁶ The ^hburden against the beasts of the South.

Through a land of trouble and anguish,
From which *came* the lioness and lion,
The viper and fiery flying serpent,
They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys,
And their treasures on the humps of camels,
To a people *who* shall not profit;
⁷ For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose.
Therefore I have called her
^hRahab-Hem-Shebeth.

A Rebellious People

⁸ Now go, write it before them on a tablet,
And note it on a scroll,
That it may be for time to come,
Forever and ever:
⁹ That this *is* a rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children *who* will not hear the law of the Lord;
¹⁰ Who say to the seers, "Do not see,"
And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things;
Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.
¹¹ Get out of the way,
Turn aside from the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel
To cease from before us."

¹² Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

"Because you despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perversity,
And rely on them,
¹³ Therefore this iniquity shall be to you
Like a breach ready to fall,
A bulge in a high wall,
Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.
¹⁴ And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel,
Which is broken in pieces;

He shall not spare.
So there shall not be found among its fragments
[h]A shard to take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water from the cistern."

¹⁵ For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."
But you would not,

¹⁶ And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses"—
Therefore you shall flee!

And, "We will ride on swift *horses*"—
Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

¹⁷ One thousand *shall flee* at the threat of one,
At the threat of five you shall flee,
Till you are left as a [h]pole on top of a mountain
And as a banner on a hill.

God Will Be Gracious

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you.
For the Lord *is* a God of justice;
Blessed *are* all those who wait for Him.

¹⁹ For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem;
You shall weep no more.
He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry;
When He hears it, He will answer you.

²⁰ And *though* the Lord gives you
The bread of adversity and the water of [h]affliction,
Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore,
But your eyes shall see your teachers.

²¹ Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
"This *is* the way, walk in it,"

Whenever you turn to the right hand
Or whenever you turn to the left.

²² You will also defile the covering of your images of silver,
And the ornament of your molded images of gold.
You will throw them away as an unclean thing;
You will say to them, "Get away!"

²³ Then He will give the rain for your seed
With which you sow the ground,
And bread of the increase of the earth;
It will be [h]fat and plentiful.

In that day your cattle will feed

In large pastures.

²⁴ Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground

Will eat cured fodder,

Which has been winnowed with the shovel and fan.

²⁵ There will be on every high mountain

And on every high hill

Rivers *and* streams of waters,

In the day of the great slaughter,

When the towers fall.

²⁶ Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun,

And the light of the sun will be sevenfold,

As the light of seven days,

In the day that the Lord binds up the bruise of His people

And heals the stroke of their wound.

Judgment on Assyria

²⁷ Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar,

Burning *with* His anger,

And *His* burden *is* heavy;

His lips are full of indignation,

And His tongue like a devouring fire.

²⁸ His breath is like an overflowing stream,

Which reaches up to the neck,

To sift the nations with the sieve of futility;

And *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people,

Causing *them* to err.

²⁹ You shall have a song

As in the night *when* a holy festival is kept,

And gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute,

To come into the mountain of the Lord,

To ~~the~~ the Mighty One of Israel.

³⁰ The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard,

And show the descent of His arm,

With the indignation of *His* anger

And the flame of a devouring fire,

With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

³¹ For through the voice of the Lord

Assyria will be ~~the~~ beaten down,

As He strikes with the rod.

³² And *in* every place where the staff of punishment passes,

Which the Lord lays on him,

It will be with tambourines and harps;

And in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.

³³ For Tophet *was* established of old,
Yes, for the king it is prepared.
He has made *it* deep and large;
Its pyre *is* fire with much wood;
The breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone,
Kindles it.

The Folly of Not Trusting God

31 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,
And rely on horses,
Who trust in chariots because *they are* many,
And in horsemen because they are very strong,
But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel,
Nor seek the Lord!

² Yet He also *is* wise and will bring disaster,
And will not ^(but) call back His words,
But will arise against the house of evildoers,
And against the help of those who work iniquity.

³ Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God;
And their horses are flesh, and not spirit.
When the Lord stretches out His hand,
Both he who helps will fall,
And he who is helped will fall down;
They all will perish together.

God Will Deliver Jerusalem

⁴ For thus the Lord has spoken to me:

"As a lion roars,
And a young lion over his prey
(When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him,
He will not be afraid of their voice
Nor be disturbed by their noise),
So the Lord of hosts will come down
To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.

⁵ Like birds flying about,
So will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem.
Defending, He will also deliver *it*;
Passing over, He will preserve *it*."

⁶ Return *to Him* against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷ For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

⁸ "Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not of man,
And a sword not of mankind shall devour him.
But he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall become forced labor.
⁹ He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear,
And his princes shall be afraid of the banner,"
Says the Lord,
Whose fire *is* in Zion
And whose furnace *is* in Jerusalem.

