

# ESAIAS

## TO THE READER

### EDITION OF THE GREEK TEXT

It is important to note that the earlier English translations of the LXX by Thomson and Brenton were based on editions of the Greek version that essentially reproduced the text of Codex Vaticanus. While this important manuscript preserves an excellent text for most books of the LXX, it is less trustworthy in the case of Esaias. (R. R. Ottley, for his translation, used Codex Alexandrinus, our best available witness for Esaias.) As a result, the reader will find a large number of textual differences between those earlier English translations and the present one, which is based on the full-fledged critical edition of J. Ziegler (*Septuaginta: Vetus Testamentum Graecum Auctoritate Academiae Scientiarum Gottingensis editum XIV: Isaias* [Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1967]).

Ziegler's reconstructed text is very similar to that found in Rahlfs' *Septuaginta*. If we set aside differences that do not show up in an English translation (primarily Greek orthographic variants), we find approximately ninety places where the two editions differ, and many of these variations are relatively minor. I have accepted Ziegler's judgment in all but sixteen of these (10.7; 13.3; 14.27; 26.18; 28.2–3; 41.29[bis]; 42.4; 49.13; 50.3; 51.16; 54.5; 55.13; 56.5; 61.3; 63.12), some of which involve conjectural emendations that are reasonable, even brilliant, but not totally persuasive. In addition, there are two places where Rahlfs and Ziegler agree but where I have reluctantly gone my own way (9.1[8.23] and 53.11; in the latter passage I have accepted an old conjectural emendation).

Many readers of NETS will not have easy access to Ziegler's edition. If they use the present translation in conjunction with Rahlfs' text, it will often be unclear whether departures from the latter are only apparent (the result of a non-literal rendering) or substantial (the result of a textual variation). Since NETS includes textual notes only when it departs from the base text (Ziegler), it may be helpful to the reader to have a list of those verses where the present translation reflects a text different from Rahlfs' edition. They are as follow: 2.20; 5.9; 5.29; 7.6; 8.18; 9.4(3); 10.1; 10.10(bis); 10.22; 11.5; 12.2; 12.6(bis); 13.3; 14.13; 15.2; 15.4; 16.3; 16.5; 16.7; 17.5; 17.6; 18.7; 20.1; 21.13; 22.1; 23.13; 23.16; 25.5; 25.9; 28.15; 29.8; 30.14; 30.33; 33.18; 34.10; 36.19; 37.12; 37.13; 37.32; 37.38; 40.4; 40.25; 40.28; 41.23; 43.17; 44.16; 45.4; 45.9; 45.13; 46.11; 47.10; 48.5(bis); 48.16; 49.6; 49.7; 49.15; 51.5; 53.2; 54.3; 54.8; 54.10; 54.17(bis); 56.11; 58.11(bis); 60.6; 61.4; 61.8; 65.11; 65.23; 66.8(bis); 66.17(misprint).

### TRANSLATION PROFILE OF THE GREEK

Attempts to evaluate the Greek translation of Esaias in the past have typically failed to note the complexity of such a task. One can find numerous passages where the translator has failed to understand the Hebrew text and where his Greek appears to be solecistic and even unintelligible. It is therefore natural to infer that he lacked competence. The problem with this conclusion, however, is that it does not take into account the skill, knowledge and creativity that he displays in many other passages. Moreover, any generalizations about the translator's technique run afoul of the startling variations in his approach.

Consider, for example, the first half dozen verses in chapter 43. It is apparent that the translator had no trouble whatever understanding the Hebrew text and that he was capable of representing the meaning of the original in simple, clear and faultless Greek. His approach here may be characterized as moderately literal, resulting in a certain quaintness of style that betrays its Semitic background. Admittedly, the Hebrew of this passage is not particularly difficult. Elsewhere, if the translator encounters a rare word, he seems to lose his bearings. In 28.20, the Hebrew appears to mean, "For the bed is [too] short for stretching, and the covering [too] narrow for gathering [i.e., wrapping] oneself." Here the Hebrew words for "bed" (which appears nowhere else in the Bible) and "stretching" (which is rare) stumped the translator. Exercising his imagination, he came up with this, "We are in straits and unable to fight, and we ourselves are too weak to be mobilized." We should remember, however, that even modern scholarship is less than confident about the meaning of numerous sentences in the Hebrew text of Isaiah.

In some of his renderings, the translator appears to be slavishly literal, but it is clear that, as a whole,

he felt free to vary his vocabulary and restructure the syntax if it served his purposes. That sense of freedom allowed him at times to go off on tangents that have little connection with the Hebrew. Indeed, on occasions the meaning of his translation is patently contrary to that of the original (cf. the negative he introduces at 8.14, "you will *not* encounter him as a stumbling caused by a stone"). What may have been going on in his mind at those times is an intriguing question, but we would be wrong to infer that he was unconcerned about being faithful to the text. There can be no doubt that he struggled mightily to make sense of difficult passages, and that even when he seems to go beyond the text, he is sensitive to the thrust of the book as a whole and seeks to come up with teachings that are up-building (note that at the beginning of 8.14 the addition of the clause "if you trust in him" effectively links this verse with a recurring theme in the book).

All of this means that we cannot easily describe lexical and grammatical patterns in the translator's handling of the Hebrew text. Some can certainly be identified, but the exceptions to those patterns are significant, and they prevent us from making many valid generalizations. As we might expect, he follows some of the lexical equations established by the Greek translators of the Pentateuch, such as ברית = διαθήκη in the sense of "covenant." For Hebrew מוֹת he normally uses Ἅιδης ("Hades"), but in 28.15, 18 we find θάνατος, "death." There is no need to multiply examples. Beyond these more-or-less standard calques, the translator naturally comes up with a few equivalences of his own, but not in uniform fashion. With regard to syntax, while his tendency is to follow the simple structure of the Hebrew clauses, he does not hesitate to introduce variety and to exploit some of the resources of the Greek language; still, many of the niceties one routinely finds in original Greek composition are missing. Special note should be made of the translator's fairly consistent representation of the Hebrew perfect tense (which can have various temporal references) with the Greek aorist (a simple past tense). Although the choice of the aorist is appropriate when the context clearly indicates a past action or a gnomic idea (e.g., 1.3, "The ox knew [=knows] its owner"), his overuse of this tense lends a distinct and odd quality to his translation.

#### THE NETS TRANSLATION OF ESAIAS

Given the Greek translator's inconsistent approach (or so it appears to us), an English translation of his work faces special problems. The challenges are compounded by the need to follow the pattern of the NRSV. Numerous stylistic variations frequently used by the latter (as it renders the Hebrew text) introduce an additional and deeper level of inconsistency to the endeavor.

The user of NETS deserves to know that the present translation has gone through two distinct stages. The initial draft reflected a special effort not only to understand what the Greek translator meant (for which the sense of the Hebrew is an important piece of evidence), but also to communicate that meaning in fairly clear and natural English when possible (often the irregularities of the Greek called for less than fluent English). That first draft, in addition, sought to maximize the potential for NETS/NRSV synoptic study; in other words, it preserved NRSV renderings whenever these could be defended as reasonable representations of the Greek.

In the opinion of the editors, however, such an approach was inconsistent with the aim of NETS to represent not only *what* the Greek says but also *how* it is being said. For the sake of uniformity with the project as a whole, therefore, hundreds of changes were made that result in unclear or even unnatural English (e.g., "wept with weeping"). Moreover, the reader should be advised not to assume that a difference between NETS and NRSV reflects a difference between the Hebrew and the Greek.

Even in the first draft of this translation, NRSV renderings were changed in cases where the Hebrew is idiomatic but the Greek equivalence appears odd. In particular, note that the Greek translator fairly consistently translates the Hebrew אִישׁ ("man") with ἄνθρωπος, even in passages where such an equivalence is inappropriate, including instances when the Hebrew has a distributive meaning, "each." The Greek translator is quite capable of rendering these uses idiomatically. For example, in 13.8, the Hebrew אִישׁ לְרֵעֵהוּ (lit., "a man to his neighbor") is rendered ἕτερος πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον ("one to another"). It seems advisable to render the Greek to English literally in cases where the Greek inappropriately renders the Hebrew literally. The reader of NETS will thus notice a large number of instances of the singular "man"; the unusual flavor of the resulting English corresponds to some extent with the peculiar quality of the Greek.

The strophic arrangement of the NRSV has been followed as much as possible to facilitate comparison, but it must not be thought that the Greek always has a corresponding poetic quality.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

I have profited greatly from R. R. Ottley, *The Book of Isaiah according to the LXX (Codex Alexandrinus)* (3 vols; London: Cambridge University Press, 1904–1906). The first volume contains an important intro-

duction (including a discussion of the Greek translator's "Method of Rendering") and a translation of the Hebrew and the Greek on facing pages. Volume 2 presents the Greek text with a critical apparatus, followed by extensive notes that pay special attention to the divergences between the Greek translation and the Hebrew original. A third, slim volume simply includes the text by itself.

Joseph Ziegler's *Untersuchungen zur Septuaginta des Buches Isaias* (Alttestamentliche Abhandlungen 12/3; Münster: Aschendorff, 1934), which may be regarded as a prolegomenon to his critical edition, remains to this day the most penetrating and reliable source of information. The highly regarded monograph by I. L. Seeligmann, *The Septuagint Version of Isaiah: A Discussion of Its Problems* (Leiden: Brill, 1948), has chapters on textual criticism, translation technique, historical background and Jewish theology. More recently, Arie van der Kooij has produced a very full and helpful analysis of one chapter, *The Oracle of Tyre: The Septuagint of Isaiah XXIII as Version and Vision* (VTSup 71; Leiden: Brill, 1998).

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MOISÉS SILVA

**1** A vision, which Esaias son of Amos saw—  
which he saw against Judea and against Jerusalem  
in the reign of Ozias and Ioatham and  
Achaz and Hezekias, who reigned over Judea.

**2** Hear, O heaven, and give ear, O earth,  
for the Lord has spoken:

I begat sons and exalted them,  
but they rejected me.

**3** The ox knows its owner,  
and the donkey its master's crib,  
but Israel has not known me,  
and the people have not understood me.

**4** Ah, sinful nation,  
people full of sins,  
evil offspring,  
lawless sons,  
you have forsaken the Lord  
and provoked to anger the Holy One of  
Israel!

**5** Why should you be beaten anymore  
as you continue in lawlessness?  
<sup>a</sup>Every head has become troubled,  
and every heart has become sad<sup>a</sup>.

**6** From the feet to the head—  
whether a sore or a bruise or a festering  
wound—  
there is no emollient to put on,  
nor oil nor bandages.

**7** Your country lies desolate;  
your cities are burned with fire;

in your very presence  
foreigners devour your land,  
and it has been made desolate,  
overthrown by foreign peoples.

**8** Daughter Sion will be forsaken  
like a booth in a vineyard  
and like a garden-watcher's hut in a  
cucumber field,  
like a besieged city.

**9** And if the Lord Sabaoth  
had not left us offspring,  
we would have become like Sodoma  
and been made similar to Gomorra.

**10** Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodoma!  
Pay attention to the law of God,  
you people of Gomorra!

**11** What to me is the multitude of your  
sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I am full of whole burnt offerings of rams,  
and I do not want the fat of lambs  
nor the blood of bulls and goats—

**12** <sup>b</sup>not even if you come<sup>b</sup> to appear before me.  
For who asked these things from your  
hands?

**13** You shall trample my court no more!  
If you should offer fine flour, that would be  
futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

Your new moons and sabbaths and great day  
I cannot endure. Fasting and holidays<sup>c</sup>,

**14** as well as your new moons and your feasts,

<sup>a</sup>Or *The whole head is pained, and the whole heart is sad.* <sup>b</sup>Or *neither shall you come* <sup>c</sup>Or *rest; possibly idleness*

my soul hates.  
<sup>a</sup>You have made me full<sup>a</sup>;  
 I will no longer forgive your sins.  
 15 When you stretch out your hands to me,  
 I will turn away my eyes from you;  
 even if you make many petitions,  
 I will not listen to you,  
 for your hands are full of blood.  
 16 Wash yourselves; become clean;  
 remove the evil deeds from your souls  
 before my eyes;  
 cease from your evil deeds;  
 17 learn to do good;  
 seek judgment;  
 rescue the one who is wronged;  
 defend the orphan,  
 and do justice to the widow.  
 18 So come, and let us argue it out,  
 says the Lord:  
 even though your sins are like crimson,  
 I will make them white like snow,  
 and though they are like scarlet,  
 I will make them white like wool.  
 19 And if you are willing and listen to me,  
 you shall eat the good things of the  
 land,  
 20 but if you are not willing nor listen to me,  
 the dagger will devour you;  
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken  
 these things.  
 21 How the faithful city Sion  
 has become a whore!  
 She that was full of justice,  
 wherein righteousness lodged—  
 but now murderers!  
 22 Your silver has no value;  
 your taverners mix the wine with water.  
 23 Your rulers are disobedient:  
 they are companions of thieves,  
 loving gifts,  
 running after a reward,  
 not defending orphans  
 and not paying attention to the widows'  
 cause.  
 24 Therefore this is what the Sovereign, the  
 Lord Sabaoth, says:  
 Ah, mighty ones of Israel!  
 For my wrath on my adversaries will not  
 abate,  
 and I will exact judgment from my foes!  
 25 And I will turn my hand against you  
 and will burn you to bring about purity.  
 But the disobedient I will destroy,  
 and I will remove from you all the  
 lawless  
 and humble all who are arrogant.  
 26 And I will set up your judges as at the  
 former time  
 and your counselors as at the beginning.

<sup>a</sup>Or *You have become repugnant to me*

And after these things you shall be called  
 the city of righteousness,  
 the faithful mother city, Sion.  
 27 For her captivity shall be saved  
 with judgment and with mercy.  
 28 But the lawless and the sinners shall be  
 crushed together,  
 and those who forsake the Lord shall be  
 brought to an end.  
 29 For they shall be ashamed because of their  
 idols,  
 which they themselves wanted,  
 and they were embarrassed because of their  
 gardens,  
 which they desired.  
 30 For they shall be like a terebinth  
 that has shed its leaves  
 and like an orchard that has no water.  
 31 And their strength shall be like a stalk of  
 flax,  
 and their works like sparks of fire,  
 and the lawless and the sinners shall be  
 burned together,  
 and there shall be no one to quench  
 them.

**2** The word that came from the Lord to Esaias  
 son of Amos concerning Judea and concern-  
 ing Ierusalem.

2 For in the last days  
 the mountain of the Lord shall be  
 manifest,  
 and the house of God shall be on the tops  
 of the mountains  
 and shall be raised above the hills,  
 and all the nations shall come to it.  
 3 And many nations shall go and say,  
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the  
 Lord  
 and to the house of the God of Iakob,  
 and he will declare to us his way,  
 and we will walk in it."  
 For out of Sion shall go forth a law,  
 and a word of the Lord from Ierusalem.  
 4 And he shall judge between the nations  
 and shall convict many people,  
 and they shall beat their daggers into plows  
 and their spears into pruning hooks,  
 and no more shall nation take up dagger  
 against nation,  
 neither shall they learn to wage war any  
 more.  
 5 And now, O house of Iakob,  
 come, let us walk  
 by the light of the Lord!  
 6 For he has abandoned his people,  
 the house of Israel,  
 because their country, like that of the  
 allophyles,

- was filled with divinations as it had been  
at the beginning,  
and many allyphyle children were born  
to them.
- 7 For their country was filled with silver and  
gold,  
and there was no number to their  
treasures,  
and the land was filled with horses,  
and there was no number to their  
chariots.
- 8 And the land was filled with  
abominations,  
the works of their hands,  
and they did obeisance to the things their  
own fingers had made.
- 9 And so a person bowed down,  
and a man was humbled—  
and I will not forgive them!
- 10 And now enter into the rocks,  
and hide in the earth  
from before the fear of the Lord  
and from the glory of his strength,  
when he rises to crush the earth.
- 11 For the eyes of the Lord are lofty, but man is  
lowly,  
and the loftiness of men shall be brought  
low,  
and the Lord alone will be exalted in that  
day.
- 12 For the day of the Lord Sabaoth will be  
against everyone who is insolent and  
haughty  
and against everyone who is lofty and  
high,  
and they shall be humbled,  
both against every cedar of Lebanon,  
of them that are lofty and high,  
and against every <sup>a</sup>acorn tree<sup>a</sup> of Basan,  
both against every mountain  
and against every lofty hill,  
both every lofty tower  
and against every lofty wall,  
both every ship of the sea  
and against every spectacle of beautiful  
ships.
- 17 And every person shall be humbled,  
and the loftiness of men shall fall,  
and the Lord alone will be exalted on  
that day.
- 18 They will hide all <sup>b</sup>the works of their  
hands<sup>b</sup>—  
19 carrying them into the caves  
and into the clefts of the rocks  
and into the holes of the earth—  
from before the fear of the Lord  
and from the glory of his strength,  
when he rises to crush the earth.
- 20 On that day a man <sup>c</sup>will throw away  
his silver and gold abominations, which  
they made
- to do obeisance to the vain ones and the  
bats<sup>c</sup>,
- 21 to enter the holes of the solid rock  
and the clefts of the rocks,  
from before the fear of the Lord  
and from the glory of his strength,  
when he rises to crush the earth.
- 3** Behold now the Sovereign, the Lord Sabaoth,  
will take away from Judea and from  
Ierousalem  
a strong man and a strong woman,  
strength of bread and strength of water,  
2 a <sup>d</sup>mighty one<sup>d</sup> and strong one and  
soldier,  
both judge and prophet,  
and diviner and elder,  
3 both officer of fifty  
and wonderful counselor,  
both skillful builder  
and intelligent listener.
- 4 And I will set up youths as their rulers,  
and mockers shall be lords of them.
- 5 And the people will fall together,  
man against man,  
and a man against his neighbor;  
the child will stumble against the elder,  
the dishonored against the honorable.
- 6 Because a man will seize his brother  
or his father's kinsman, saying,  
"You have a cloak;  
you be our leader,  
and let my food  
be under<sup>e</sup> you."  
7 But he will answer and say on that day,  
"I will not be your leader,  
for in my house there is neither bread nor  
cloak;  
I will not be  
the leader of this people,"
- 8 because Ierousalem has been abandoned  
and Judea has fallen  
and their tongues are joined with lawlessness,  
being disobedient toward the things of  
the Lord;  
now therefore their glory has been brought  
low.
- 9 And the shame of their face has risen up  
against them;  
they have proclaimed their sin like that of  
Sodoma,  
and they have made it plain.  
Woe to their soul!  
Because they have given evil counsel  
against themselves,  
10 saying, "Let us bind the just, for he is a  
nuisance to us."  
Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their  
works.

<sup>a</sup>i.e. the balanites aegyptiaca <sup>b</sup>Or their idols <sup>c</sup>Or will throw away to the vain ones and to the bats his silver and gold  
abominations, which they made to do obeisance to <sup>d</sup>Or giant <sup>e</sup>Or supplied by

- 11 Woe to the lawless one! Evil things will happen to him according to the works of his hands.
- 12 O my people, your exactors strip you clean, and your creditors lord it over you. O my people, those who congratulate you mislead you and confuse the path of your feet.
- 13 But now the Lord will stand up to judge, and he will make his people stand to judge them.
- 14 The Lord himself will enter into judgment with the elders of the people and with their rulers. But you, why have you burned my vineyard, and why is the spoil of the poor in your houses?
- 15 Why do you wrong my people and shame the face of the poor?
- 16 This is what the Lord says: Because the daughters of Zion were lifted up and walked with an uplifted neck and with a wink of the eyes, all the while sweeping their tunics in the gait of their feet, all the while being playful with their feet;
- 17 God will bring low the ruling daughters of Zion, and the Lord will expose their form <sup>18</sup>in that day.

And the Lord will take away the glory of their attire and their adornments and the braids<sup>a</sup> and the tassels and the crescents <sup>19</sup>and the necklace and the adornment of their face <sup>20</sup>and the collection of glorious adornment and the bracelets<sup>b</sup> and the armlets and the braiding and the bangles<sup>c</sup> and the rings and the earrings <sup>21</sup>and the garments trimmed with purple and the garments blended with purple <sup>22</sup>and the housecoats<sup>d</sup> and the transparent Lacedonian fabrics <sup>23</sup>and the garments of fine linen, both the blue ones and the scarlet ones, and the fine linen embroidered with gold and blue thread and the light flowing garments.

- <sup>24</sup> And instead of a pleasant scent there will be dust, and instead of a girdle you will gird yourself with a rope, and instead of a head adornment of gold you will have baldness because of your works, and instead of the tunic blended with purple you will gird yourself about with sackcloth.
- 25 And your most beautiful son, whom you love, shall fall by dagger, and your strong men shall fall by dagger

- (<sup>26</sup>)and shall be brought low.
- 26 And the cases for your adornment shall mourn, and you shall be left alone and shall be dashed to the ground.

- 4 Seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,  
"We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes; just let your name be called upon us; take away our reproach."

2 But on that day God will gloriously shine on the earth with counsel, to uplift and glorify what remains of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And what is left behind in Zion and remains in Ierousalem will be called holy, all who have been recorded for life in Ierousalem, <sup>4</sup>because the Lord will wash away the filth of the sons and daughters of Zion and will cleanse the blood from their midst by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning. <sup>5</sup>Then he will come, and as for every site of Mount Zion and all that surrounds it, a cloud will overshadow it by day and will be like smoke and like a light of fire burning by night. With all glory will it be covered. <sup>6</sup>And it will serve as a shade from the heat and as a shelter and a hideout from harshness and rain.

- 5 I will now sing for the beloved a song of the loved one concerning my vineyard:  
The beloved had a vineyard on a hill, on a fertile place.
- 2 And I put a hedge around it and fenced it in and planted a Sorech<sup>e</sup> vine, and I built a tower in the midst of it and dug out a wine vat in it, and I waited for it to produce a cluster of grapes, but it produced thorns.
- 3 And now, man of Ioudas and those who dwell in Ierousalem, judge between me and my vineyard.
- 4 What more might I do for my vineyard, and I have not done for it? Because I waited for it to produce a cluster of grapes, but it produced thorns.
- 5 But now I will declare to you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be plundered, and I will tear down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- 6 And I will abandon my vineyard, and it shall not be pruned or dug, and a thorn shall come up into it as into a wasteland,

<sup>a</sup>Or hairpins <sup>b</sup>Or anklets <sup>c</sup>Or bracelets for the right arm <sup>d</sup>Or draperies about the house <sup>e</sup>Heb = choice

- and I will also command the clouds,  
that they send no rain to it.
- 7 For the vineyard of the Lord Sabaoth  
is the house of Israel,  
and the man of Ioudas  
is a beloved young plant;  
I waited for him to produce justice,  
but he produced lawlessness—  
nor <sup>a</sup>did he produce<sup>a</sup> righteousness,  
but a cry!
- 8 Ah, those who join house to house  
and bring field next to field  
so that they may take something from their  
neighbor!  
Will you dwell alone on the earth?
- 9 For these things were heard in the ears of  
the Lord Sabaoth;  
for if houses become many, large and  
beautiful ones shall be desolate,  
and there shall be no inhabitants.
- 10 For where ten yoke of oxen shall work,  
<sup>a</sup>that land<sup>a</sup> shall produce one jarful,  
and he who sows six bushels  
shall produce three measures<sup>b</sup>.
- 11 Ah, those who rise early  
and pursue the sikera<sup>c</sup>,  
who linger till evening,  
for wine will inflame them!
- 12 For with lyre and harp  
and drums and flutes do they drink the  
wine  
but do not regard the works of the Lord  
or consider the works of his hands!
- 13 Therefore my people have become captive,  
because they do not know the Lord;  
they have become a multitude of corpses,  
because of famine and thirst for water.
- 14 And Hades has enlarged its appetite  
and opened its mouth without ceasing;  
and her<sup>d</sup> glorious ones and her<sup>d</sup> great  
and her<sup>d</sup> rich and her<sup>d</sup> pestilent shall go  
down.
- 15 A person shall be brought low, and a man  
shall be dishonored,  
and the eyes that are high shall be  
brought low.
- 16 But the Lord Sabaoth shall be exalted in  
judgment,  
and the Holy God shall be glorified in  
righteousness.
- 17 Then those who have been plundered shall  
graze like bulls,  
and lambs shall feed on the wastelands  
of those who have been displaced.
- 18 Ah, those who draw sins as with a long rope  
and who draw acts of lawlessness as with  
a strap from a heifer's yoke,  
19 who say, "Let him quickly bring near  
the things he will do,  
that we may see them,  
and let the plan of the Holy One of Israel  
come,  
that we may know it!"
- 20 Ah, those who call evil good  
and good evil,  
who make darkness light  
and light darkness,  
who make bitter sweet  
and sweet bitter!
- 21 Ah, those who are wise in themselves  
and knowledgeable in their own sight!
- 22 Ah, your strong ones who drink wine  
and the powerful ones who mix the  
sikera<sup>c</sup>,
- 23 who acquit the impious one for the sake of  
bribes  
and take away the right of the righteous  
one!
- 24 Therefore, as stubble will be burned by a  
coal of fire  
and burned up by a weakened flame,  
so their root will be like fine dust  
and their blossom go up like dust;  
for they did not want the law of the Lord  
Sabaoth  
but have provoked the oracle of the Holy  
One of Israel.
- 25 And the Lord Sabaoth was enraged with  
anger against his people,  
and he laid his hand on them and struck  
them;  
the mountains were provoked,  
and their carcasses became like dung  
in the middle of the road.  
In all these things his wrath has not turned  
away,  
but his hand is still high.
- 26 Therefore, he will raise a signal among the  
nations that are far away  
and whistle for them from the end of the  
earth.  
And behold, they are coming, quickly, swiftly!
- 27 They will not hunger nor grow weary  
nor slumber nor sleep,  
nor will they loosen their girdles from their  
waist,  
nor will the thongs of their sandals be  
broken;
- 28 their arrows are sharp,  
and their bows bent;  
their horses' hoofs were reckoned as solid  
rock,  
the wheels of their chariots as a tempest.
- 29 They rush like lions  
but stand by like a lion's whelp,  
and he will seize and roar like a beast,  
and he will cast them out, and there will  
be no one who can rescue.

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Gk *metron* not a specified measure <sup>c</sup>Aram = *strong drink* <sup>d</sup>Possibly *Ierusalem*

30 And he will roar because of them on that day,  
like the sound of a surging sea.  
And they will look to the land,  
and behold, harsh darkness in their dismay.

**6** And it happened in the year that King Ozias died that I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and raised up, and the house was full of his glory. <sup>2</sup>And seraphin stood around him; <sup>a</sup>the one had six wings and the one had six wings<sup>a</sup>, and with two they covered their face, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And they cried out one to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Sabaoth;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>And the lintel was raised at the voice with which they cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "O wretched that I am! I am stunned; for being a man and having unclean lips, I live among a people having unclean lips, and I have seen the King, the Lord Sabaoth, with my eyes!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphin was sent to me, and he had in his hand a live coal that he had taken from the altar with the tongs. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips, and it will take away your lawlessness and purify your sins." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go to this people?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

'You will listen by listening, but you will not understand,  
and looking you will look, but you will not perceive.'

<sup>10</sup> For this people's heart has grown fat,  
and with their ears they have heard heavily,  
and they have shut their eyes  
so that they might not see with their eyes  
and hear with their ears  
and understand with their heart  
and turn—and I would heal them."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long,  
O Lord?" And he said:  
"Until cities become desolate,  
because they are not inhabited,  
and houses, because there are no people,  
and the land will be left desolate.

<sup>12</sup> And after these things, God will send people far away,  
and those who have been left will be multiplied on the land.

<sup>13</sup> And still a tenth part is on it,  
and it will be plundered again,  
like a terebinth or an acorn tree  
when it falls from its station."

**7** And it happened in the days of Achaz son of Ioatham the son of Ozias, king of Ioudas, that

King Raasson of Aram and King Phakee son of Romelias of Israel went up against Ierousalem to wage war against it but could not besiege it. <sup>2</sup>And it was reported to the house of Dauid, saying, "Aram has made an agreement with Ephraim." And his<sup>b</sup> soul and the soul of his<sup>b</sup> people were agitated as when a tree in the forest is shaken by the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said to Esaias, Go out to meet Achaz, you and the one who is left, your son Iasoub, at the pool on the upper road to the Fuller's Field. <sup>4</sup>And you will say to him, Take care to be quiet, and do not fear, nor let your soul be feeble because of these two logs of smoking firebrands, for when my fierce anger comes, I will heal again. <sup>5</sup>And as for the son of Aram and the son of Romelias: Because they have plotted an evil counsel concerning you, saying, <sup>6</sup>We will go up to Judea, and after talking with them, let us turn them toward us, and we will make the son of Tabeel king over it; <sup>7</sup>this is what the Lord Sabaoth says:

This counsel shall not remain,  
nor shall it come to pass.

<sup>8</sup> But the head of Aram is Damascus,  
but yet within sixty-years <sup>c</sup>the  
kingdom of Ephraim will cease  
from being people<sup>c</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> And the head of Ephraim is Somoron,  
and the head of Somoron is the son of  
Romelias.

And if you do not believe,  
neither shall you understand.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord spoke further to Achaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask for yourself a sign of the Lord your God, in depth or in height. <sup>12</sup>But Achaz said, I will not ask, nor will I put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then he<sup>d</sup> said: "Hear now, O house of Dauid! Is it a small thing for you to provoke a fight with mortals? How then do you provoke a fight with the Lord? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and you shall name him Emmanouel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat butter and honey; before he knows or prefers evil things, he shall choose what is good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows good or bad, he defies evil to choose what is good, and the land that you fear <sup>f</sup>from before the two kings will be abandoned. <sup>17</sup>But God will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not yet come since the day that he took Ephraim away from Ioudas—the king of the Assyrians."

<sup>18</sup> And it shall be on that day that the Lord will whistle for the flies that rule part of the river of Egypt and for the bee that is in the country of the Assyrians. <sup>19</sup>And they will all come and rest in the ravines of the country and in the clefts of the rocks and into the caves and into every crevice and on every tree.

<sup>20</sup> On that day the Lord will shave with the

<sup>a</sup>I.e. each had six wings <sup>b</sup>I.e. Achaz's <sup>c</sup>Or the reign of Ephraim will cease from the people <sup>d</sup>I.e. Esaias <sup>e</sup>Gk = sg  
<sup>f</sup>Possibly because of



great and drunken razor—which is beyond the river of the king of the Assyrians—the head and the hair of the feet, and he will cut off the beard.

21 And it shall be on that day that a person will nourish a young cow of the cattle and two sheep,<sup>22</sup> and it shall be, because of the abundance of milk that they give, everyone that is left on the land will eat butter and honey.

23 And it shall be on that day that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels, will become barren ground and thorn.<sup>24</sup> With dart and arrow they will enter there, for all the land will be barren ground and thorn,<sup>25</sup> and every hill being plowed will be plowed, and fear will not come there, for it will be turned<sup>a</sup> from the barren ground and thorn to a place where a sheep can feed and an ox can tread.

**8** Then the Lord said to me, Take for yourself <sup>ba</sup> a scroll of a new large one<sup>b</sup> and write on it with a man's pen, "In order to take plunder from the spoils quickly, for it is near," <sup>2</sup>and make reliable men my witnesses, Ourias and Zacharias son of Barachias. <sup>3</sup>And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said to me, Name him "Swiftly Spoil, Quickly Plunder"; <sup>4</sup>for before the child knows how to call father or mother, it will receive the power of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria before the king of the Assyrians.

5 The Lord spoke to me yet further: <sup>6</sup>Because this people does not want the water of Siloam that flows gently but want to have Raasson and the son of Romelias as king over you, <sup>7</sup>therefore behold, the Lord is bringing up against you the mighty and abundant water of the River, the king of the Assyrians and his glory, and he will go up on your every ravine and walk on your every wall, <sup>8</sup>and he will take away from Judea any man who can lift his head or who is capable of accomplishing anything; his camp will be such as to fill the breadth of your country. God is with us.

<sup>9</sup> Learn, you nations, and be defeated;  
listen as far as the end of the earth;  
be strong, and be defeated;  
for if you become strong again, again you  
shall be defeated!  
<sup>10</sup> And whatever counsel you take, the Lord  
will scatter it,  
and whatever word you speak, it will not  
remain for you,  
because the Lord God is with us.

11 Thus says the Lord, With a strong hand do they reject the course of the way of this people, saying: <sup>12</sup>Never say "Hard," for whatever this people says is hard, but do not fear what it fears, neither be troubled. <sup>13</sup>Sanctify the Lord himself, and he himself will be your<sup>c</sup> fear. <sup>14</sup>And if you<sup>c</sup> trust in him, he will become your<sup>c</sup> holy precinct, and you will not encounter him as a stumbling caused by a

stone nor as a fall caused by a rock, but the house of Iakob is in a trap, and those who sit in Ierousalem are in a pit. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, many among them shall become powerless, and they shall fall and be crushed, and people who are in safety shall draw near and be taken.

16 Then shall become manifest those who seal up the law so that they might not learn. <sup>17</sup>And one shall say, "I will wait for God, who has turned away his face from the house of Iakob, and I will trust in him. <sup>18</sup>Here am I and the children whom God has given me, and they shall become signs and portents in Israel from the Lord Sabaoth, who dwells on Mount Zion." <sup>19</sup>And if people say to you, "Seek those who utter sounds from the earth and the ventriloquists, the babblers who utter sounds out of their bellies," should not a nation be with its God? Why do they seek out the dead concerning the living? <sup>20</sup>For he has given a law as a help so that they may not speak a word such as this one, concerning which there are no gifts to give. <sup>21</sup>And a harsh famine will come upon you, and it shall be that when you become hungry, you will be distressed, and you will vilify your ruler and your patriarch<sup>d</sup>. And they will look up to heaven above,<sup>22</sup> and they will observe the earth below, but look: affliction and distress and darkness—dire straits and darkness so that they cannot see—<sup>(23)</sup>and the one who is in distress will not be perplexed for a time.

**9** <sup>(8.23)</sup>Do this first; do it quickly, O country of Zaboulon, the land of Nephthalim<sup>e</sup>, and the rest who inhabit the seashore and beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations, the parts of Judea.

<sup>2(1)</sup> O you people who walk in darkness,  
see a great light!  
O you who live in the country and in the  
shadow of death,  
light will shine on you!  
<sup>3(2)</sup> Most of the people,  
whom you have brought back in your joy,  
will also rejoice before you  
like those who rejoice at the harvest  
and in the same way as those who divide  
plunder,  
<sup>4(3)</sup> because the yoke placed on them will be  
taken away,  
and the rod that is on their neck;  
for the Lord has scattered the rod of the  
exactors  
as on the day that was upon Madiam,  
<sup>5(4)</sup> because with reconciliation<sup>f</sup> they shall repay  
every garment and cloak acquired by  
deceit,  
and they will be willing<sup>ato</sup> to do so  
even<sup>a</sup> if they have been burned by fire,  
<sup>6(5)</sup> because a child was born for us,  
a son also given to us,  
whose sovereignty was upon his shoulder,

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Or a leaf from a large new scroll <sup>c</sup>Gk = sg <sup>d</sup>Aram = idol <sup>e</sup>+ by way of the sea = Zi  
<sup>f</sup>Or merchandise

and he is named Messenger of Great Counsel,  
for I will bring peace upon the rulers,  
peace and health to him.

7(6) His sovereignty is great,  
and his peace has no boundary  
upon the throne of Daud and his kingdom,  
to make it prosper and to uphold it  
with righteousness and with judgment  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord Sabaoth will do these things.

8(7) The Lord sent death against Iakob,  
and it came on Israel,

9(8) and all the people of Ephraim will know it,  
and those who sit in Samaria  
with pride and uplifted heart, saying:

10(9) "The bricks have fallen,  
but come, let us hew stones  
and cut down sycamores and cedars  
and build ourselves a tower."

11(10) And God will strike those who rise up  
against them on Mount Sion,  
and he will scatter their enemies,

12(11) Syria from the rising of the sun  
and the Greeks from the setting of the sun—  
those who devour Israel with open  
mouth.  
For all this his anger has not turned away,  
but his hand is still uplifted.

13(12) And the people did not turn back until they  
were smitten,  
and they did not seek the Lord.

14(13) So the Lord took away from Israel head and  
tail,  
great and small in one day—

(14) the elder and those who admire persons:  
this is the first part,

15 and the prophet who teaches lawless  
things: this one is the tail.

16(15) And those who congratulate this people will  
lead them astray,  
and they lead them astray in order to  
devour them.

17(16) Therefore God will not rejoice over their  
young people,  
nor will he have compassion on their  
orphans and widows;  
for they are all lawless and evil,  
and every mouth speaks injustices.  
For all this his anger has not turned away,  
but his hand is still uplifted.

18(17) And the transgression will burn like a fire,  
and like dry grass will it be consumed by  
fire,  
and it will burn in the thickets of the forest  
and devour everything around the hills.

19(18) Because of the fierce anger of the Lord,

the whole land has been burned up,  
and the people will be completely burned as  
by fire.

A man will not have compassion on his  
brother  
20(19) but will turn aside to the right, because he  
will be hungry,  
and he will eat on the left,  
but a man will not be satisfied  
even if he eats the flesh of his arm.

21(20) For Manasse will eat Ephraim's, and  
Ephraim Manasse's,  
because together they will besiege  
Ioudas.

For all this his anger has not turned away,  
but his hand is still uplifted.

**10** Woe to those who write evil!  
For when writing they write trouble,  
2 turning aside the cause of the poor,  
seizing the judgment of the needy among  
my people  
so that a widow may become their spoil  
and an orphan their plunder!

3 What will they do on the day of visitation?  
For the affliction will come to you from  
far away.  
And to whom will you flee for help,  
and where will you leave your glory  
so as not to fall into misery?<sup>a</sup>

4 For all this his anger has not turned away,  
but his hand is still uplifted.

5 Woe to the Assyrians!  
The rod of my wrath and anger is in their  
hands!

6 I will send my anger against a lawless  
nation,  
and I will instruct my people  
to take spoils and plunder  
and to tread down the cities and turn  
them into dust.

7 But he himself did not plan thus,  
nor has he reasoned thus in his soul,  
but <sup>b</sup>his mind will <sup>b</sup>change,  
even to destroy utterly nations not a few.

8 And if they say to him,  
"You alone are ruler,"

9 then he will say,  
"Did I not take the country above  
Babylon and Chalanne,  
where the tower was built?  
And I took Arabia and Damascus and  
Samaria.

10 As I took these, I will also take all the  
countries.  
Wail, you graven images in Ierousalem  
and in Samaria!

11 For as I did to Samaria and to <sup>c</sup>the works of  
her hands,  
thus will I do also to Ierousalem and to  
her idols."

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *captivity* <sup>b</sup>may his mind = Zi <sup>c</sup>Or her idols

12 And it shall be that when the Lord has finished doing all the things on Mount Sion and in Ierousalem, he will bring <sup>a</sup>his wrath<sup>a</sup> against the great mind, the ruler of the Assyrians, and against the loftiness of the glory of his eyes. <sup>13</sup>For he said:

“By my strength I will do it,  
and by the wisdom of my understanding  
I will remove the boundaries of nations,  
and I will plunder their strength.  
<sup>14</sup> And I will shake inhabited cities  
(<sup>14</sup>) and take with my hand the whole world  
like a nest  
and seize <sup>a</sup>its inhabitants<sup>a</sup> like eggs that have  
been forsaken,  
and there is none who will escape from  
me or contradict me.”

<sup>15</sup> Shall an ax be glorified without the one  
who cuts with it  
or a saw be exalted without the one who  
pulls it?

Just so would it be if someone were to lift  
a rod or a log. (<sup>16</sup>)But not so!

<sup>16</sup> Rather, the Lord Sabaoth  
will send dishonor on your honor,  
and a burning fire will burn on your glory.  
<sup>17</sup> The light of Israel will become a fire,  
and it will sanctify him with a burning  
fire

and devour the wood like grass.  
<sup>18</sup> On that day (<sup>18</sup>)the mountains and the hills  
and the woods will vanish,  
and it will consume them  
from the soul to the flesh,  
and the one who flees will be  
like the one who flees from a burning  
flame.

<sup>19</sup> And those who are left from them will be a  
cipher,  
and a child will write them down.

<sup>20</sup> And it shall be on that day that what remains of Israel will no more be added, and those of Iakob who have been saved will no more trust in those who have wronged them but will trust in God, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. <sup>21</sup>And what remains of Iakob will be to the mighty God. <sup>22</sup>And if the people of Israel become like the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved, for he is completing and cutting short a reckoning with righteousness, <sup>23</sup>because God will perform a shortened reckoning in the whole world.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord Sabaoth says: O my people, who live in Sion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians, because he will beat you with a rod, for I bring a stroke upon you so that you may see the way of Egypt. <sup>25</sup>For yet a little while and the anger will cease, but my wrath will be upon their counsel. <sup>26</sup>God will stir up evil<sup>a</sup> against them, like the stroke of Madiam at the place of affliction, and his wrath will be by the way of the sea, on the way toward Egypt. <sup>27</sup>And it shall be on that day that the

fear of him will be taken away from you, and his yoke from your shoulder, and the yoke will be destroyed from off your<sup>b</sup> shoulders.