A Reign of Righteousness

32 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,
And princes will rule with justice.
² A man will be as a hiding place from the wind,
And a [hiding](#) cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
³ The eyes of those who see will not be dim,
And the ears of those who hear will listen.
⁴ Also the heart of the [hard](#) rash will understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.
⁵ The foolish person will no longer be called [foolish](#) generous,
Nor the miser said *to be* bountiful;
⁶ For the foolish person will speak foolishness,
And his heart will work iniquity:
To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the Lord,
To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
⁷ Also the schemes of the schemer *are* evil;
He devises wicked plans
To destroy the poor with lying words,
Even when the needy speaks justice.
⁸ But a [foolish](#) generous man devises generous things,
And by generosity he shall stand.

Consequences of Complacency

⁹ Rise up, you women who are at ease,
Hear my voice;
You complacent daughters,
Give ear to my speech.
¹⁰ In a year and *some* days
You will be troubled, you complacent women;
For the vintage will fail,

The gathering will not come.

¹¹ Tremble, you *women* who are at ease;

Be troubled, you complacent ones;

Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare,

And gird *sackcloth* on *your* waists.

¹² People shall mourn upon their breasts

For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

¹³ On the land of my people will come up thorns *and* briers,

Yes, on all the happy homes *in* the joyous city;

¹⁴ Because the palaces will be forsaken,

The bustling city will be deserted.

The forts and towers will become lairs forever,

A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks—

¹⁵ Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,

And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,

And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.

The Peace of God's Reign

¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,

And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

¹⁷ The work of righteousness will be peace,

And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

¹⁸ My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation,

In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

¹⁹ Though hail comes down on the forest,

And the city is brought low in humiliation.

²⁰ Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters,

Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

A Prayer in Deep Distress

33 Woe to you who plunder, though you *have* not *been*plundered;

And you who deal treacherously, though they have not dealt treacherously with you!

When you cease plundering,

You will be plundered;

When you make an end of dealing treacherously,

They will deal treacherously with you.

² O Lord, be gracious to us;

We have waited for You.

Be ~~th~~u their arm every morning,

Our salvation also in the time of trouble.

³ At the noise of the tumult the people shall flee;

When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered;

⁴ And Your plunder shall be gathered

Like the gathering of the caterpillar;

As the running to and fro of locusts,

He shall run upon them.

⁵ The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high;

He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

⁶ Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times,

And the strength of salvation;

The fear of the Lord is His treasure.

⁷ Surely their valiant ones shall cry outside,

The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

⁸ The highways lie waste,

The traveling man ceases.

He has broken the covenant,

He has despised the ^{hw}cities,

He regards no man.

⁹ The earth mourns *and* languishes,

Lebanon is shamed *and* shriveled;

Sharon is like a wilderness,

And Bashan and Carmel shake off *their* fruits.

Impending Judgment on Zion

¹⁰ "Now I will rise," says the Lord;

"Now I will be exalted,

Now I will lift Myself up.

¹¹ You shall conceive chaff,

You shall bring forth stubble;

Your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.

¹² And the people shall be *like* the burnings of lime;

Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.

¹³ Hear, you *who are* afar off, what I have done;

And you *who are* near, acknowledge My might."

¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid;

Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites:

"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?

Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"

¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,

He who despises the gain of oppressions,

Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes,

Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,

And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:

¹⁶ He will dwell on ^{hw}high;

His place of defense *will be* the fortress of rocks;

Bread will be given him,

His water *will be* sure.

The Land of the Majestic King

¹⁷ Your eyes will see the King in His beauty;
They will see the land that is very far off.

¹⁸ Your heart will meditate on terror:
"Where *is* the scribe?

Where *is* he who weighs?
Where *is* he who counts the towers?"

¹⁹ You will not see a fierce people,
A people of obscure speech, beyond perception,
Of a ^{the}stammering tongue *that you* cannot understand.

²⁰ Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts;
Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home,
A tabernacle *that* will not be taken down;
Not one of its stakes will ever be removed,
Nor will any of its cords be broken.

²¹ But there the majestic Lord *will be* for us
A place of broad rivers *and* streams,
In which no ^{the}galley with oars will sail,
Nor majestic ships pass by

²² (For the Lord *is* our Judge,
The Lord *is* our Lawgiver,
The Lord *is* our King;
He will save us);

²³ Your tackle is loosed,
They could not strengthen their mast,
They could not spread the sail.
Then the prey of great plunder is divided;
The lame take the prey.

²⁴ And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick";
The people who dwell in it *will be* forgiven *their* iniquity.