<sup>28</sup> For he will come to the city of Aggai  
<sup>29</sup> and pass on to Magedo,  
and at Machmas he will lay down his  
baggage,  
(<sup>29</sup>) and he will pass the ravine  
and come to Aggai;  
fear will grip Rama,  
the city of Saoul.  
<sup>30</sup> The daughter of Gallim will flee:  
Laisa will listen;  
Anathoth will listen.  
<sup>31</sup> Madebena has retired—  
also the inhabitants of Gibbir.  
<sup>32</sup> Encourage Sion<sup>a</sup> today to remain in the way;  
O mount, as well as you hills that are in  
Ierousalem,  
with your hand encourage daughter Sion.  
<sup>33</sup> For behold, the Sovereign, the Lord Sabaoth,  
will mightily confound the glorious ones,  
and the lofty will be crushed in their  
insolence,  
and the lofty will be brought low.  
<sup>34</sup> And the lofty will fall by dagger,  
and Lebanon will fall with its lofty ones.

**11** And a rod shall come out of the root of  
lessai,  
and a blossom shall come up out of his  
root.  
<sup>2</sup> And the spirit of God shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and godliness.  
<sup>3</sup> The spirit of the fear of God will fill him.

He shall not judge on the basis of repute  
or convict on the basis of report,  
<sup>4</sup> but he shall administer justice to a humble  
one  
and convict the humble ones of the earth,  
and he shall strike the earth with the word  
of his mouth,  
and with breath through his lips he shall  
do away with the impious.  
<sup>5</sup> He shall be girded with righteousness  
around the waist  
and bound with truth around the sides.

<sup>6</sup> And the wolf shall graze with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall rest with the kid,  
and the calf and the bull and the lion shall  
graze together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup> And the ox and the bear shall graze together,  
and their young shall be together,  
and together shall the lion and the ox eat  
husks.

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Gk = pl

8 And the young child shall put its hand over  
the hole of asps  
and on the lair of the offspring of asps.  
9 And they will not hurt or be able to destroy  
anyone on my holy mountain,  
because the whole earth<sup>a</sup> has been filled to  
know the Lord  
like much water to cover seas.

10 And there shall be on that day the root of  
Iessai, even the one who stands up to rule nations;  
nations shall hope in him, and his rest shall be  
honor.

11 And it shall be on that day that the Lord will  
further display his hand to show zeal for the rem-  
nant that is left of the people, whatever is left from  
the Assyrians, and from Egypt and Babylonia and  
Ethiopia and from the Ailamites and from where  
the sun rises and out of Arabia.

12 And he will raise a signal for the nations  
and will gather the lost ones of Israel  
and gather the dispersed of Ioudas  
from the four points of the earth.

13 And the jealousy of Ephraim shall be taken  
away,  
and the enemies of Ioudas shall perish;  
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Ioudas,  
and Ioudas shall not afflict Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly away in ships of  
allophyles;  
together they shall plunder the sea  
and those from the rising of the sun and  
Idumea.

And they shall first lay their hands on  
Moab,  
but the sons of Ammon shall obey first.

15 And the Lord will make  
the sea of Egypt desolate  
and will lay his hand upon the River  
with a violent wind  
and will strike seven gullies  
so that he may cross in sandals.

16 And there shall be a passage  
for what is left of my people in Egypt,  
and it shall be to Israel  
as the day when he came out of the land  
of Egypt.

**12** And you will say in that day:  
I will bless you, O Lord,  
for you were angry with me,  
and you turned away your wrath,  
and you had compassion on me.

2 Behold, the Lord is my God, my savior;  
I will trust in him and will not be afraid,  
because the Lord is my glory and my praise,  
and he has become my salvation.

3 And with joy you will draw water out of the  
springs of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:  
Sing hymns to the Lord;

call his name out loud;  
declare his glorious deeds among the  
nations;  
<sup>b</sup>remember them, because<sup>b</sup> his name has  
been exalted.

5 Sing hymns to the name of the Lord, for he  
has done exalted things;  
declare these things in all the earth.

6 Be glad, and rejoice, O you who dwell in  
Sion,  
because the Holy One of Israel has been  
exalted in your midst.

**13** A vision, which Esaias son of Amos saw  
against Babylon.

2 On a mountain in the plain raise a signal;  
raise up your voice to them; do not fear;  
encourage them with your hand;  
open, you rulers.

3 It is I who instruct, and I lead<sup>c</sup> them;  
[they have been consecrated,] and it is I  
who summon them.

<sup>d</sup>Mighty ones<sup>d</sup> come to fulfill my wrath,  
at the same time rejoicing and reviling.

4 A voice of many nations on the mountains  
like that of many nations!  
A voice of kings  
and of nations gathered together!  
The Lord Sabaoth has commanded  
a heavily armed nation

5 to come from a distant land,  
from the utmost foundation of heaven—  
the Lord and his armed men—  
to destroy the whole world.

6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is near  
and a destruction will come from God!

7 Therefore every hand will be weakened,  
and every human soul will be afraid,

8 and the elders will be troubled,  
and pangs will seize them, as of a woman  
in labor.

And they will bewail one to another and be  
amazed,  
and they will change their face like a  
flame.

9 For behold, the incurable day of the Lord  
comes,  
a day of wrath and anger,  
to make the whole world desolate  
and to destroy the sinners from it.

10 For the stars of heaven and Orion  
and all the ornament of heaven  
will not give light,  
and it will be dark when the sun rises,  
and the moon will not give its light.

11 And I will command evils for the whole  
world,  
and for the impious, their own sins;

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Or *make mention that* <sup>c</sup>*consecrate* = Zi <sup>d</sup>Or *Giants*

- I will destroy the pride of the lawless  
and bring low the pride of the arrogant.
- 12 And those that are left will be more valuable  
than unsmelted gold,  
and man will be more valuable than the  
stone from Souphir.
- 13 For heaven will be enraged,  
and the earth will be shaken out of its  
foundations,  
because of the fierce anger of the Lord  
Sabaoth  
in the day when his wrath comes upon it.
- 14 And those that are left will be like a fleeing  
gazelle  
or like a wandering sheep, and there will  
be no one to gather them  
so that a man will turn to his own people  
and a man will run to his own land.
- 15 For whoever is caught will be defeated,  
and whoever are gathered together will  
fall by dagger.
- 16 And they will strike down their children  
in front of them,  
and they will plunder their houses  
and take their wives.
- 17 See, I am stirring up the Medes against  
you,  
who do not take silver into account  
nor have any need of gold.
- 18 They will crush the arrows of the young  
men,  
and they will have no mercy on your  
children,  
nor will their eyes be sparing upon the  
children.
- 19 And Babylon, which is called glorious  
by the king of the Chaldeans,  
will be as when God overthrew  
Sodoma and Gomorra.
- 20 It will not be inhabited forever,  
nor will they enter it for many  
generations,  
nor will Arabs pass through it,  
nor will shepherds rest in it.
- 21 But wild animals will rest there,  
and the houses will be filled with noise;  
there sirens will rest,  
and there demons will dance.
- 22 Donkey-centaurs<sup>a</sup> will dwell there,  
and hedgehogs will build nests in their  
houses;  
it is coming quickly  
and will not delay.
- 14** And the Lord will have compassion on  
Iakob and will yet choose Israel, and they  
will rest on their own land, and the gioras<sup>b</sup> will be  
added to them; indeed, he will be added to the  
house of Iakob. <sup>2</sup>And nations will take them and  
bring them into their place, and they will obtain  
an inheritance and will be multiplied on the land  
of God for male and female slaves, and those who  
captured them will be captives, and those who  
dominated them will be dominated.
- 3 And it shall be on that day that God will give  
you rest from your pain and wrath and your hard  
slavery with which you were subject to them. <sup>4</sup>And  
you will take up this lament against the king of  
Babylon, and you will say on that day:  
How the exactor has ceased  
and the taskmaster has ceased!
- 5 God has crushed the yoke of sinners,  
the yoke of rulers.
- 6 Having struck a nation in wrath  
with an incurable blow,  
smiting a nation with a wrathful blow  
that spared no one,  
(7) he rested confidently.
- 7 The whole earth shouts with joy,  
8 and the trees of Lebanon rejoiced over you,  
even the cedar of Lebanon, saying,  
"Since you fell asleep,  
the one who is to cut us down has not  
come up."
- 9 Hades beneath was embittered  
on meeting you;  
all the <sup>d</sup>mighty ones<sup>d</sup> who have ruled the  
earth  
rose up together against you—  
those who have roused from their thrones  
all the kings of the nations.
- 10 All will answer  
and say to you:  
"You too were taken even as we were,  
and you were counted among us!"
- 11 But your glory has gone down to Hades—  
your abundant joy;  
they will spread decay beneath you,  
and a worm will be your covering.
- 12 How is fallen from heaven  
the Day Star, which used to rise early in  
the morning!  
He has been crushed into the earth  
who used to send light<sup>c</sup> to all the  
nations!
- 13 You said in your mind,  
"I will ascend to heaven;  
I will set my throne  
above the stars of God;  
I will sit on a lofty mountain,  
upon the lofty mountains toward the  
north;  
I will ascend above the clouds;  
I will be like the Most High."
- 15 But now you will descend into Hades  
and into the foundations of the earth.
- 16 Those who see you will marvel at you and  
say:  
"Is this the man who troubles the earth,  
shaking kings?"
- 17 The one who made the whole world  
desolate

<sup>a</sup>Perhaps a kind of tailless ape <sup>b</sup>Aram/Heb = *resident alien* <sup>c</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>d</sup>Or *giants*

and overthrew the cities  
has not released those who are in  
misery<sup>a</sup>.  
18 All the kings of the nations have fallen  
asleep in honor,  
a man in his own house,  
19 but you will be cast out on the mountains,  
like an abominable corpse,  
with many dead, those pierced with daggers,  
who go down into Hades.  
As a cloak stained with blood will not be  
clean,  
20 so neither will you be clean,  
because you have destroyed my land  
and killed my people.

You will not remain forever,  
you evil seed!  
21 Prepare your children to be slaughtered  
for the sins of your father  
so that they will not rise and inherit the  
earth  
and fill the earth with wars.

22 And I will rise up against them, says the Lord  
Sabaoth, and will destroy their name and remnant  
and offspring. This is what the Lord says: <sup>23</sup>And I  
will make Babylonia desolate so that hedgehogs  
will dwell there, and it will become nothing, and  
I will make it a miry pit for destruction.

24 This is what the Lord Sabaoth says:  
As I have said,  
so shall it be,  
and as I have planned,  
so shall it remain:  
25 to destroy the Assyrians from my land and  
from my mountains,  
and they shall be trampled,  
and their yoke shall be removed from  
them,  
and their renown shall be removed from  
their shoulders.  
26 This is the plan that the Lord has planned  
against the whole earth,  
and this is the hand that is raised up  
against all the nations of the world.  
27 For what <sup>b</sup>the holy God<sup>b</sup> has planned,  
who will scatter it?  
And his hand that is raised up,  
who will turn it back?

28<sup>In</sup> the year that King Ahaz died this word came:  
29 May you not rejoice, all you allophytes,  
for the yoke of him who struck you is  
broken,  
for from the seed of snakes will come forth  
the offspring of snakes,  
and their offspring will come forth as  
flying snakes.  
30 And the poor will graze through him,  
and poor men will rest in peace,

but he will wipe out your offspring with  
famine,  
and your remnant he will wipe out.  
31 Wail, O city gates;  
let the troubled cities cry out—all the  
allophytes!  
Because smoke comes out of the north,  
and there is <sup>c</sup>no way to live<sup>c</sup>.

32 What will the kings of the nations answer?  
“The Lord has founded Sion,  
and the humble among the people  
will be saved through him.”

## 15 The word against Moabitis.

By night Moabitis will perish;  
for by night the wall of Moabitis will  
perish.  
2 Grieve for yourselves, for Lebedon will  
perish!  
Where your altar<sup>d</sup> is, there you will go up  
to weep:  
wail over Nabau of Moabitis!  
On every head will be baldness;  
all arms will be cut in pieces.  
3 In her highways gird yourselves with  
sackcloth, and smite yourselves;  
on her housetops and in her streets  
wail, all of you, with weeping!  
4 Because Hesebon and Eleale have cried out,  
her voice is heard as far as Iassa;  
therefore the loins of Moabitis cry aloud;  
her soul will know.  
5 The heart of Moabitis cries aloud within her  
as far as Segor,  
for she is a three-year-old heifer.  
And on the ascent of Louith  
they will go up to you weeping;  
by the way of Haroniim she cries aloud,  
“Destruction and an earthquake!”  
6 The water of Nemrim  
will be desolate,  
and her grass will fail,  
for there will be no green grass.  
7 Even so, will she be saved?  
For I will bring Arabs to the ravine,  
and they will take her.  
8 For the cry has reached  
the boundary of Moabitis of Agallim,  
and her wailing  
as far as the well of Ailim.  
9 And the water of Remmon will be filled  
with blood,  
for I will bring Arabs upon Remmon,  
and I will remove the offspring of Moab and  
Ariel  
and the remnant of Adama.

16 I will send as it were creeping animals on  
the land:  
is Mount Sion a desolate rock?

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *captivity* <sup>b</sup>God *Sabaoth* = Zi <sup>c</sup>Gk uncertain <sup>d</sup>Gk = *bômos*

2 For you will be as a nestling taken away  
from a bird that is flying, O daughter of  
Moab!

3 And then, O Arnon,  
take further counsel,  
and make for her  
a shelter for mourning for all time.  
They flee in darkness at noon;  
they were astonished;  
do not be taken away.

4 The fugitives of Moab  
will sojourn with you;  
they will be a shelter to you<sup>a</sup>  
from before a pursuer,  
because your alliance has been taken away  
and the ruler who trampled on the land  
has perished.

5 Then a throne shall be restored with mercy,  
and he shall sit on it with truth in the  
tent of David,  
judging and seeking judgment  
and <sup>b</sup>quickly procuring<sup>b</sup> righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab:  
exceedingly proud he is;  
you have removed his arrogance.  
Your divination is not thus;

7 Moab shall wail,  
for in Moabitis all shall wail.  
You will take care of those who dwell in  
Adeseth,  
and you will not <sup>c</sup>be ashamed<sup>c</sup>.

8 The plains of Hesebon will mourn,  
the vine of Sebama.  
As you swallow up the nations,  
trample down her vines as far as Iazer.  
You will not come together;  
you will not wander in the wilderness;  
those who were sent have been forsaken,  
for they crossed the wilderness.

9 Therefore I will weep as with the weeping of  
Iazer  
for the vine of Sebama.  
He has cut down your trees,  
O Hesebon and Eleale,  
because I will trample down your harvest  
and vintage,  
and all things will fall.

10 And joy and gladness will be taken away  
from your vineyards,  
and in your vineyards  
they will not rejoice,  
and they will not tread out wine in the  
vats,  
for <sup>d</sup>the vintage<sup>d</sup> has ceased.

11 Therefore my belly will resound  
like a lyre upon Moab,  
and my inward parts will be  
like a wall that you have made new.

12 And it will be for your shame, because  
Moab has become weary at the altars<sup>e</sup>, and she will

enter the works of her hands in order to pray but  
will not be able to deliver him.

13 This was the word that the Lord spoke  
against Moab at the time he also spoke. <sup>14</sup>But now  
I say, In three years of the years of a hired worker,  
the glory of Moab will be dishonored with all its  
great wealth, and it will be left very few in number  
and without honor.

## 17 The word against Damascus.

See, Damascus will be removed from among  
cities  
and will become a ruin,  
2 abandoned forever, to be a fold and resting  
place for flocks,  
and there will be no one to drive them  
away.

3 And no longer will it be strong enough for  
Ephraim to flee to it for refuge,  
and no longer will there be a kingdom in  
Damascus,  
and the rest of the Syrians will perish,  
for you are not better than the sons of  
Israel and their glory.

<sup>4</sup>This is what the Lord Sabaoth says:

On that day  
there will be a failing of the glory of  
Iakob,  
and the riches<sup>f</sup> of his glory will be  
shaken.

5 And it shall be as if someone were to gather  
the standing crop  
and reap the seed of the ears of grain,  
and it shall be as if someone were to gather  
an ear of grain  
in a firm ravine

6 and as if a stalk should be left in it,  
or like berries of an olive tree—  
two or three  
on the topmost height,  
or four or five left  
on its branches.

This is what the Lord God of Israel says: <sup>7</sup>On  
that day a man will trust in the One who made  
him, and his eyes will look to the Holy One of Is-  
rael, <sup>8</sup>and they will not trust in the altars<sup>e</sup> nor in  
the works of their hands, which their own fingers  
have made, and they will not look at their trees nor  
at their abominations.

9 On that day your cities will be abandoned,  
just as the Amorrites and the Heuites abandoned  
them before the sons of Israel, and they will be  
desolate.

10 Because you have abandoned God your savior  
and have not remembered the Lord your  
helper,  
therefore you will plant an unfaithful plant  
and an unfaithful seed.

<sup>a</sup>Gk = pl <sup>b</sup>Or *striving after* <sup>c</sup>Or *regard them* <sup>d</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>e</sup>Gk = *bōmos* <sup>f</sup>Or *fat things* <sup>g</sup>Possibly *sterile*

- 11 But on the day that you plant them,  
you will be led astray,  
and if you sow in the morning,  
it will blossom for harvest  
in whatever day you take possession of it,  
and like a man's father  
you will take possession of it for your sons.
- 12 Ah, the multitude of many nations!  
Like a swelling sea, so will you be  
troubled,  
and the backside of many nations  
will roar like water.
- 13 Many nations are like much water,  
as when much water violently rushes  
down.  
And he will damn him and pursue him far  
away,  
like the dust of chaff when they winnow  
before the wind  
and like a squall that drives a circling  
dust cloud.
- 14 Toward evening there will be lamentation;  
before morning, and it will not be.  
This is the portion of those who despoiled  
you  
and an inheritance for those who  
inherited you.

- 18 Ah, wings of a land of ships  
beyond the rivers of Ethiopia—  
2 he who sends hostages by sea  
and papyrus letters on the water!  
For swift messengers will go  
to a high nation,  
and a foreign and fierce people:  
who is beyond it?  
It is a nation  
without hope and trampled down.
- 3 Now the rivers of the land  
will be all like an inhabited country;  
their country will be inhabited  
as if a signal were raised from a  
mountain—  
like the sound of a trumpet will it be  
heard,  
4 because thus the Lord said to me:  
There will be safety in my city  
like the light of midday heat,  
and it will be like a cloud of dew  
in the day of harvest.
- 5 Before the harvest, when the blossom has  
been completed  
and the unripe grape blossoms—  
a grape-bearing blossom—  
then he will take away the little clusters with  
pruning hooks  
and take away the small branches and cut  
them off
- 6 and leave them together  
to the birds of heaven

and to the beasts of the earth.  
And the birds of heaven will be gathered  
over them,  
and all the beasts of the earth will come  
upon him.

7 At that time gifts will be brought to the Lord  
Sabaoth from a people afflicted and plucked and  
from a great people henceforth and forever, a na-  
tion having hope and trodden down, which is in a  
part of a river of its land, to Mount Sion, the place  
where the name of the Lord Sabaoth is.

## 19 A vision concerning Egypt.

- See, the Lord is sitting on a swift cloud  
and will come to Egypt,  
and the handiworks<sup>a</sup> of Egypt will be  
shaken at his presence,  
and their heart will be dismayed within  
them.
- 2 And Egyptians will be stirred up against  
Egyptians,  
and a man will war against his brother,  
and a man against his neighbor,  
city against city and province against  
province,
- 3 and the spirit of the Egyptians will be  
troubled within them,  
and I will scatter their counsel,  
and they will consult their gods and their  
images  
and those who speak out of the earth and  
the ventriloquists,
- 4 and I will deliver Egypt  
into the hands of men, cruel lords,  
and cruel kings will lord it over them.
- This is what the Lord Sabaoth says:  
5 And the Egyptians will drink the water that  
is by the sea,  
but the river will fail and be dried up,  
6 and the rivers and the canals of the river will  
fail,  
and every gathering of water,  
even in every marsh of reed and papyrus,  
will be dried up.
- 7 And the green marsh grass,  
all that is around the river  
and all that is sown by the river,  
will be dried up, blasted by the wind.
- 8 And the fishers will groan,  
and all who cast hooks into the river will  
groan,  
and those who cast seines and those who  
are anglers will mourn.
- 9 And shame will take hold of those who  
work the split flax  
and those who work the linen.
- 10 And those who weave them will be in pain,  
and all who make beer will be grieved,  
and they will afflict their souls.

<sup>a</sup>Or *idols*



- 11 And the rulers of Tanis will be fools;  
as for the wise counselors of the king,  
their counsel will become foolish.  
How will you say to the king,  
"We are sons of sages,  
sons of kings who were from the  
beginning"?
- 12 Where now are your wise men?  
And let them also declare to you and say  
what the Lord Sabaoth has planned  
against Egypt.
- 13 The rulers of Tanis have failed,  
and the rulers of Memphis have been  
exalted,  
and they will lead Egypt astray  
<sup>a</sup>tribe by tribe<sup>a</sup>.
- 14 For the Lord has prepared<sup>b</sup> for them  
a spirit of error,  
and they have led Egypt astray in all their  
works,  
as the drunkard and the one who vomits  
are led astray together.
- 15 And there will not be a work for the  
Egyptians  
that will make head or tail, beginning or  
end.

16 But on that day the Egyptians will be like women in fear and in trembling before the hand of the Lord Sabaoth, which he will lay on them. <sup>17</sup>And the land of the Judeans will become a terror to the Egyptians. As for everyone who should mention it to them—they will fear because of the plan that the Lord has planned against it.

18 On that day there will be five cities in Egypt speaking the Chananite language and swearing in the name of the Lord. The one city will be called Asedek City.

19 On that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the land of the Egyptians and a stele to the Lord at its border. <sup>20</sup>And it will be a sign forever to the Lord in the country of Egypt, because they will cry to the Lord on account of those who oppress them, and the Lord will send them a man who will save them—judging he will save them. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord will be known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the Lord on that day and will offer sacrifices and make vows to the Lord and repay them. <sup>22</sup>And the Lord will strike the Egyptians with a great blow and heal them with healing, and they will return to the Lord, and he will listen to them and heal them.

23 On that day there will be a way from Egypt to the Assyrians, and the Assyrians will enter Egypt, and the Egyptians will go to the Assyrians, and the Egyptians will be subject to the Assyrians.

24 On that day Israel will be third among the Assyrians and among the Egyptians, blessed in the land <sup>25</sup>that the Lord Sabaoth has blessed, saying, "Blessed be my people that are in Egypt and among the Assyrians, even Israel my heritage."

**20** In the year that Tanathan entered Azotos, when he was sent by Sarnan, king of the Assyrians, and waged war against Azotos and took it—<sup>2</sup>then the Lord spoke to Esaias, saying, "Go, and take off the sackcloth from your loins, and untie your sandals off your feet," and he did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup>And the Lord said, "Just as my servant Esaias has walked naked and barefoot for three years, there will be signs and portents to the Egyptians and Ethiopians, <sup>4</sup>because thus shall the king of the Assyrians lead away the captivity of Egypt and of the Ethiopians, young and old, naked and barefoot, uncovered—the shame of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And the Egyptians, having been defeated, shall be ashamed because of the Ethiopians, in whom the Egyptians had trusted, for they were their glory. <sup>6</sup>And those who dwell in this island will say, 'See, we had trusted to flee to them for help, who could not be saved from the king of the Assyrians! And we, how shall we be saved?'"

**21** The vision of the wilderness.

- As a whirlwind might pass through a wilderness—  
coming from a wilderness, from land—  
dreadful <sup>2</sup>and harsh is the vision declared to me;  
<sup>c</sup>the betrayer betrays;  
the lawless one acts lawlessly.  
The Ailamites are upon me,  
and the envoys of the Persians are coming upon me.  
Now I will groan and comfort myself.  
3 Therefore my loins have been filled with weakness,  
and pangs have seized me  
like a woman in labor;  
<sup>d</sup>I did wrong not hearing;  
I hastened not seeing<sup>d</sup>.  
4 My heart wanders, and lawlessness<sup>e</sup>  
overwhelms me;  
my soul has turned to fear.  
5 Prepare<sup>f</sup> the table;  
drink; eat!  
Rise up, rulers;  
prepare shields!  
6 Because thus the Lord said to me:  
"Go, post a lookout for yourself,  
and announce whatever you see."  
7 And I saw two riding horsemen,  
a rider on a donkey and a rider on a camel.  
Listen with much listening,  
8 and call Ourias to the watchtower of the Lord.  
And he said:  
"I stood continually by day,  
and over the camp I stood  
the whole night.  
9 And look, he himself comes,

<sup>a</sup>Or according to its tribes <sup>b</sup>Or mixed as a drink <sup>c</sup>Or the one who rejects, rejects <sup>d</sup>Or I did wrong so as not to hear; I endeavored not to see <sup>e</sup>Or my lawlessness <sup>f</sup>Gk = sg (others in verse pl)

a rider of a pair of horses!"  
 Then he answered and said,  
 "Babylon has fallen,  
 and all her images and <sup>a</sup>the works of her  
 hands<sup>a</sup>  
 have been crushed to the ground."  
 10 Hear, you who have been left and you who  
 are in pain;  
 hear the things I have heard from the  
 Lord Sabaoth;  
 the God of Israel has announced them  
 to us.

11 The vision concerning Idumea.  
 He calls to me from Seir,  
 "Guard the battlements!"  
 12 I guard them in the morning and at night.  
 If you would inquire, inquire,  
 and dwell by me."

13 In the evening, you will lie down in the  
 thicket,  
 in the way of Dedan.  
 14 Bring water to meet the thirsty,  
 O you who dwell in the land of  
 Thaiman;  
 meet with bread those who flee  
 15 because of the multitude of those who flee  
 and because of the multitude of those  
 who wander  
 and because of the multitude of the dagger  
 and because of the multitude of the  
 poisoned arrows  
 and because of the multitude of those  
 who have fallen in war.

16 For thus the Lord said to me: Yet a year, like  
 the year of a hired worker—the glory of the sons of  
 Kedar will fail,<sup>17</sup> and the rest of the arrows of  
 Kedar's strong sons will be few, because the Lord,  
 the God of Israel, has spoken.

## 22 The vision concerning the ravine of Zion.

What has happened to you<sup>b</sup> now  
 that you have all gone up to useless  
 housetops?  
 2 The city was filled with people shouting.  
 Your wounded were not wounded by dagger,  
 nor were your dead men dead in battle.  
 3 All your rulers have fled,  
 and those who were caught have been  
 harshly bound,  
 and those who are strong in you have  
 fled far away.  
 4 Therefore I said:  
 Leave me alone;  
 I will weep bitterly;  
 do not prevail in comforting me  
 for the ruin of the daughter of my race.  
 5 Because it is a day of trouble  
 and destruction and trampling

and there is wandering from the Lord  
 Sabaoth  
 in the ravine of Zion,  
 from small to great they wander;  
 they wander on the mountains.  
 6 Now the Ailamites took quivers—  
 riding men on horses  
 and a gathering for battle.  
 7 And your choicest ravines will be filled with  
 chariots,  
 and the cavalry will block your gates.  
 8 And they will uncover the gates of Ioudas  
 and look on that day into the choicest  
 houses of the city,  
 9 and they will uncover the secrets  
 of the houses of the citadel of Daud.

And they saw that there were rather many and  
 that they had turned the water of the old pool into  
 the city<sup>10</sup> and that they had demolished the houses  
 of Ierousalem to fortify the wall for the city.<sup>11</sup> And  
 you <sup>c</sup>produced water<sup>c</sup> for yourselves between the  
 two walls, further inward than the old pool. But  
 you did not look to him who made it from the be-  
 ginning, nor did you see him who created it.

12 And in that day the Lord Sabaoth  
 called for weeping and lamentation  
 and shaving and girding with sackcloth,  
 13 but they engaged in joy and gladness,  
 killing calves and slaughtering sheep  
 in order to eat meat and drink wine,  
 saying:  
 "Let us eat and drink,  
 for tomorrow we die."  
 14 And these things are revealed in the ears of  
 the Lord Sabaoth,  
 because<sup>d</sup> this sin will not be forgiven you  
 until you die.

15 This is what the Lord Sabaoth says: Go into  
 the priestly chamber, to Somnas the treasurer, and  
 say to him:<sup>16</sup> Why are you here? What do you have  
 here, that you have cut out a tomb here for your-  
 self and made for yourself a tomb on the height  
 and inscribed a tent for yourself in a rock?<sup>17</sup> Look  
 now, the Lord Sabaoth will hurl away and wipe out  
 a man, and he will take away your robe<sup>(18)</sup> and  
 your glorious crown<sup>18</sup> and throw you into a great  
 and immeasurable land; there you shall die. And  
 he will make your fair chariot a disgrace and your  
 ruler's house something trampled down,<sup>19</sup> and  
 you will be removed from your office and from  
 your position.

20 And it shall be on that day that I will call my  
 servant Eliakim the son of Chelkias<sup>21</sup> and will  
 clothe him with your robe and give him your  
 crown, and I will give your power and office into  
 his hands, and he shall be as a father to those who  
 dwell in Ierousalem and to those who dwell in  
 Ioudas.<sup>22</sup> And I will give him the glory of Daud,  
 and he shall rule, and there shall be no one to con-

<sup>a</sup>Or *her idols*   <sup>b</sup>Gk = sg (next in verse pl; then sg in vv. 2-3)   <sup>c</sup>Or *made a reservoir*   <sup>d</sup>Or *that*

tradict him. <sup>23</sup>And I will make him ruler in a secure place, and he will become a throne of glory to his father's house. <sup>24</sup>And everyone who is glorious in his father's house, from small to great, will trust in him, and they will <sup>a</sup>hang over<sup>a</sup> him <sup>25</sup>on that day. This is what the Lord Sabaoth says: The man who was fastened in a secure place will be removed and will fall, and the glory that was on him will be taken away, for the Lord has spoken.

## 23 The vision of Tyre.

Wail, O ships of Carthage,  
for she has perished,  
and people no longer come from the land  
of the Kitieans:  
she has been led captive.

2 To whom have become similar those who  
dwell in the island—  
the merchants of Phoenicia,  
crossing the sea

3 on much water,  
an offspring of merchants?  
The merchants of the nations  
are as when a harvest is being gathered  
in.

4 "Be ashamed, O Sidon," said the sea,  
and the strength of the sea said:  
"I have not travailed nor given birth  
nor reared young men nor raised up  
virgins."

5 But when it becomes heard in Egypt,  
anguish concerning Tyre will take hold of  
them.

6 Go away to Carthage—  
wail, O you who dwell in this island!

7 Was this not your pride from the  
beginning,  
before she was handed over?

8 Who has planned these things against Tyre?  
Is she inferior? Or does she have no  
strength?  
Her traders are glorious,  
rulers of the earth!

9 The Lord Sabaoth has planned  
to undo all the pride of the glorious  
ones  
and to dishonor every glorious thing on  
the earth.

10 Work your land,  
for indeed ships no longer come from  
Carthage.

11 But your hand, which irritated kings,  
is no longer strong by sea;  
the Lord Sabaoth commanded concerning  
Chanaan  
to destroy her strength.

12 And they will say:  
You will no longer continue to insult  
and do wrong to the daughter of Sidon;  
even if you go away to the Kitieans,  
not even there will you have rest.

13 And <sup>b</sup>if you go<sup>b</sup> to the land of the Chaldeans,  
this too has been made desolate by the Assyrians,  
because her wall has fallen.

14 Wail, O ships of Carthage,  
because your fortress has perished.

15 And it shall be on that day that Tyre will be abandoned for seventy years, like the time of a king, like the time of a man. And it shall be that after seventy years Tyre will be like the song about a prostitute:

16 Take a lyre;  
roam, you city,  
you forgotten prostitute!  
Play the lyre well;  
sing much,  
that you may be remembered.

17 And it shall be that after seventy years God will pay a visit to Tyre, and she will be restored again to her ancient condition and will be a market center for all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>18</sup>And her merchandise and her wages will be holy to the Lord; it will not be gathered for them, but all her merchandise will be for those who live in the presence of the Lord, to eat and drink and be filled, <sup>c</sup>as a covenant, a memorial<sup>c</sup> in the presence of the Lord.

## 24 Look, the Lord is ruining the world and will make it desolate, and he will uncover its surface and scatter those who dwell in it.

2 And the people shall be like the priest,  
and the servant like the master,  
and the maid like the mistress;  
the buyer shall be like the seller,  
and the lender like the borrower,  
and the creditor like the one to whom he  
owes.

3 The earth shall be ruined with ruin,  
and the earth shall be plundered with  
plundering,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken  
these things.

4 The earth mourned,  
and the world was ruined;  
the exalted ones of the earth mourned.

5 And the earth behaved lawlessly  
because of those who inhabit it,  
because they transgressed the law  
and changed the ordinances—  
an everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore a curse will devour the earth,  
because those who inhabit it have sinned;  
therefore those who dwell in the earth will  
be poor,  
and few people will be left.

7 The wine will mourn;  
the vine will mourn;  
all who rejoice in their soul will groan.

8 The joy of the drums has ceased;  
the stubbornness and wealth of the  
impious have ceased;  
the sound of the lyre has ceased.

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *depend on*   <sup>b</sup>Lacking in Gk   <sup>c</sup>Possibly *for a contribution to be kept as remembrance*

9 They felt shame, did not drink wine;  
the sikera<sup>a</sup> became bitter to those who  
drank it.

10 Every city was made desolate;  
he will shut up the house so that no one  
can enter.

11 Wail everywhere for the wine;  
all the joy of the earth has ceased.

12 And cities will be left desolate;  
abandoned houses will perish.

13 All these things shall be on the earth,  
in the midst of the nations;  
just as when someone glean an olive tree,  
so shall people glean them,  
even when the harvest has ceased.

14 These will cry aloud with their voice,  
but those who are left in the land  
will rejoice together in the glory of the Lord.  
The water of the sea will be troubled.

15 Therefore the glory to the Lord will be in the  
islands of the sea;  
the name of the Lord will be glorious.

16 O Lord God of Israel,  
(16) from the wings of the earth  
we have heard wonders:  
Hope for the godly one.  
But <sup>b</sup>those who reject the law will say,  
Woe to those who reject!<sup>b</sup>

17 Fear and pit and snare  
are upon you who dwell on the earth!

18 And it shall be that the one who flees from  
the fear  
shall fall into the pit,  
and the one who gets out of the pit  
shall be caught by the snare,  
because windows have been opened out of  
heaven,  
and the foundations of the earth will be  
shaken.

19 The earth will be troubled with trouble,  
and the earth will be perplexed with  
perplexity.

20 The earth has bent over, and it will be  
shaken like a garden-watcher's hut,  
like the one who drinks too much and is  
intoxicated,  
and it will fall and will not be able to rise,  
for lawlessness has prevailed upon it.

21 And God will bring his hand  
against the ornament of heaven  
and against the kings of the earth.

22 And they will gather them together  
and shut them up in a fortress and in a  
prison;  
through many generations  
will be their visitation.

23 Then the brick will be dissolved,  
and the wall will fall,  
because the Lord will reign

in Sion and in Ierousalem,  
and before the elders he will be glorified.

25 O Lord, my God,  
I will glorify you; I will sing hymns to your  
name,  
because you have done wonderful things—  
an ancient, true plan. May it be so,  
Lord!

2 Because you have made cities a heap,  
fortified cities, so their foundations might  
fall;  
the city of the impious will not be built  
forever.

3 Therefore the poor people will bless you,  
and cities of ill-treated persons will bless  
you.

4 For you have become a helper to every  
humble city  
and a shelter to those who are dispirited  
because of poverty;  
you will rescue them from evil persons—  
a shelter for the thirsty and breath for ill-  
treated persons,

5 like faint-hearted persons thirsting in Sion,  
because of the impious, to whom you  
delivered us.

6 On this mountain the Lord Sabaoth will  
make <sup>c</sup>a feast<sup>c</sup> for all nations:  
they will drink joy;  
they will drink wine;  
they will anoint themselves with  
perfume.

(7) Deliver all these things to the nations on  
this mountain,  
for this counsel is against all the nations.

8 Death, having prevailed, swallowed them  
up,  
and God has again taken away every tear  
from every face;  
the disgrace of the people he has taken away  
from all the earth,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

9 And they will say on that day,  
Lo, our God, in whom we were hoping,  
and we were glad in our salvation,  
because God will give us rest on this  
mountain,  
and Moabitis shall be trodden down  
as they tread a threshing floor with  
wagons.

11 And he will send forth his hands,  
as he himself brought him low to destroy  
him,  
and he will bring low his pride—  
things on which he laid his hands.

12 And he will bring low the height of the  
refuge of your wall,  
and it will come down all the way to the  
ground.

<sup>a</sup>Aram = strong drink <sup>b</sup>Or they will say, Woe to those who reject—those who reject the law <sup>c</sup>Lacking in Gk

- 26** On that day they will sing this song on the land of Ioudas, saying:  
 Look, a strong city,  
 and he will make our salvation  
 its wall and outer wall.
- 2 Open the gates;  
 let a people enter that keeps  
 righteousness  
 and that keeps truth,
- 3 that lays hold of truth  
 and that keeps peace,  
 because in you
- 4 have they hoped, O Lord, forever—  
 the great, everlasting God,
- 5 you who have humbled and brought down  
 those who dwell in lofty places;  
 you will cast down strong cities  
 and bring them down to the ground,
- 6 and the feet of the gentle and humble  
 will trample them.
- 7 The way of the godly has become straight;  
 the way of the godly has also been  
 prepared,
- 8 for the way of the Lord is judgment;  
 we have hoped in your name  
 and in the remembrance
- 9 that our soul desires.  
 In the night my spirit <sup>a</sup>arises early toward  
 you<sup>a</sup>, O God,  
 because your ordinances are a light upon  
 the earth.  
 Learn righteousness, you who dwell on the  
 earth;
- 10 for the impious one has come to an end;  
 he will not learn righteousness on the earth;  
 he will not perform truth.  
 Let the ungodly one be taken away  
 so that he may not see the glory of the  
 Lord.
- 11 O Lord, your arm is lifted up,  
 and they have not known it,  
 but once they realize it, they will be  
 ashamed.  
 Jealousy will take hold of an uninstructed  
 people,  
 and fire will now consume the  
 adversaries.
- 12 O Lord, our God, give us peace,  
 for you have granted us all things.
- 13 O Lord, our God, take possession of us;  
 O Lord, we know no other besides you;  
 we name your name.
- 14 But the dead will not see life,  
 nor will physicians raise them up;  
 because of this you have brought them and  
 destroyed them  
 and taken away all their males.
- 15 Increase evils on them, O Lord;  
 increase evils on the glorious ones of the  
 earth.
- 16 O Lord, in affliction I remembered you;  
 with small affliction <sup>b</sup>your chastening was  
 on us<sup>b</sup>.
- 17 And as a woman in travail is about to give  
 birth  
 and cries out in her pangs,  
 so were we to your beloved  
 because of the fear of you, O Lord.
- (18) We conceived and travailed and gave birth;  
<sup>c</sup>we produced a wind of your salvation<sup>c</sup>  
 on the earth,  
 but those who dwell on the earth will fall.
- 19 The dead shall rise, and those who are in  
 the tombs shall be raised,  
 and those who are in the earth shall  
 rejoice;  
 for the dew from you is healing to them,  
 but the land of the impious shall fall.
- 20 Go, my people, enter your chambers;  
 shut your door;  
 hide yourselves for a little while  
 until the wrath of the Lord has passed.
- 21 For look, the Lord from his holy place<sup>d</sup>  
 brings his wrath upon those who dwell  
 on the earth;  
 the earth will disclose its blood  
 and will not cover the slain.
- 27** On that day God will bring his holy and  
 great and strong dagger against the dragon,  
 a fleeing snake—against the dragon, a crooked  
 snake—and he will kill the dragon.
- 2 On that day:  
 A beautiful vineyard—  
 a desire to begin singing about it.
- 3 I am a strong city, a besieged city;  
 in vain will I water it,  
 for it will be taken by night,  
 and by day the wall will fall.
- 4 There is not <sup>a</sup>a city<sup>d</sup> that has not taken hold  
 of it;  
 who will set me to watch stubble in a  
 field?  
 Because of this enmity I have set it aside.  
 Therefore because of this the Lord God has  
 done all things,  
 whatever he has ordained.  
 I have been burned up.
- 5 Those who dwell in it will cry out:  
 Let us make peace with him;  
 let us make peace!
- 6 <sup>e</sup>Those who are coming are the children of  
 Iakob;  
 Israel shall bud and blossom<sup>e</sup>,  
 and the world will be filled with his fruit.
- 7 Will he be smitten even as he himself has  
 struck?

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *eagerly seeks you* <sup>b</sup>Or *you instructed us* <sup>c</sup>*we did not produce a wind of salvation* = Zi <sup>d</sup>Lacking in Gk  
<sup>e</sup>Or *As for those who are coming: the sons of Iakob shall bud, and Israel shall blossom*

And will he be killed even as he himself  
has killed?  
8 Fighting and reviling, he will send them  
away.  
Were you not the one who conspired  
with your harsh spirit  
to kill them with a spirit of wrath?  
9 Because of this the lawlessness of Iakob will  
be removed.  
And this is his blessing, when I remove  
his sin,  
when they make all the stones of the altars<sup>a</sup>  
broken pieces like fine dust,  
and their trees will not remain,  
and their idols will be cut down like a  
forest far away.  
10 The inhabited fold will be left deserted,  
like a forsaken fold,  
and it will be turned into a feeding place for  
a long time,  
and there they will rest.  
11 Then after a time there will be nothing  
green in it,  
because it will have dried up.  
You women who come from a spectacle,  
come here!  
For it is not a people having  
understanding;  
therefore he that made them will not have  
compassion,  
nor will he that formed them have mercy.  
12 And it shall be on that day that the Lord will  
fence them in from the canal of the river to  
Rhinocorura, but as for you, gather the sons of Isra-  
el one by one. <sup>13</sup>And it shall be on that day that they  
will trumpet with the great trumpet, and those who  
were lost in the country of the Assyrians and those  
who were lost in Egypt will come and do obeisance  
to the Lord on the holy mountain at Ierusalem.

**28** Ah, the crown of pride,  
the hired workers of Ephraim,  
the flower that has fallen from its glory  
on the top of the stout<sup>b</sup> mountain—  
those who are drunk without wine!  
2 See, the wrath of the Lord is a strong and  
harsh thing,  
like hail rushing down where there is no  
shelter;  
violently rushing down like a great flood  
that sweeps a country,  
it will give rest <sup>c</sup>to the land.  
With hands <sup>3</sup>and feet the garland<sup>c</sup> of pride  
will be trampled—  
the hired workers of Ephraim.  
4 And the flower that has fallen from its  
glorious hope  
on the topmost of the lofty mountain  
will be like an early fig;  
the one who sees it will want to eat it up  
before he takes it into his hand.

5 In that day the Lord Sabaoth will be the  
garland of hope,  
which is woven of glory, to what is left of  
my people.  
6 They will be left for a spirit of judgment—  
for judgment and strength <sup>d</sup>in forbidding  
anyone to destroy<sup>d</sup>.  
7 For these have gone astray with wine;  
they went astray because of sikera<sup>e</sup>;  
the priest and the prophet lost their senses  
because of wine;  
they were shaken up as a result of the  
drunkenness of sikera<sup>e</sup>;  
they went astray; this is an omen.  
8 A curse will devour this counsel,  
for this counsel is for the sake of greed.  
9 To whom did we declare evil things,  
and to whom did we declare a  
message?  
Those who are weaned from milk,  
those pulled away from the breast?  
10 Expect affliction upon affliction,  
hope upon hope,  
yet a little, yet a little,  
11 because of contempt from lips,  
through a different tongue,  
because they will speak to this people,  
saying to them,  
"This is the rest for the hungry,  
and this is the destruction<sup>e</sup>;  
yet they would not hear.  
13 And the oracle of the Lord God will be to  
them  
affliction upon affliction,  
hope upon hope,  
yet a little, yet a little,  
in order that they may go and fall  
backward,  
and they will be in danger and crushed  
and taken.  
14 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you  
afflicted men  
and rulers of this people that is in  
Ierusalem.  
15 Because you have said, "We have made a  
covenant with Hades  
and agreements with death,  
if a rushing storm passes through,  
it will not come to us;  
we have made falsehood our hope,  
and in falsehood we will be sheltered";  
16 therefore thus says the Lord,  
See, I will lay for the foundations of Sion  
a precious, choice stone,  
a highly valued cornerstone for its  
foundations,  
and the one who believes in him will not  
be put to shame.  
17 And I will turn judgment into hope,

<sup>a</sup>Gk = *bōmos* <sup>b</sup>Or *rich* <sup>c</sup>to the land, to hands, and to feet. And the garland = Zi <sup>d</sup>Gk uncertain <sup>e</sup>Aram = *strong drink*

- and my mercy will become weight  
balances,  
and as for you who trust vainly in  
falsehood,  
<sup>a</sup>I tell you<sup>a</sup> that the tempest will not pass  
you by,  
18 lest it also take away your covenant of  
death.  
And your hope regarding Hades will not  
remain;  
if a rushing storm comes,  
you will be trampled down by it.  
19 When it passes by, it will take you;  
early, early in the day it will pass by,  
and at night it will be an evil hope<sup>b</sup>;  
learn to hear.  
20 We are in straits and unable to fight,  
and we ourselves are too weak to be  
mobilized.  
21 He will rise up as a mountain of impious  
ones,  
and he will be in the ravine of Gabaon;  
with wrath he will do his deeds—a deed of  
bitterness!  
But his wrath will deal strangely,  
and his bitterness will be strange.  
22 And as for you, may you not rejoice,  
nor let your bonds become strong,  
because I have heard from the Lord  
Sabaoth  
of deeds finished and cut short,  
which he will perform upon the whole  
land.  
23 Give ear, and hear my voice;  
pay attention, and hear my words.  
24 Will the plowman plow the whole day?  
Will he prepare the seed prior to working  
the land?  
25 When he has leveled its surface,  
does he not then sow small dill<sup>c</sup> and  
cumin  
and again sow wheat and barley  
and spelt in your borders?  
26 And you will be instructed by the judgment  
of your God,  
and you will rejoice.  
27 For the dill is not purified with harshness,  
nor will a cart wheel roll over the cumin,  
but the dill<sup>b</sup> is shaken with a rod,  
and the cumin <sup>28</sup>will be eaten with  
bread.  
For I will not be angry with you forever,  
nor will the voice of my bitterness  
trample you.  
29 And these wonders came forth from the  
Lord Sabaoth;  
take counsel; lift up a vain appeal.
- 29** Ah, city of Ariel,  
against which Daud waged war!
- Gather crops year by year,  
for you will eat with Moab.  
2 For I will greatly distress Ariel,  
and her strength and wealth shall be  
mine.  
3 And like Daud I will surround you;  
I will lay ramparts around you  
and set up towers around you.  
4 Then your words shall be brought low to  
the earth;  
to the earth shall your words sink;  
your voice shall be like those who utter  
sounds from the earth,  
and your voice shall be weak near the  
ground.  
5 But the wealth of the impious shall be like  
dust from a wheel  
and like flying chaff.  
And it shall be like an instant, suddenly,  
6 from the Lord Sabaoth,  
for there shall be a visitation  
with thunder and earthquake and a great  
voice,  
a rushing storm and a devouring flame of  
fire.  
7 And the wealth of all the nations—  
as many as marched against Ariel  
and all that went to war against  
Ierusalem  
and all who were gathered against her  
and were distressing her—  
shall be like one who dreams in his sleep.  
8 And they shall be like those who hunger  
and eat in their sleep,  
and after rising, their dream is vain,  
and just as a thirsty person dreams that he is  
drinking  
and after rising is still thirsty  
and his soul has hoped for something  
vain,  
so shall the wealth of all the nations be,  
as many as have marched against Mount  
Sion.  
9 Be faint and amazed;  
get a drunken headache—  
not from strong drink  
nor from wine!  
10 Because the Lord has made you drink  
with a spirit of deep sleep;  
he will close their eyes  
and those of their prophets and of their  
rulers—  
the ones who see the hidden things.  
11 And all these sayings shall become for you  
like the words of this sealed book. If they give it to  
a learned man, saying, "Read these things," then he  
will say, "I cannot read it, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And  
this book will be given into the hands of an un-  
learned man, and one will say to him, "Read this,"  
and he will say, "I am not learned."

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Or *boding* <sup>c</sup>Or *black cumin*

13 The Lord said:  
 These people draw near me;  
 they honor me with their lips,  
 while their heart is far from me,  
 and in vain do they worship me,  
 teaching human precepts and teachings.

14 Therefore look, I will proceed  
 to remove this people.  
 I will remove them and destroy the wisdom  
 of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I  
 will hide.

15 Ah, those who make plans deeply  
 and not through the Lord!  
 Ah, those who make plans in secret,  
 and their works will be in darkness!  
 And they will say, "Who has seen us,  
 and who will know us or the things we  
 do?"

16 Shall you not be regarded as the potter's  
 clay?  
 Shall the thing formed say to the one who  
 formed it,  
 "You did not form me,"  
 or the thing made to the one who made it,  
 "You made me with no understanding"?

17 Is it not yet a little while,  
 and Lebanon shall be changed like  
 Mount Chermel,  
 and Mount Chermel shall be regarded as  
 a forest?

18 On that day the deaf shall hear  
 the words of a scroll,  
 and as for those who are in the darkness  
 and those who are in the fog,  
 the eyes of the blind shall see.

19 And the poor shall be glad with joy because  
 of the Lord,  
 and those despairing among people shall  
 be filled with joy.

20 The lawless has failed,  
 and the arrogant has perished,  
 and those who transgress wickedly have  
 been utterly destroyed—

21 even those who cause people to sin in word.  
 And they will make all those who reprove in  
 the gates a cause of stumbling,  
 and they have turned aside the just  
<sup>a</sup>among the unjust<sup>a</sup>.

22 Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning  
 the house of Iakob, which he set apart from  
 Abraam:  
 Iakob shall not be ashamed now,  
 nor shall Israel now change his face.

23 But when <sup>b</sup>their children see my works<sup>b</sup>,  
 because of me they will sanctify my name;  
 they will sanctify the Holy One of Iakob  
 and will fear the God of Israel.

24 And those who wander in spirit will know  
 understanding,

and those who grumble will learn to  
 obey,  
 [and the faltering tongues will learn to  
 speak peace].

30 Oh, rebellious children, this is what the  
 Lord says,  
 You made a plan not through me  
 and agreements not through my spirit,  
 to add sins to sins—

2 those who walk to go down to Egypt  
 but did not ask me,  
 to be helped by Pharao  
 and to be sheltered by the Egyptians.

3 For <sup>c</sup>the shelter of Pharao shall become a  
 shame to you,<sup>c</sup>  
 and to those who trust in Egypt, a  
 reproach.

4 Because there are leaders in Tanis,  
 evil messengers,  
 5 in vain shall they become weary  
 with a people that shall not profit them—  
 (5) neither for help nor for profit  
 but for shame and reproach.

6 The vision of the quadrupeds in the  
 wilderness.  
 In affliction and distress,  
 there are a lion and a lion's whelp,  
 thence also asps and the offspring of  
 flying asps,  
 those who brought their wealth on donkeys  
 and camels  
 to a nation that shall not profit them for  
 help,  
 but for shame and reproach.

7 The Egyptians shall benefit you in vain and  
 with emptiness;  
 announce to them,  
 "This consolation of yours is vain."

8 Now therefore sit, and write these things  
 on a tablet and in a book,  
 because these things shall be for days of  
 times  
 and even forever.

9 For they are a disobedient people,  
 faithless sons,  
 who were not willing to hear  
 the law of God,  
 10 who say to the prophets, "Do not declare to  
 us"  
 and to those who see visions, "Do not  
 speak to us,  
 but talk to us,  
 and declare to us another error,  
 11 and turn us back from this way; remove  
 from us this path,  
 and remove from us the Holy One of  
 Israel."

12 Therefore thus says the Lord, the Holy One  
 of Israel:

<sup>a</sup>Or with what is unjust <sup>b</sup>Or they see their children, my works <sup>c</sup>Or Pharao shall be your shelter to your shame



- Because you disobeyed these words  
and hoped in a lie  
and because you<sup>a</sup> murmured  
and trusted in this word,  
13 therefore this sin shall be for you  
like a wall falling suddenly  
when a strong city is taken,  
whose fall comes suddenly,  
14 and its fall will be like the crushing of an  
earthen vessel,  
becoming small fragments of a jar  
so that you cannot find among them a  
sherd  
in which you can take up fire  
and in which you can skim off a little  
water.
- 15 Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel:  
When you turn back and groan,  
then you shall be saved and realize where  
you were;  
when you placed your trust in vain things,  
your strength became vain.  
And you were not willing to hear <sup>16</sup>but said,  
“We will flee upon horses”—  
therefore you shall flee!  
And you said, “We will be riders upon swift  
steeds<sup>b</sup>”—  
therefore those who pursue you shall be  
swift!
- 17 Because of the voice of one, a thousand  
shall flee,  
and because of the voice of five, many  
shall flee,  
until you are left  
like a pole on a mountain,  
like someone bearing a standard on a  
hill.
- 18 And again God will wait to have  
compassion on you;  
therefore he will be exalted to show  
mercy to you,  
because the Lord our God is a judge,  
and where will you leave your glory?  
Happy are those who stay firm in him.
- 19 Because a holy people shall dwell in Sion,  
and Jerusalem wept with weeping, “Have mercy  
on me,” he will have mercy on you for the voice of  
your cry; when he saw, he listened to you. <sup>20</sup>And  
the Lord will give you<sup>c</sup> bread of affliction and scant  
water, and those who lead you astray will not come  
near you any more, because your eyes shall see  
those who lead you astray <sup>21</sup>and your ears shall  
hear the words of those behind you who have led  
you astray, who say, “This is the way; let us walk in  
it, whether to the right or to the left.” <sup>22</sup>And you  
will remove the silver-covered and the gold-cov-  
ered idols. You will make small and scatter them<sup>b</sup>  
like the water of a <sup>d</sup>woman who sits apart<sup>d</sup>, and  
like dung you will throw them out.

23 Then will there be rain for the seed of your  
land, and the bread of the produce of your land  
will be plenteous and rich. And on that day your  
cattle will graze in a fertile and spacious place;  
<sup>24</sup>your bulls and oxen that work the land will eat  
chaff prepared with winnowed barley. <sup>25</sup>On every  
lofty mountain and every high hill there will be  
running water, on that day when many perish and  
when towers fall. <sup>26</sup>And the light of the moon will  
be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun  
will be sevenfold on the day when the Lord heals  
the destruction of his people, and he will heal the  
pain of your wound.

- 27 See, the name of the Lord comes after a long  
time;  
his wrath is burning;  
the oracle of his lips is with glory; his oracle  
is full of anger,  
and the anger of his wrath will devour  
like fire;
- 28 his breath, like water sweeping in a ravine,  
will come up to the neck and be divided  
to confuse nations in<sup>e</sup> vain error,  
and error will pursue them  
and lay hold of them face-to-face.

29 Must you continually rejoice and continual-  
ly enter my holy places as if you were keeping a  
feast? And as if you were rejoicing must you come  
in with a flute to the mountain of the Lord, to the  
God of Israel? <sup>30</sup>And God will make the glory of  
his voice to be heard, and he will show the wrath  
of his arm with wrath and anger and a devouring  
flame; he will thunder violently, even like water  
and hailstones falling down with violence. <sup>31</sup>The  
Assyrians will be defeated because of the voice of  
the Lord, through the stroke with which he will  
smite them. <sup>32</sup>And this will happen to him on all  
sides, from where the hope of help in which he  
himself trusted came to him; they in turn will wage  
war against him with flutes and lyres, <sup>33</sup>for you  
will be deceived before those<sup>b</sup> days; was it also for  
you to reign that it was made ready with a deep  
trench, wood piled, fire and wood in abundance?  
The wrath of the Lord is like a ravine burning with  
brimstone.

- 31** Ah, those who go down to Egypt for help,  
who trust in horses and in chariots, for  
they are many,  
and in horses—a great multitude—  
but did not trust in the Holy One of Israel  
and did not seek God!
- 2 And he, being wise, brought evils upon  
them;  
his word will not be set to naught.  
And he will rise against the houses of evil  
men  
and against their vain hope—
- 3 an Egyptian, a man and not God—

<sup>a</sup>Gk = sg (previous verbs pl) <sup>b</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>c</sup>Gk = pl (others in context sg) <sup>d</sup>Or *menstruating woman*  
<sup>e</sup>Or *for their*

the flesh of horses, and there is no help.  
 But the Lord will turn his hand against  
 them,  
 and those who help will grow weary,  
 and they will all perish together.

4 Because thus the Lord said to me,  
 As a lion or a whelp might roar  
 over the prey that he has taken  
 and might cry out over it  
 until the mountains are filled with his  
 voice—  
 and they were overcome,  
 and were terrified at the greatness of his  
 wrath—  
 so the Lord Sabaoth will come down,  
 to march against Mount Zion and against  
 its mountains.

5 Like birds flying, so the Lord will shield  
 Ierousalem;  
 he will deliver and preserve and save it.

6 Turn, you who plan a deep and lawless plan,  
 7because on that day people shall disown their  
 handiworks<sup>a</sup> of silver and gold, which their hands  
 have made.

8 Then Assour shall fall; not a man's dagger,  
 nor a human dagger, shall devour him,  
 and he shall not flee from before a dagger,  
 (9) but his young men shall be defeated;  
 9 for they shall be encompassed by a rock, as  
 with a rampart,  
 and they shall be defeated,  
 and the one who flees will be caught.  
 This is what the Lord says:  
 "Happy is the one who has a seed in  
 Sion  
 and kinsmen in Ierousalem."

**32** For see, a just king will reign,  
 and rulers will rule with judgment.

2 The man will be hiding his words  
 and will be hidden as from rushing water,  
 and he will appear in Sion like a rushing  
 river,  
 glorious in a thirsty land.

3 Then no longer will they trust in men,  
 but they will lend their ears to hear.

4 The heart of the weak will apply itself to  
 hear,  
 and the stammering tongues will soon  
 learn to speak peace.

5 And they will no longer tell the fool to rule,  
 and no longer will your servants say, "Be  
 quiet."

6 For the fool will speak folly,  
 and his heart will devise vain things  
 in order to accomplish lawless things  
 and to speak error against the Lord,  
 in order to scatter hungry souls  
 and to make empty the souls that thirst.

7 For the counsel of the evil ones

will plan lawless things,  
 to ruin the humble with unjust words  
 and to scatter the words of the humble in  
 judgment.

8 But the godly have planned intelligent  
 things,  
 and this counsel will remain.

9 Rise up, you wealthy women, and hear my  
 voice;  
 you daughters in hope, hear my words.

10 Mention<sup>b</sup> the days of a year  
 in pain with hope;  
 the vintage has been consumed;  
 the sowing has ceased and will no longer  
 come.

11 Be amazed; be grieved,  
 you confident women;  
 strip; make yourselves bare;  
 gird sackcloth on your loins,  
 and beat your breasts for a desired field  
 and for a fruitful vine.

12 As for the land of my people,  
 thorns and grass will come up,  
 and joy will be removed from every  
 house.  
 A wealthy city,  
 forsaken houses!  
 They will give up a city's wealth  
 and desirable houses.  
 And the villages will be caverns forever,  
 the joy of wild donkeys,  
 a feeding place of shepherds,  
 15 until a spirit from on high comes upon  
 you.  
 And Chermel will be a wilderness,  
 and Chermel will be regarded as a forest.

16 Then judgment will rest in the wilderness,  
 and righteousness abide in Carmel.

17 And the works of righteousness will be  
 peace,  
 and righteousness will hold on to rest,  
 and they will be confident forever.

18 His people will abide in a city of peace,  
 dwell in confidence and rest with wealth.

19 If hail descends, it will not come upon you.  
 And those who dwell in the forests  
 will be confident, like those in the plain.

20 Happy are those who sow beside every  
 water,  
 where ox and donkey tread.

**33** Woe to those who distress you!  
 But no one makes you distressed,  
 and <sup>c</sup>the betrayer does not betray you;  
 the betrayers<sup>c</sup> will be caught and  
 delivered up,  
 and like a moth on a garment,  
 so will they be defeated.

2 O Lord, have mercy on us,  
 for we trust in you.

<sup>a</sup>Or idols <sup>b</sup>Or recall <sup>c</sup>Or the one who rejects does not reject you; the ones who reject

- The seed of the disobedient came to  
destruction,  
but our salvation came in a time of  
affliction.
- 3 Because of the voice of the fear of you,  
peoples were astonished for fear of you,  
and the nations scattered.
- 4 But now your spoils—of small and of  
great—  
will be gathered;  
as someone might gather grasshoppers,  
so will they mock you.
- 5 God who dwells in lofty places is holy;  
Sion is filled with judgment and  
righteousness.
- 6 By law they will be handed over.  
Our salvation is in treasures:  
wisdom and knowledge and piety toward  
the Lord are there;  
these are the treasures of righteousness.
- 7 See now! They themselves will be afraid  
with fear of you;  
those you feared will be afraid because of  
you,  
for messengers will be sent requesting peace,  
weeping bitterly, entreating for peace.
- 8 For the roads of these people will be made  
desolate;  
the fear of the nations has ceased,  
and their covenant with these is being put  
away,  
and you will not reckon them to be men.
- 9 The land mourned;  
Lebanon was ashamed;  
Saron became marshes;  
Galilee and Carmel will become visible.
- 10 “Now I will arise,” says the Lord,  
“now I will be glorified;  
now I will be exalted.
- 11 Now you will see;  
now you will perceive;  
the strength of your spirit will be vain;  
fire will consume you.
- 12 And the nations will be burned  
like a thorn cast out and burned in a  
field.”
- 13 Those who are far away will hear the things  
I have done;  
those who are near will know my might.
- 14 The lawless in Sion have gone away;  
trembling will seize the impious.  
Who will declare to you that a fire is  
burning?  
Who will declare to you the everlasting  
place?
- 15 One walking in righteousness, speaking a  
straight way,  
hating lawlessness and unrighteousness  
and shaking off his hands from gifts,  
making his ears dull, lest he hear a  
judgment of blood,  
shutting his eyes, lest he see  
unrighteousness—
- 16 this one will live  
in the high cave of a strong rock;  
bread will be given to him,  
and his water will be assured.
- 17 You will see a king with glory,  
and your eyes will see a land from far  
away.
- 18 Your soul will muse on fear:  
“Where are the scholars? Where are the  
counselors?  
Where is the one who counts those  
gathering together,  
19 a small and a great people?”  
They took no counsel with him,  
nor did he know deep speech,  
so that a despised people could not  
hear,  
and there is no understanding to the one  
who hears.
- 20 Look, the city of Sion is our salvation!  
Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a wealthy  
city:  
tents that will not be shaken,  
nor will the stakes of its tent be moved  
forever,  
nor will its ropes be broken.
- 21 Because the name of the Lord is great to  
you,  
there will be a place for you—  
rivers and canals, broad and spacious.  
You shall not go this way,  
nor shall a ship go sailing.
- 22 For my God is great; the Lord will not pass  
me by.  
The Lord is our judge; the Lord is our  
ruler;  
the Lord is our king; he will save us.
- 23 Your ropes broke,  
because they were not strong.  
Your mast has bent; it will not release the  
sails;  
it will not raise a signal until it is given  
up for plunder;  
therefore many lame will take plunder.
- 24 And the people who live in them will not  
say, “I am weary,”  
for their sin has been forgiven.
- 34** Draw near, O nations,  
and hear, O rulers!  
Let the earth hear, and those in it,  
the world, and the people that are in it,  
because the wrath of the Lord is against all  
the nations  
and his anger against the whole number  
of them,

<sup>a</sup>Gk uncertain

to destroy them and to give them over for slaughter.  
 3 Their wounded and their dead shall be cast out,  
 and their stench shall rise;  
 the mountains shall be drenched with their blood.  
 4 Heaven shall roll up like a scroll,  
 and all the stars shall fall  
 like leaves from a vine  
 and as leaves fall from a fig tree.  
 5 My dagger has become drunk in heaven;  
 lo, it will descend upon Idumea  
 and upon the people of destruction with judgment.  
 6 The dagger of the Lord is filled with blood;  
 it is gorged with the fat of lambs  
 and with the fat of goats and rams,  
 because the Lord has a sacrifice in Bosor  
 and a great slaughter in Idumea.  
 7 And the prominent ones shall fall with them,  
 both the rams and the bulls.  
 And the land shall become drunk with blood,  
 and it shall be filled with their fat.  
 8 For it is a day of the Lord's judgment  
 and a year of recompense for the judgment of Sion.  
 9 And her ravines shall be turned into pitch,  
 and her land into sulfur;  
 her land shall burn like pitch  
 10 night and day,  
 and it shall not be quenched forever,  
 and its smoke shall go up above;  
 for generations it shall be made desolate;  
 indeed, for a long time it shall be made desolate.  
 11 But birds and hedgehogs  
 and ibises and ravens shall live in it.  
 A measuring line of desolation shall be cast  
 over it,  
 and donkey-centaurs<sup>a</sup> shall dwell in it.  
 12 Her rulers shall not be,  
 for her kings and her rulers  
 and her nobles shall be destroyed.  
 13 Thorn trees shall grow up in their cities  
 and in her fortresses.  
 It shall be a habitation of sirens  
 and a courtyard of ostriches.  
 14 Demons shall meet with donkey-centaurs<sup>a</sup>  
 and call one to another;  
 there donkey-centaurs<sup>a</sup> shall repose,  
 for they have found for themselves a  
 place to rest.  
 15 There has the hedgehog made a nest,  
 and the earth has preserved her young in  
 safety;  
 there does met  
 and saw each other's faces.

16 They have passed by in number,  
 and not one of them has perished;  
 they did not seek each other,  
 because the Lord has commanded them  
 and his spirit has gathered them.  
 17 He will himself cast lots for them<sup>b</sup>;  
 his hand has distributed <sup>c</sup>food for them<sup>c</sup>  
 to eat.  
 You will inherit <sup>c</sup>the land<sup>c</sup> forever;  
 for generations of generations they shall  
 rest on it.

**35** Rejoice, O thirsty wilderness!  
 Let the wilderness be glad,  
 and let it blossom like a lily!  
 2 And the deserted places of the Jordan  
 shall blossom and be glad.  
 And the glory of Lebanon has been given to  
 it,  
 as well as the honor of Carmel,  
 and my people shall see the glory of the  
 Lord  
 and the loftiness of God.  
 3 Be strong, you weak hands  
 and feeble knees!  
 4 Give comfort,  
 you who are faint of heart and mind!  
 Be strong; do not fear!  
 Look, our God is repaying judgment;  
 yes, he will repay;  
 he himself will come and save us.  
 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf shall hear;  
 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of stammerers shall be  
 clear,  
 because water has broken forth in the  
 wilderness  
 and a gully in a thirsty land;  
 7 the dry place shall turn into marshlands,  
 and in the thirsty land there shall be a  
 spring of water;  
 the joy of birds shall be there—  
 a bed of reed and marshlands.  
 8 A pure way shall be there,  
 and it shall be called a holy way;  
 and the unclean shall not pass by there,  
 nor shall be there an unclean way,  
 but those who have been dispersed shall  
 walk on it,  
 and they shall not go astray.  
 9 And no lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any of the evil beasts come up  
 on it  
 or be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk on it.  
 10 And those gathered together because of the  
 Lord shall return  
 and come to Sion with joy;

<sup>a</sup>Perhaps a kind of tailless ape    <sup>b</sup>Gk shifts to masc (previous pronouns fem)    <sup>c</sup>Lacking in Gk

everlasting joy shall be above their head,  
for upon their head shall be praise and  
gladness,  
and joy shall take hold of them—  
pain and sorrow and sighing have fled  
away.

**36** And it happened in the fourteenth year of the reign of Hezekias that Sennacherim, king of the Assyrians, came up against the strong cities of Judea and took them. <sup>2</sup>The king of the Assyrians sent Rapsakes from Lachis to Ierousalem, to King Hezekias, with a great force. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the way of the Fuller's Field. <sup>3</sup>And there went out to him Eliakim the son of Chelkias, the steward, and Somnas, the secretary, and Ioach the son of Asaph, the recorder.

<sup>4</sup>And Rapsakes said to them, "Say to Hezekias: This is what the great king, the king of the Assyrians, says: Why are you trusting? <sup>5</sup>Does marshalling take place through counsel or by words of the lips? And now in whom do you trust, that you are rebelling against me? <sup>6</sup>See, you are trusting in Egypt, this broken reed-rod; whoever leans on it, it will go into his hand. Such is Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and all who trust in him. <sup>7</sup>But if you say, 'We trust in the Lord our God,' <sup>8</sup>come in contact now with my lord the king of the Assyrians. I will give you two thousand horses, if you will be able to set riders on them. <sup>9</sup>How then are you able to <sup>a</sup>turn back to the face of <sup>a</sup> one district governor? Those who trust in Egypt for horse and rider are domestics. <sup>10</sup>And now, is it without the Lord that we have come up against this country to war against it?"

<sup>11</sup>Then Eliakim, Somnas and Ioach said to him, "Speak to your servants in Syrian, for we understand it; do not speak to us in Judean. And why do you speak to the ears of the people who are on the wall?" <sup>12</sup>But Rapsakes said to them, "Has my lord sent me to speak these words to your lord or to you? Is it not to the people sitting on the wall so that they may eat dung and drink urine together with you?"

<sup>13</sup>Then Rapsakes stood and called out in a loud voice in Judean and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of the Assyrians! <sup>14</sup>This is what the king says: 'Do not let Hezekias deceive you with words that will not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup>Do not let Hezekias say to you, God will deliver you, and this city will not be given up into the hand of the king of the Assyrians.' <sup>16</sup>Do not listen to Hezekias. This is what the king of the Assyrians says: 'If you wish to be blessed, come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from his own vine and fig trees and drink water from your own cistern, <sup>17</sup>until I come and take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and wine and breads and vineyards. <sup>18</sup>Do not let Hezekias deceive you by saying, Your God will deliver you. Have the gods of the nations delivered each one his own country out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians?"

<sup>a</sup>Possibly rebel against

<sup>19</sup>Where is the god of Hemath and Arphad? And where is the god of the city of Seppharim? Have they been able to deliver Samaria out of my hand? <sup>20</sup>Which of the gods of all these nations has delivered his land out of my hand, that God should deliver Ierousalem out of my hand?"

<sup>21</sup>But they were silent, and no one answered him a word, because the king had ordered that no one should answer. <sup>22</sup>Then Eliakim the son of Chelkias, the steward, and Somnas, the secretary of the army, and Ioach the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekias with their tunics torn and reported to him the words of Rapsakes.

**37** And it happened, when King Hezekias heard it, that he tore his clothes, put sackcloth about him and went up into the house of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>And he sent Eliakim the steward and Somnas, the secretary, and the senior priests, with sackcloth about them, to the prophet Esaias son of Amos. <sup>3</sup>They said to him, "This is what Hezekias says, Today is a day of affliction and of reproach and of rebuke and of anger, because the pangs have come to the woman giving birth, but she has no strength to give birth. <sup>4</sup>May the Lord, your God, listen to the words of Rapsakes, which the king of the Assyrians has sent to revile the living God, yes, to revile with the words that the Lord, your God, has heard; therefore you will pray to the Lord your God concerning these that are left."

<sup>5</sup>And the servants of the king came to Esaias, <sup>6</sup>and Esaias said to them, "Thus you will say to your lord, 'This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the ambassadors of the king of the Assyrians have reviled me. <sup>7</sup>Look, I will put a spirit in him, and when he hears a report, he will return to his country, and he will fall by the dagger in his own land.'"

<sup>8</sup>Rapsakes returned and found the king besieging Lomna. <sup>9</sup>And the king of the Assyrians heard that <sup>(9)</sup>Tharaka, king of the Ethiopians, had gone out to besiege him. When he heard it, he turned back and sent messengers to Hezekias, saying, <sup>10</sup>"Thus shall you speak to King Hezekias of Judea: Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you by saying, Ierousalem will not be given over into the hands of the king of the Assyrians. <sup>11</sup>Or have you not heard the things that the kings of the Assyrians have done—how they have destroyed the whole earth? <sup>12</sup>Have the gods of the nations delivered them whom my fathers destroyed, both Goza and Charran and Raphes, which are in the country of Thelsad? <sup>13</sup>Where are the kings of Hemath and Arphad and of the city of Seppharim, of Hanag, of Ougaua?"

<sup>14</sup>Hezekias received the letter from the messengers and opened it before the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And Hezekias prayed to the Lord, saying: <sup>16</sup>"O Lord Sabaoth, God of Israel, who sits upon the cheroubin, you alone are God of every kingdom of the world; you have made heaven and earth. <sup>17</sup>Listen,

O Lord; look, O Lord, and see the words that Sennacherim has sent to revile the living God. <sup>18</sup>For truly the kings of the Assyrians have made desolate the whole world and their country <sup>19</sup>and have hurled their idols into the fire, for they were no gods, but the works of human hands—wood and stone—and they destroyed them. <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord, our God, save us from their hand so that every kingdom of the earth may know that you alone are God.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Esaias son of Amos was sent to Hezekias and said to him: “This is what the Lord says, the God of Israel: I have heard the things you have prayed to me concerning King Sennacherim of the Assyrians. <sup>22</sup>This is the word that God has spoken concerning him:

Virgin daughter Sion has despised and  
mocked you;  
daughter Ierousalem has shaken her head  
at you.

<sup>23</sup> Whom have you reviled and provoked?  
Or against whom have you raised your  
voice?

And you did not lift your eyes on high  
to the Holy One of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> Because by your messengers you have  
reviled the Lord,  
for you said, ‘With the multitude of my  
chariots

I have gone up to the height of the  
mountains

and to the utmost limits of Lebanon,  
and I cut down the height of its cedar  
and the beauty of its cypress,  
and I entered into the height  
of its forest region,

<sup>25</sup> and I built a bridge<sup>a</sup>  
and desolated the waters  
and every gathering of water.’

<sup>26</sup> Have you not heard long ago  
of these things that I have done?  
From ancient days I ordained them,  
but now I have exhibited them,  
to make desolate the nations that are in  
strong places

and those who dwell in strong cities.

<sup>27</sup> I weakened their hands,  
and they have withered,  
and they have become like dry grass on  
housetops  
and like wild grass.

<sup>28</sup> But now I know your resting place,  
your going out and coming in.

<sup>29</sup> And your wrath with which you have raged  
and your bitterness have come up to me;  
so I will put a muzzle on your nose  
and a bit on your lips;  
I will turn you back on the way  
by which you came.

<sup>30</sup> “And this shall be the sign for you: This year eat what you have sown, and in the second year what is left; then in the third year sow, reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. <sup>31</sup>And those that are left in Judea shall take root downward and bear seed upward, <sup>32</sup>because from Ierousalem shall be those who are left, and from Mount Sion those who are saved. The zeal of the Lord Sabaoth will do these things.

<sup>33</sup> “Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of the Assyrians: He shall not come into this city nor cast a missile against it nor bring a shield against it nor set up a rampart around it. <sup>34</sup>But by the way that he came, by the same he shall return. This is what the Lord says: <sup>35</sup>I will shield this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant Daud.’”

<sup>36</sup> Then the angel of the Lord set out and destroyed one hundred eighty-five thousand out of the camp of the Assyrians; when they arose in the early morning, they found all the dead bodies. <sup>37</sup>Then the king of the Assyrians turned back, departed and lived at Nineue. <sup>38</sup>And as he was doing obeisance to his patachron<sup>b</sup> in the house of Nasarach, his sons Adramelech and Sarasar smote him with daggers, but they escaped into Armenia. His son Asoradan reigned in his stead.

**38** Now it happened at that time that Hezekias became sick to the point of death. And the prophet Esaias son of Amos came to him and said to him, “This is what the Lord says: Make arrangements concerning your house, for you shall die; you shall not live.” <sup>2</sup>Then Hezekias turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord: <sup>3</sup>“Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you with truth, with a true heart, and have done the things that are pleasing in your sight.” And Hezekias wept with a great weeping.

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Esaias, saying: <sup>5</sup>“Go, and say to Hezekias, This is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor Daud, says: I have heard the voice of your prayer and have seen your tears; look, I am adding fifteen years to your time. <sup>6</sup>And I will save you out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians and shield this city.

<sup>7</sup> “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that God will do this thing: <sup>8</sup>The shadow of the steps on which the sun has gone down—the ten steps of the house of your father—I will turn back the sun those ten steps.” So the sun went up the ten steps on which the shadow had gone down.

<sup>9</sup>Prayer of King Hezekias of Judea, when he had become sick and had recovered from his sickness:

<sup>10</sup> I said: At the height of my days, in the gates  
of Hades,

I shall leave behind my remaining years.

<sup>11</sup> I said, No longer shall I see  
the salvation of God on the earth;  
no longer shall I see a man

<sup>a</sup>Or *dam* <sup>b</sup>Aram = *idol*

12 from my kindred.  
I have left behind the rest of my life;  
it has gone out and departed from me  
like the one who having pitched a tent  
takes it down;  
my spirit in me became like the web  
of a weaver who approaches to cut it off.

13 In that day I was given over  
(13) as to a lion until morning;  
(15) thus he broke my bones,  
for I was given over from day to night.

14 Like a swallow, so will I cry out,  
and like a dove, so will I mutter<sup>a</sup>;  
for my eyes have <sup>b</sup>failed from looking<sup>b</sup>  
to the height of heaven,  
toward the Lord, who rescued me  
(15) and took away <sup>15</sup>the pain of my soul.

16 Lord, you were indeed told concerning it,  
and you revived my breath,  
and I, comforted, came to life!

17 For you have chosen my soul  
so that it may not perish,  
and you have cast all my sins  
behind me.

18 For those who are in Hades will not praise  
you,  
nor will the dead bless you,  
nor will those who are in Hades hope  
for your mercy.

19 The living will praise you,  
as I also do,  
for from today I will produce children  
who will declare your righteousness,  
20 O Lord of my salvation.  
And I will not cease praising you with a  
harp  
all the days of my life,  
before the house of the Lord.

21 And Esaias said to Hezekias, "Take a cake of figs, and mash it, and apply it as plaster, and you will be well." <sup>22</sup>And Hezekias said, "This is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord God."

**39** At that time Marodach son of Laadan, the king of Babylonia, sent letters and ambassadors and presents to Hezekias, for he heard that he had been sick to the point of death and had recovered. <sup>2</sup>And Hezekias rejoiced over them with great joy, and he showed them the house of the nechotha<sup>c</sup> and of the oil of myrrh and of the incense and of the perfume and of the silver and of the gold and all the houses of the vessels of the treasure and all the things that were in his storehouses. And there was nothing that Hezekias did not show them in his house. <sup>3</sup>Then the prophet Esaias came to King Hezekias and said to him, "What do these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekias said, "They have come to me from a land far away, from Babylon." <sup>4</sup>And Esaias said,

"What have they seen in your house?" And Hezekias said, "They have seen all the things that are in my house—and there is nothing in my house that they have not seen—but also the things in my storehouses."

5 Then Esaias said to him, "Hear the word of the Lord Sabaoth: <sup>6</sup>Look, days are coming, says the Lord, when they will take all the things that are in your house, and whatever your fathers have collected up until this day shall go to Babylon, and they shall leave nothing behind. And God has said <sup>7</sup>that they shall take also some of your children whom you have begotten and shall make them eunuchs in the house of the king of the Babylonians." <sup>8</sup>Then Hezekias said to Esaias, "The word of the Lord that he has spoken is good. Let there now be peace and righteousness in my days."

**40** Comfort, O comfort my people, says God. <sup>2</sup>O priests, speak to the heart of Ierousalem; comfort her,  
because her humiliation has been fulfilled,  
her sin has been done away with,  
because she has received from the Lord's  
hand  
double that of her sins.

3 A voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight the paths of our God."  
4 Every ravine shall be filled up,  
and every mountain and hill be made  
low,  
and all the crooked ways shall become  
straight,  
and the rough place shall become  
plains.  
5 Then the glory of the Lord shall appear,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of  
God,  
because the Lord has spoken."

6 A voice of one saying, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass;  
all the glory of man is like the flower of  
grass.  
7 The grass has withered, and the flower has  
fallen,  
8 but the word of our God remains forever.  
9 Go up on a high mountain,  
you who bring good tidings to Sion;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
you who bring good tidings to  
Ierousalem;  
lift<sup>d</sup> it up; do not fear<sup>d</sup>;  
say to the cities of Ioudas,  
"See, your God!"  
10 See, the Lord comes with strength,  
and his arm with authority;  
see, his reward is with him,  
and his work before him.

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *mourn* or *rehearse* <sup>b</sup>Or *ceased to look* <sup>c</sup>Heb = *treasury* <sup>d</sup>Gk = pl (other verbs in verse sg)

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11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd  
and gather lambs with his arm  
and comfort those that are with young.

12 Who has measured the water with his hand  
and heaven with a span  
and all the earth by handful?  
Who has weighed the mountains with a  
scale  
and the forests with a balance?

13 Who has known the mind of the Lord,  
and who has been his counselor to  
instruct him?

14 Or with whom did he consult, and he  
instructed him?  
Or who showed him judgment?  
Or who showed him the way of  
understanding?

15 If all the nations have been accounted as a  
drop from a jar  
and as the sinking of a balance,  
they will also be accounted as spittle.

16 Lebanon is not enough for burning,  
nor are all the quadrupeds enough for a  
whole burnt offering.

17 And all the nations are as nothing,  
and they have been accounted as  
nothing.

18 To whom have you likened the Lord,  
or with what likeness have you likened  
him?

19 Has an artisan made an image,  
or has a goldsmith, after casting gold,  
gilded it—prepared a likeness of it?

20 For an artisan chooses wood that will not  
rot,  
then inquires wisely how he should set  
up his image  
and <sup>a</sup>what to do<sup>a</sup> so that it will not  
topple.

21 Will you not know? Will you not hear?  
Has it not been declared to you from the  
beginning?  
Have you not known the foundations of  
the earth?

22 It is he who holds the circle of the earth,  
and those who dwell in it are like  
grasshoppers,  
who has set up heaven like a vault  
and stretched it out like a tent to live in,

23 who has appointed rulers to rule for  
nought  
and has made the earth as nothing.

24 For they will not sow, nor will they plant,  
neither will their root take root in the  
earth;  
he blew upon them, and they withered,  
and a tempest will carry them off like  
brushwood.

25 Now therefore to whom did you liken me  
and will I be made equal? said the Holy  
One.

26 Look up on high with your eyes, and see:  
Who has exhibited all these?  
He who brings out his ornamentation by  
number,  
he will call them all by name;  
because of abundant glory  
and by might of strength,  
nothing has escaped you.

27 For do not say, O Iakob,  
and why have you spoken, O Israel,  
“My way was hidden from God,  
and my God has taken away my  
judgment and has withdrawn”?

28 And now, have you not known? Have you  
not heard?  
God everlasting,  
God who prepared the ends of the earth,  
will not hunger or grow weary—  
nor is there searching of his  
understanding—

29 giving strength to those who hunger  
and sorrow to those who are not grieving.

30 For youths will hunger,  
and the young will be weary,  
and the chosen will be powerless,  
but those who wait for God shall change  
their strength;  
they shall grow wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not hunger.

**41** Be dedicated to me, O islands,  
for the rulers will change strength;  
let them approach and speak together;  
then let them declare judgment.

2 Who has roused righteousness from the  
east,  
called it to its feet and it will go?  
He will place it before nations  
and astonish kings,  
and he will place their daggers in the earth,  
and their bows like brushwood that is  
driven out.

3 And he will pursue them,  
and the way of his feet will pass through  
in peace.

4 Who has wrought and done these things?  
The one calling her from the beginning of  
generations  
has called her.  
I, God, am first,  
and for the things that are coming, I am.

5 The nations saw and became afraid;  
the ends of the earth drew near and came  
together,

6 each deciding to help  
his neighbor and his brother.

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk



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- 7 And he will say:  
The artisan man has become strong,  
also the smith as he smites with the  
hammer  
while at the same time striking.  
At some time he will say, "The seam is  
good";  
they have strengthened them with nails;  
they will set them up, and they will not  
be moved.
- 8 But you, Israel, my servant,  
Iakob, whom I have chosen,  
the offspring of Abraam, whom I have  
loved,  
9 you whom I took hold of from the ends of  
the earth,  
and I called you from its <sup>a</sup>mountain  
peaks<sup>a</sup>,  
and I said to you, "You are my servant;  
I have chosen you and not forsaken you";  
10 do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not <sup>b</sup>wander off<sup>b</sup>, for I am your God  
who has strengthened you,  
and I have helped you,  
and I have made you secure  
with my righteous right hand.
- 11 See, all who oppose you  
shall be ashamed and disgraced,  
for they shall be as though they were not,  
and all your adversaries shall perish.  
12 You shall seek them,  
but you shall not find  
the men who shall treat you violently,  
for they shall be as though they were not,  
and those who war against you shall not  
be,  
13 because I am your God,  
who holds your right hand,  
who says to you, "Do not fear,  
14 O Iakob, O small Israel."  
I have helped you, says God  
who redeems you, O Israel.  
15 Look, I made you as the threshing wheels of  
a cart,  
new and saw-shaped,  
and you shall thresh mountains  
and grind hills to powder  
and make them like dust.  
16 And you shall winnow them, and a wind  
shall take them,  
and a tempest shall scatter them.  
But you shall rejoice in the holy things<sup>c</sup> of  
Israel.
- 17 And the poor and needy shall be glad,  
for they shall seek water, and there will  
be none;  
their tongue has been dried up from  
thirst.  
I, the Lord God, I, the God of Israel,  
will listen and will not forsake them.
- 18 But I will open rivers on the mountains  
and fountains in the midst of the  
plains;  
I will make the wilderness into marshlands  
and the thirsty land as watercourses.  
19 I will put in the dry land a cedar  
and a box tree and a myrtle  
and a cypress and a white poplar  
20 so that together they may see and know  
and consider and understand  
that the hand of the Lord has done all these  
things,  
and the Holy One of Israel has exhibited  
them.
- 21 Your judgment draws near, says the Lord  
God;  
your counsels have drawn near, says the  
King of Iakob.  
22 Let them draw near and declare to you  
the things that will happen  
or speak of the former things, what they  
were,  
and we will apply our mind  
and know what the last things will be—  
and tell us the things that are coming.  
23 Declare the things that are coming at the  
end,  
and we will know that you are gods;  
do good, and do harm,  
and we will wonder as well as see.  
24 Because whence are you  
and whence is your work?  
From the earth.  
They have chosen you as an  
abomination.
- 25 But I stirred up the one who is from the  
north  
and the one who is from the rising of the  
sun;  
they shall be called by my name.  
Let rulers come, and like potter's clay—  
even as a potter treading clay—  
so shall you be trodden down.  
26 For who shall declare the things that were  
from the beginning  
so that we might know them,  
and the former things,  
and we will say that they are true?  
There is none who foretells  
nor any who hears your words.  
27 I will give dominion<sup>d</sup> to Sion,  
and I will comfort Ierusalem on the way.  
28 For from among the nations, behold, no  
one,  
and from among their idols, there was  
none who declared.  
And if I should ask them, Whence are you?  
they will not answer me,  
29 for <sup>e</sup>they are the ones who make you<sup>e</sup>  
and those who <sup>f</sup>lead you astray<sup>f</sup> are vain.

<sup>a</sup>Or lookout places <sup>b</sup>be at a loss <sup>c</sup>Or ones <sup>d</sup>Or a beginning <sup>e</sup>the ones who make you are nothing = Zi <sup>f</sup>form you = Zi

**42** Iakob is my servant; I will lay hold of him;  
Israel is my chosen; my soul has accepted  
him;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth judgment to the  
nations.

2 He will not cry out or send forth <sup>a</sup>his voice,  
nor will his voice be heard outside;

3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoking wick he will not quench,  
but he will bring forth judgment for truth.

4 He will blaze up and not be overwhelmed  
until he has established judgment on the  
earth,  
and nations will hope in his name<sup>b</sup>.

5 Thus says the Lord God,  
who created heaven and established it,  
who bolstered the earth and the things  
that are in it  
and who gave breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who tread on it:

6 I, the Lord God, have called you in  
righteousness,  
and I will take hold of your hand and  
strengthen you;

I have given you as a covenant to a race,  
as a light to nations,  
7 to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out from bonds those who are  
bound  
and from the prison house those who sit  
in darkness.

8 I am the Lord God; this is my name;  
my glory I will not give to another,  
nor my excellences to the graven images.

9 As for the things that were from the  
beginning,  
see, they have come;  
also new things,  
which I myself will declare,  
and before they sprang forth,  
they were made plain to you.

10 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
[you, his dominion]!  
Glorify his name from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea and sail it,  
you islands and those who inhabit them.

11 Rejoice, O wilderness and its villages,  
O homesteads and those who inhabit  
Kedar.

Those who inhabit Petra will rejoice;  
they will shout from the tops of the  
mountains.

12 They will give glory to God;  
they will declare his excellences in the  
islands.

13 The Lord God of the powers<sup>c</sup> will go forth  
and crush the war;  
he will stir up jealousy  
and shout against his foes with strength.

14 I have been silent.

Shall I even always be silent and hold  
back?

I have endured like a woman in labor;  
I will amaze and wither at once.

15 And I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up marshlands.

16 And I will lead the blind  
by a road they have not known,  
and I will make them tread paths  
they had no knowledge of.

I will turn the darkness into light for them  
and the crooked places into a straight  
path.

I will do these things,  
and I will not forsake them.

17 But they turned away backwards!  
Be ashamed with shame,  
you who trust in the graven images,  
who say to the cast images,  
"You are our gods."

18 Hear, you that are deaf,  
and you that are blind, look up to see!

19 And who is blind but my servants,  
and deaf but they who lord it over  
them?

Even God's slaves have become blind.

20 You have often seen but not observed;  
your ears are open, but you have not  
heard.

21 The Lord God has willed to be justified  
and to magnify praise.

And I saw,  
22 and the people were plundered and spoiled,  
for the snare was in the secret rooms  
everywhere,

as well as in houses where they hid them;  
they have become plunder,  
and there was no one to rescue the prey  
and no one to say, "Restore!"

23 Who is there among you that will give ear to  
these things,  
that will listen for the things to come?

24 Who gave Iakob for spoil  
and Israel to those who plunder him?  
Was it not God, against whom they have  
sinned,

and they would not walk in his ways  
nor hear his law?

25 So he brought upon them the anger of his  
wrath,  
and war overpowered them,  
as did those who were burning them all  
around.

And they—each of them—did not know,  
nor did they take it to heart.

**43** But now thus says the Lord God,  
he who made you, O Iakob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>law = Zi <sup>c</sup>Possibly *armies*

- Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
- 2 And if you should pass through water, I am with you,  
and rivers shall not overwhelm you,  
and if you should go through fire, you shall  
by no means be burned;  
the flame shall not consume you,
- 3 because I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who saves you.  
aI have made Egypt and Ethiopia and  
Soene  
your exchange on your behalf.
- 4 Because you have become precious in my  
sight,  
you have been glorified, and I have loved  
you,  
and I will give many people on your behalf  
and rulers on behalf of your head.
- 5 Do not fear, because I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- 6 I will say to the north, "Bring them,"  
and to the southwest, "Do not hinder;  
bring my sons from a land far away  
and my daughters from the ends of the  
earth—
- 7 all who have been called by my name.  
For I prepared him in my glory,  
and I formed and made him."
- 8 And I have brought forth a blind people,  
and their eyes are likewise blind,  
and they are deaf, though they have  
ears!
- 9 All the nations have gathered together,  
and rulers will be gathered from among  
them.  
Who will declare these things?  
Or who will declare to you  
the things that were from the beginning?  
Let them bring their witnesses,  
and let them be justified and speak  
truths.
- 10 Be my witnesses;  
I too am a witness, says the Lord God,  
and the servant whom I have chosen  
so that you may know and believe  
and understand that I am.  
Before me there was no other god,  
nor shall there be any after me.
- 11 I am God,  
and besides me there is none who saves.
- 12 I declared and saved; I reproached,  
and there was no stranger among you.  
You are my witnesses;  
I too am a witness, says the Lord God.
- 13 Even from the beginning  
there is also no one who rescues from my  
hands;  
I will do it, and who will turn it back?
- 14 Thus says the Lord God,  
the one who redeems you, the Holy One  
of Israel:  
For your sake I will send to Babylon  
and stir up all who are fleeing,  
and the Chaldeans will be bound in  
ships.
- 15 I am the Lord God, your Holy One,  
the one who exhibited Israel as your  
king.
- 16 Thus says the Lord,  
who provides a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty water,  
who has brought out chariots and horse  
and a mighty throng together;  
they have lain down and will not rise;  
they have been quenched like a wick that  
is quenched:
- 18 Do not remember the former things  
or consider the things of old.
- 19 Look, I am doing new things that will now  
spring forth,  
and you will know them,  
and I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the dry land.
- 20 The wild animals of the field will praise me,  
sirens and the daughters of ostriches,  
because I have provided water in the  
wilderness  
and rivers in the dry land,  
to give drink to my chosen race,  
my people whom I have acquired  
to set forth my excellences.
- 21
- 22 I have not called you now, O Iakob,  
nor have I made you weary, O Israel.
- 23 There are no sheep for me from your whole  
burnt offering,  
nor have you glorified me with your  
sacrifices,  
nor have I made you tired with  
frankincense,
- 24 nor have you bought me incense with  
silver,  
nor did I desire the fat of your sacrifices,  
but in your sins and iniquities  
I have stood before you.
- 25 I am, I am  
the one who blots out your acts of  
lawlessness,  
and I will not remember them at all.
- 26 But as for you, do remember, and let us be  
judged;  
you state your acts of lawlessness first so  
that you may be justified.
- 27 Your fathers first,  
also their rulers, acted lawlessly against  
me.
- 28 And the rulers defiled my <sup>b</sup>holy things<sup>b</sup>,  
and I gave Iakob to destroy him,  
and Israel for a reproach.

<sup>a</sup>Or I have made Egypt your ransom, and Ethiopia and Soene the ones instead of you    <sup>b</sup>Or sanctuaries

**44** But now hear, O Iakob my servant  
and Israel whom I have chosen!  
2 Thus says the Lord God who made you  
and who formed you from the womb:  
You will still be helped; do not fear, O Iakob  
my servant  
and the beloved Israel whom I have  
chosen,  
3 because I will provide water in their thirst  
to those who walk in a dry land;  
I will put my spirit on your offspring  
and my blessings on your children.  
4 And they shall spring up like grass in the  
midst of water  
and like a willow by flowing water.  
5 This one will say, "I am God's,"  
and this one will call out in the name of  
Iakob;  
yet another will inscribe, "I am God's,"  
in the name of Israel.  
6 Thus says God, the king of Israel,  
who delivered him, God Sabaoth:  
I am first, and I am after these things;  
besides me there is no god.  
7 Who is like me? Let him stand; let him call,  
and let him make ready for me,  
inasmuch as I have made man forever,  
and let them declare to you  
the things that are coming  
before they come.  
8 Do not cover yourselves;  
did you not give ear from the beginning,  
and I declared it to you?  
You are witnesses  
whether there is a god besides me,  
and they were not formerly.

9 All who fashion and carve are vain<sup>a</sup>—those  
who do the things that are in their mind, which  
will not profit them. But they will be put to shame,  
<sup>10</sup>all who fashion a god or cast useless things,  
<sup>11</sup>and <sup>12</sup>ball from where they came have withered  
and are mute from among men. Let them all as-  
semble<sup>b</sup> and stand together; let them be disgraced  
and put to shame together.

12 Because the artisan sharpened the iron, he  
fashioned it with an ax and bored it with a gimlet;  
he fashioned it with his strong arm; he also will  
become hungry and weak and will not drink water.  
<sup>13</sup>Having chosen (<sup>13</sup>)a piece of wood, the artisan  
set it up with a measure and arranged it with glue;  
he made it like the form of a man, like human  
beauty, to set it up in a house. <sup>14</sup>He cut this wood  
from the forest, which the Lord planted and the  
rain made grow, <sup>15</sup>so that it might be for people to  
burn. And taking part of it, he warmed himself,  
and they burned <sup>c</sup>the pieces<sup>c</sup> and baked bread on  
them. But the rest they fashioned into gods, and  
they do obeisance to them. <sup>16</sup>Half of it he burned  
up in the fire, and after roasting meat over it, he ate

it and was satisfied. And having warmed himself,  
he said, "I am pleased, for I have been warmed and  
have seen the fire!" <sup>17</sup>The rest he made into a  
graven god and does obeisance to it, and he prays,  
saying, "Rescue me, for you are my god!"

18 They did not know how to think, because  
they were blinded so as not to see with their eyes  
and understand with their heart. <sup>19</sup>And he has not  
considered in his heart nor regarded in his soul  
nor known in his mind that half of it he burned in  
the fire and that he baked bread on its coals and  
roasted meat and ate and that the rest of it he  
made into an abomination, and they are doing  
obeisance to it. <sup>20</sup>Know that their heart is ashes,  
and they are going astray, and no one is able to de-  
liver his soul. See, will you not say, "There is a lie  
in my right hand"?

21 Remember these things, O Iakob  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you as my servant,  
and you, Israel, do not forget me.  
22 For see, I have blotted out your acts of  
lawlessness like a cloud  
and your sins like darkness;  
return to me, and I will redeem you.  
23 Rejoice, O heavens, because God has had  
mercy on Israel;  
trumpet, O foundations of the earth;  
shout for joy, O mountains,  
the hills and all the trees that are in them,  
because God has redeemed Iakob,  
and Israel will be glorified!  
24 Thus says the Lord, who redeems you,  
who forms you from the womb:  
I am the Lord, who accomplishes all things;  
I alone stretched out heaven,  
and I bolstered earth.  
25 Who else (<sup>25</sup>)will scatter the signs given by  
ventriloquists  
and the divinations from the heart,  
turning the wise backward  
and making their counsel foolish  
and confirming the words of his servant  
and proving true the counsel of his  
messengers?  
The one who says to Ierusalem, "You shall  
be inhabited,"  
and to the cities of Judea, "You shall be  
built,"  
and her deserted places shall arise<sup>d</sup>,  
27 who says to the deep, "You will become  
desolate,  
and I will dry up your rivers,"  
28 who tells Cyrus to be wise and says<sup>c</sup>,  
"He shall carry out all my wishes,"  
who says to Ierusalem, "You shall be built,  
and I will lay the foundations of my holy  
house."

<sup>a</sup>Or and those who fashion and carve were not formerly; they are all vain <sup>b</sup>Or all who made them have withered. And let all  
who are mute be gathered from among men <sup>c</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>d</sup>Or bring forth

- 45 Thus says the Lord God to my anointed,  
Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
so that nations will obey before him,  
and I will break through the strength of  
kings;  
I will open doors before him—  
and cities shall not be closed:
- 2 I will go before you  
and level mountains;  
I will break in pieces doors of bronze  
and break off bars of iron,
- 3 and I will give you dark treasures;  
hidden, unseen ones I will open for you  
so that you may know that I am the Lord  
God,  
the God of Israel, who calls your name.
- 4 For the sake of my servant Iakob  
and Israel my chosen,  
I will call you by my name  
and receive you, but you did not know  
me,
- 5 because I am the Lord God,  
and there is no other god besides me,  
and you did not know me,
- 6 so that they who are from the rising of the  
sun  
and from its going down  
may know that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord God, and there is no other.
- 7 I am the one who has prepared light and  
made darkness,  
who makes peace and creates evils;  
I am the Lord who does all these things.
- 8 Let heaven rejoice from above,  
and let the clouds shower down  
righteousness;  
let the earth bring forth mercy,  
and let it bring forth righteousness as  
well;  
I am the Lord who created you.
- 9 What better thing have I formed like potter's  
clay?  
Shall the plowman plow the earth?  
Shall the clay say to the potter, "What are  
you doing,  
since you are not working, nor do you  
have hands"?
- 10 <sup>a</sup>It is like<sup>a</sup> the one who says to his father,  
"What will you beget?"  
and to his mother, "With what are you in  
labor?"
- 11 Because thus says the Lord God, the Holy  
One of Israel,  
the one who has made the things that are  
coming:  
Ask me about my sons and about my  
daughters,  
and command me concerning the works  
of my hands.
- 12 I made earth  
and humankind upon it; with  
my hand I bolstered heaven  
I commanded all the stars.
- 13 I have raised him with righteousness,  
and all his paths shall be straight;  
he shall build my city  
and turn back the captivity of my people,  
not with ransom or with gifts,  
said the Lord Sabaoth.
- 14 Thus says the Lord Sabaoth:  
Egypt has worked hard,  
as has the commerce of the Ethiopians.  
And the lofty men of Seboin shall come  
over to you,  
and they shall be your slaves;  
they shall follow behind you bound in  
handcuffs.  
They will do obeisance to you and pray in  
you,  
because God is in you,  
and they will say,  
"There is no god besides you."
- 15 For you are God, and we did not know it,  
O God of Israel, Savior.
- 16 All who oppose him shall be ashamed and  
disgraced,  
and they shall go in shame.  
Dedicate yourselves to me, you islands!
- 17 Israel is being saved by the Lord  
with everlasting salvation;  
they shall not be ashamed or disgraced  
forever.
- 18 Thus says the Lord,  
who made heaven—  
this is the God who displayed the earth and  
made it;  
he himself marked its limits;  
he did not make it to be empty  
but to be inhabited:  
I am, and there is no other.
- 19 I have not spoken in secret  
nor in a dark place of the earth;  
I did not say to the offspring of Iakob,  
"Seek a vain thing."  
I am, I am the Lord,  
speaking righteousness  
and declaring truth.
- 20 Assemble yourselves, and come;  
take counsel together,  
you who are being saved from among the  
nations!  
They did not know—  
those who lift up the wood, their graven  
image,  
and pray as if to gods  
that do not save.
- 21 If they will declare it,  
let them draw near  
so that they may know together

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk

awho made from the beginning  
 these things that are to be heard<sup>a</sup>.  
 Then it was declared to you,  
 I am God, and there is no other besides  
 me;  
 there is no righteous one or savior except  
 me.  
 22 Turn to me, and you shall be saved,  
 you who are from the end of the earth!  
 I am God, and there is no other.  
 23 By myself I swear,  
 "Verily righteousness shall go forth from my  
 mouth;  
 my words shall not be turned back,  
 because to me every knee shall bow  
 and every tongue shall acknowledge God,  
 24 saying, Righteousness and glory shall come  
 to him,  
 and all who separate themselves shall be  
 ashamed."  
 25 By the Lord shall they be justified,  
 and all the offspring of the sons of Israel  
 shall be glorified in God.

**46** Bel has fallen; Dagon has been crushed;  
 their graven images have become for  
 beasts and cattle;  
 you carry them bound  
 as a burden for the weary  
 2 and the hungry as well as for the feeble  
 who has no strength,  
 who will not be able to be saved from war,  
 but themselves have been led captive.  
 3 Hear me, O house of Iakob  
 and everyone who is left of Israel,  
 you who are being carried from the womb  
 and trained from <sup>b</sup>the time you were<sup>b</sup> a  
 child.  
 4 Until your old age, I am,  
 and until you grow old, I am;  
 I bear with you;  
 I have made, and I will set free;  
 I will take up and save you.  
 5 To whom have you likened me?  
 See, act with cunning,  
 you who are going astray!  
 6 Those who contribute gold from a bag  
 and silver in a balance  
 will set it on a scale,  
 and after hiring a goldsmith, they made  
 handiwork<sup>c</sup>,  
 and bowing down they do obeisance to  
 them!  
 7 They carry it on their shoulders and go,  
 and if they set it up, it stays in its place;  
 it will not move.  
 And whoever cries out to him, he will not  
 listen;  
 he will not save him from evils.

8 Remember these things and groan;  
 repent, you who have gone astray;  
 turn in your heart,  
 9 and remember the former things of old,  
 because I am God, and there is no other  
 besides me,  
 10 declaring the last things first, before they  
 happen,  
 and at once they came to pass,  
 and I said, "My whole plan shall stand,  
 and I will do all the things I have  
 planned,"  
 11 calling a bird from the east  
 and from a far country those concerning  
 whom I have planned.  
 I have spoken and brought it;  
 I have created and made it.  
 12 Hear me, you who have ruined your heart,  
 you who are far from righteousness:  
 13 I brought near my righteousness,  
 and I will not delay the salvation that  
 comes from me;  
 I have provided salvation in Sion  
 to Israel for glorying.

**47** Come down; sit on the ground,  
 virgin daughter of Babylon!  
 Enter the darkness,  
 daughter of the Chaldeans,  
 because you shall no longer be called  
 tender and delicate!  
 2 Take a millstone; grind meal;  
 uncover your covering;  
 expose your gray hairs; bare your legs;  
 pass through rivers.  
 3 Your shame shall be uncovered;  
 your reproaches shall be seen.  
 I will take from you what is right;  
 I will no longer deliver you over to men.  
 4 He who delivered you—  
 the Lord Sabaoth is his name,  
 the Holy One of Israel—  
 has said:  
 5 Sit distressed<sup>d</sup>; enter the darkness,  
 daughter of the Chaldeans!  
 You shall no more be called  
 the strength of a kingdom.  
 6 I was provoked at my people;  
 you defiled my heritage.  
 I gave them into your hand,  
 but you granted no mercy to them;  
 you made the yoke of the elder  
 exceedingly heavy.  
 7 And you said, "I shall be a ruler forever";  
 you did not consider these things in your  
 heart,  
 nor did you remember the last things.  
 8 But now hear these things, you delicate  
 woman,  
 who sits securely,

<sup>a</sup>Or *who made these things heard from the beginning* <sup>b</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>c</sup>Or *idols* <sup>d</sup>Possibly *stunned into silence*

- who says in her heart,  
 "I am, and there is no other;  
 I shall not sit as a widow  
 or know bereavement."  
 9 But now both these things shall come upon  
 you  
 suddenly, in one day:  
 widowhood and loss of children  
 shall come upon you suddenly in your  
 witchcraft,  
 exceedingly in the strength of your  
 enchantments<sup>a</sup>,  
 10 in the hope of your evil,  
 for you said, "I am and there is no other."  
 Know that the understanding of these things  
 and your evil shall be your shame.  
 And you said in your heart,  
 "I am, and there is no other."  
 11 But destruction shall come upon you,  
 and you will not realize it;  
 a pit, and you shall fall into it.  
 And wretchedness shall come upon you,  
 and you will not be able to become clean  
 of it,  
 and destruction shall come upon you  
 suddenly,  
 and you will not realize it.
- 12 Stand now in your enchantments  
 and your abundant witchcraft,  
 which you learned from your youth,  
 if you will be able to receive benefit.  
 13 You have become weary with your  
 counsels;  
 let the astrologers of heaven  
 stand up and save you,  
 those who look at the stars;  
 let them declare to you  
 what is about to come upon you.
- 14 See, they all will be burned  
 like brushwood on a fire,  
 and they will not deliver their soul  
 from the flame;  
 since you have coals of fire,  
 sit on them—  
 15 these will be a help to you.  
 You have labored in your traffic from your  
 youth;  
 a man has wandered <sup>b</sup>by himself,  
 but for you there will be no salvation.
- 48** Hear these things, O house of Iakob,  
 who are called by the name of Israel  
 and who came forth out of Ioudas,  
 who swear by the name of the Lord God of  
 Israel,  
 remembering<sup>c</sup> it, not with truth or with  
 righteousness,  
 2 and clinging to the name of the holy city  
 and leaning on the God of Israel;  
 the Lord Sabaoth is his name.
- 3 The former things I have moreover declared,  
 and they went out from my mouth and  
 came to be heard;  
 suddenly I did them, and they came to  
 pass.  
 4 I know that you are unyielding,  
 and your neck is an iron sinew,  
 and your forehead brass,  
 5 and I declared to you the things of old;  
 before they came upon you I made them  
 to be heard by you;  
 do not say, "The idols did them for me,"  
 and do not say, "The graven and the cast  
 images commanded me."
- 6 You have heard all things,  
 and you yourselves have not known.  
 But I have also made to be heard by you,  
 from now on,  
 the new things that shall come to pass;  
 yet you did not speak<sup>d</sup>.  
 7 They are happening now, not long ago;  
 in former days you did not hear of them;  
 do not say, "Yes, I know them."  
 8 You have neither known nor understood,  
 nor did I open your ears from the  
 beginning.  
 For I knew that <sup>e</sup>betraying you would  
 betraye,  
 and that even from the womb you would  
 be called a lawless one.
- 9 For my name's sake I will show you my  
 wrath;  
 I will bring my glorious deeds upon you  
 so that I may not utterly destroy you.  
 10 See, I have sold you, not for silver,  
 but I delivered you from the furnace of  
 poverty.  
 11 For my own sake will I do this to you,  
 because my name is being profaned,  
 and my glory I will not give to another.
- 12 Hear me, O Iakob,  
 and Israel, whom I call:  
 I am the first,  
 and I am forever.  
 13 And my hand laid the foundation of the  
 earth,  
 and my right hand bolstered heaven;  
 I will call them,  
 and they will stand together.  
 14 And all of them will be gathered and hear.  
 Who has declared these things to them?  
 Because I love you,  
 I have performed your will on Babylon,  
 to do away with the offspring of the  
 Chaldeans.  
 15 I have spoken; I have called,  
 brought him and made his way  
 prosperous.  
 16 Draw near to me, and hear these things!

<sup>a</sup>Or *enchanters*   <sup>b</sup>Or *to his own house*   <sup>c</sup>Or *making mention of*   <sup>d</sup>Or *say*   <sup>e</sup>Or *you would surely reject me*

- From the beginning I have not spoken in secret;  
when it happened I was there,  
and now the Lord has sent me and his spirit.
- 17 Thus says the Lord who delivered you,  
the Holy One of Israel:  
I am your God;  
I have shown you how to find  
the way in which you should go.
- 18 And if you had heard my commandments,  
your peace would have become like a river,  
and your righteousness like a wave of the sea;  
19 your offspring would have become like the sand,  
and the descendants of your womb like the dust of the earth.  
Now neither will you be utterly destroyed,  
nor will your name perish before me.
- 20 Go out from Babylon, fleeing from the Chaldeans;  
proclaim a voice of joy, and let this be heard;  
report it to the end of the earth;  
say, "The Lord has delivered his slave Iakob!"
- 21 Even if they are thirsty, he will lead them through the wilderness;  
he will bring forth water for them out of a rock;  
a rock will be split, and water will flow,  
[and my people will drink].
- 22 "There is no rejoicing," says the Lord, "for the impious."
- 49** Hear me, O islands;  
pay attention, O nations!  
After a long time it shall stand,  
says the Lord.  
From my mother's womb he called my name  
2 and made my mouth like a sharp dagger,  
and under the shelter of his hand he hid me;  
he made me like a chosen arrow,  
and in his quiver he sheltered me.
- 3 And he said to me, "You are my slave,  
Israel, and in you I will be glorified."
- 4 But I said, "I have labored vainly,  
and I have given my strength in vain and for nothing;  
therefore my judgment is with the Lord,  
and my toil before my God."
- 5 And now thus says the Lord,  
who formed me from the womb to be his own slave,  
to gather Iakob and Israel to him;  
I will be gathered and glorified before the Lord,  
and my God shall become my strength.
- 6 And he said to me,  
"It is a great thing for you to be called my servant  
so that you may set up the tribes of Iakob  
and turn back the dispersion of Israel.  
See, I have made you a light of nations,  
that you may be for salvation to the end of the earth."
- 7 Thus says the Lord who delivered you,  
the God of Israel:  
"Sanctify him who despises his own soul,  
who is abhorred by the nations, the slaves of rulers;  
kings shall see him, and rulers shall stand up  
and do obeisance to him for the Lord's sake,  
because the Holy One of Israel is faithful,  
and I have chosen you."
- 8 Thus says the Lord:  
In an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I gave you as a covenant to nations,  
to establish the land,  
and to inherit<sup>a</sup> a wilderness heritage,  
9 saying to those who are in bonds, "Come out,"  
and to those who are in darkness that they be revealed.  
And they shall feed in all their ways;  
in all the paths shall be their pasture;  
they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither shall burning heat nor sun strike them down,  
but he who has mercy on them will comfort them  
and through springs of water will lead them.
- 11 And I will turn every mountain into a road  
and every path into a pasture for them.
- 12 Lo, these come from far away,  
these from the north and these from the sea  
but others from the land of the Persians.
- 13 Rejoice, O heavens, and let the earth be glad;  
let the mountains break forth with joy,  
and the hills with righteousness<sup>b</sup>,  
because God has had mercy on his people  
and he has comforted the humble of his people.
- 14 But Sion said, "The Lord has forsaken me;  
the Lord has forgotten me."  
15 Will a mother forget her child

<sup>a</sup>Or *cause to inherit*    <sup>b</sup>Om = Zi



- so as not to have mercy on the  
descendants of her womb?  
But even if a woman should forget these,  
yet I will not forget you, said the Lord.
- 16 See, I have painted your walls on my hands,  
and you are continually before me.
- 17 And soon you will be built by those by  
whom you were destroyed,  
and those who made you desolate will go  
forth from you.
- 18 Lift up your eyes all around, and see them  
all;  
look, they have gathered and have come  
to you.  
I live, says the Lord;  
you shall clothe yourself with all of them  
and put them on like a bride's  
ornament.
- 19 Because your desolate and spoiled and  
ruined places  
will now be crowded on account of your  
inhabitants,  
and those who swallow you up will be far  
away from you.
- 20 For your sons whom you have lost  
will say in your ears:  
"The place is too narrow for me;  
make a place for me so that I may  
settle."
- 21 Then you will say in your heart,  
"Who has begotten me these?  
But I was childless and a widow,  
so who has reared these for me?  
But I was left all alone,  
so <sup>a</sup>from where have these come to me?"
- 22 Thus says the Lord:  
Look, I am lifting up my hand to the  
nations,  
and I will lift my signal to the islands,  
and they shall bring your sons in their  
bosom,  
and your daughters shall they lift on their  
shoulders.
- 23 And kings shall be your foster fathers,  
and the women who rule, your nurses.  
On the face of the earth they shall do  
obedience to you,  
and they shall lick the dust of your feet.  
Then you will know that I am the Lord,  
and you shall not be put to shame.
- 24 Will anyone take spoils from a <sup>b</sup>mighty  
<sup>one</sup><sup>b</sup>?  
And if one should take a captive unjustly,  
shall he be saved?
- 25 Thus says the Lord:  
If one should take a <sup>b</sup>mighty <sup>one</sup><sup>b</sup> captive,  
he will take spoils,  
and by taking them from a strong one,  
he will be saved.

- And I will judge your cause,  
and I will rescue your sons.
- 26 And those who afflicted you shall eat their  
own flesh,  
and they shall drink their own blood like  
new wine and be drunk.  
Then all flesh shall perceive  
that I am the Lord who rescued you,  
who assists the strength of Iakob.

- 50** Thus says the Lord:  
Of what kind was your mother's bill of  
divorce  
with which I sent her away?  
Or to which creditor  
have I sold you?  
Look, for your sins you were sold,  
and for your acts of lawlessness I sent  
away your mother.
- 2 Why was it that I came and no man was  
there?  
I called, and there was none to answer?  
Is not my hand strong to deliver?  
Or am I not strong to rescue?  
Look, by my threat I will make the sea  
desolate,  
and the rivers I will make deserts,  
and their fish shall be dried up because  
there is no water,  
and they will die by thirst.
- 3 And I will clothe heaven with darkness  
and make its covering like sackcloth.
- 4 The Lord gives me  
the tongue of instruction,  
that I may know <sup>c</sup>in season<sup>c</sup>  
when it is necessary to speak a word.  
He assigned it to me in the morning;  
he added to me an ear to hear.
- 5 And the instruction of the Lord opens my  
ears,  
and I do not disobey nor contradict.
- 6 I have given my back to scourges  
and my cheeks to blows,  
but I did not turn away my face  
from the shame of spittings.
- 7 And the Lord became my helper;  
therefore I was not disgraced,  
but I have set my face like solid rock,  
and I realized that I would not be put to  
shame,  
because he who justified me draws near.  
Who is the one who contends with me?  
Let him confront me at once.  
Yes, who is the one who contends with me?  
Let him draw near me.
- 9 Look, the Lord helps me;  
who will harm me?  
Look, all of you will become old like a  
garment,  
and as it were a moth will devour you.

<sup>a</sup>Or where did I have these <sup>b</sup>Or giant <sup>c</sup>Om = Zi

10 Who among you is the one who fears the  
Lord?  
Let him hear the voice of his servant.  
Those who walk in darkness—  
they have no light;  
trust in the name of the Lord,  
and lean upon God.

11 Look, all of you, kindle a fire,  
and make a flame stronger.  
Walk by the light of your fire  
and by the flame you have kindled.  
Because of me, these things came upon you;  
you shall lie down in sorrow.

**51** Hear me, you that pursue what is righteous,  
and seek the Lord.  
Look to the solid rock that you hewed  
and to the hole of the pit that you dug.

2 Look to Abraam your father  
and to Sarra who bore you;  
because he was but one, then I called him  
and blessed him and loved him and  
multiplied him.

3 And I will comfort you now, Sion;  
I comforted all her desolate places,  
and I will make her desolate places  
like the garden of the Lord;  
in her they will find joy and gladness,  
confession and the voice of praise.

4 Hear me; hear, my people,  
and you kings, give ear to me,  
because a law will go out from me,  
and my judgment for a light to nations.

5 My righteousness draws near swiftly;  
my salvation will go out,  
and the nations will hope in my arm;  
the islands will wait for me  
and hope in my arm.

6 Lift up your eyes to heaven,  
and look at the earth beneath,  
because heaven was strengthened like  
smoke,  
and the earth will become old like a  
garment,  
and those who live on the earth will die  
like these things,  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will not fail.

7 Hear me, you who know judgment,  
my people, you in whose heart is my law;  
do not fear the reproach of men,  
and do not be dismayed by their  
contempt.

8 For just as a garment it will be devoured by  
time,  
and like wool it will be devoured by a  
moth,  
but my righteousness will be forever  
and my salvation for generations of  
generations.

9 Awake, awake, O Ierousalem;  
put on the strength of your arm!  
Awake, as at the beginning of a day,  
like a generation of long ago!  
Are you not <sup>10</sup>she who made desolate the  
sea,  
the water, the abundance of the deep,  
who made the depths of the sea a way of  
passage  
for those being delivered  
and those who have been ransomed?

11 For by the Lord they shall be returned  
and come to Sion with joy  
and everlasting gladness;  
for gladness and praise shall be upon their  
heads  
and joy shall take hold of them;  
pain and sorrow and sighing have fled  
away.

12 I am, I am he who comforts you.  
Acknowledge of whom you were cautious;  
you were afraid because of a mortal man  
and a son of man, who have dried up like  
grass.

13 And you have forgotten God who made you,  
who made heaven  
and laid the foundations of the earth.  
And always, all the days, you feared  
the face of the fury of the one who was  
oppressing you,  
for just as he planned to do away with you,  
and where now is the fury of the one  
who was oppressing you?

14 For when you are saved,  
he will not stand nor linger,

15 because I am your God,  
who stirs up the sea and makes its waves  
to sound—  
the Lord Sabaoth is my name.

16 I will put my words in your mouth  
and shelter you under the shadow of my  
hand,  
by which I established heaven  
and laid the foundations of the earth.  
And he<sup>a</sup> will say to Sion,  
"You are my people."

17 Awake, awake!  
Stand up, O Ierousalem,  
you who have drunk from the hand of the  
Lord  
the cup of his wrath,  
for you have drained dry and emptied  
the cup of ruin, the goblet of wrath.

18 And there was none who comforted you  
from among all your children whom you  
have borne,  
and there was none who took hold of your  
hand,  
not even from among all your sons,  
whom you have raised.

- 19 These two things are set against you—  
 who will grieve with you?—  
 ruin and destruction, famine and dagger—  
 who will comfort you?
- 20 Your sons are the ones perplexed,  
 who lie down at the head of every street  
 like a half-cooked beet,  
 who are full of the wrath of the Lord,  
 made feeble by the Lord God.
- 21 Therefore hear, you who are humbled,  
 who are drunk, but not with wine.
- 22 Thus says the Lord God,  
 who judges his people:  
 See, I have taken from your hand  
 the cup of ruin, the goblet of wrath,  
 and you shall not continue to drink it  
 any longer.
- 23 And I will put it into the hands  
 of those who have wronged you and  
 humbled you,  
 who have said to your soul,  
 "Bow down, that we may pass by,"  
 and you put your back level to the ground,  
 outside, for those who were going by.

- 52** Awake, awake, O Zion!  
 Put on your strength, O Zion,  
 and put on your glory,  
 O Ierousalem, the holy city;  
 the uncircumcised and unclean  
 shall no longer continue to pass through  
 you.
- 2 Shake off the dust, and rise up;  
 sit down, O Ierousalem;  
 take off the bond from your neck,  
 O captive daughter Zion!

3 Because this is what the Lord says: You were sold for nothing, and not with money you shall be redeemed. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord: Formerly, my people went down into Egypt to sojourn there, and they were led by force to the Assyrians. <sup>5</sup>And now, why are you here? This is what the Lord says, Because my people were taken for nothing, you marvel and howl. This is what the Lord says, Because of you, my name is continually blasphemed among the nations. <sup>6</sup>Therefore my people shall know my name in that day, because I myself am the one who speaks: I am here,

- 7 like season upon the mountains,  
 like the feet of one bringing glad tidings  
 of a report of peace,  
 like one bringing glad tidings of good  
 things,  
 because I will make your salvation heard,  
 saying to Zion, "Your God shall reign,"
- 8 because the voice of those who watch over  
 you was lifted up,  
 and with their voice they shall rejoice  
 together,

- because eyes shall look at eyes  
 when the Lord will have mercy on Zion.
- 9 Let the desolate places of Ierousalem  
 break forth together in joy,  
 because the Lord has had mercy on her  
 and has delivered Ierousalem.
- 10 And the Lord shall reveal his holy arm  
 before all the nations,  
 and all the ends of the earth shall see  
 the salvation that comes from God.
- 11 Depart, depart, go out from there,  
 and touch no unclean thing;  
 go out from the midst of it; be separated,  
 you who carry the vessels of the Lord,  
 because you shall not go out with  
 confusion,  
 nor shall you go in flight,  
 for the Lord will go before you,  
 and the Lord God of Israel  
 is the one who gathers you together.
- 13 See, my servant shall understand<sup>a</sup>,  
 and he shall be exalted and glorified  
 exceedingly.
- 14 Just as many shall be astonished at you—  
 so shall your appearance <sup>b</sup>be without  
 glory from men<sup>b</sup>,  
 and your glory <sup>c</sup>be absent<sup>c</sup> from the  
 men—
- 15 so shall many nations be astonished at him,  
 and kings shall shut their mouth,  
 because those who were not informed about  
 him shall see  
 and those who did not hear shall  
 understand.

- 53** Lord, who has believed our report?  
 And to whom has the arm of the Lord  
 been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before him like a child,  
 like a root in a thirsty land;  
 he has no form or glory,  
 and we saw him, and he had no form or  
 beauty.
- 3 But his form was without honor, failing  
 beyond all men,  
 a man being in calamity and knowing  
 how to bear sickness;  
 because his face is turned away,  
 he was dishonored and not esteemed.
- 4 This one bears our sins  
 and suffers pain for us,  
 and we accounted him to be in trouble  
 and calamity and ill-treatment.
- 5 But he was wounded because of our acts of  
 lawlessness  
 and has been weakened because of our  
 sins;  
 upon him was the disciplined<sup>d</sup> of our peace;  
 by his bruise we were healed.

<sup>a</sup>Or prosper <sup>b</sup>Or be held in no esteem by men <sup>c</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>d</sup>Or punishment

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
a man has strayed in his own way,  
and the Lord gave him over to our sins.

7 And he, because he has been ill-treated,  
does not open his mouth;  
like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb is silent before the one  
shearing it,  
so he does not open his mouth.

8 In his humiliation his judgment was taken  
away.  
Who will describe his generation?  
Because his life is being taken from the  
earth,  
he was led to death <sup>a</sup>on account of <sup>a</sup>the  
acts of lawlessness of my people.

9 And I will give the wicked for his burial  
and the rich for his death,  
because he committed no lawlessness,  
nor was deceit found in his mouth.

10 And the Lord desires  
to cleanse him from his blow.  
If you offer for sin,  
your soul shall see a long-lived  
offspring.  
And the Lord wishes to take away  
from the pain of his soul,  
to show him light  
and fill <sup>b</sup>him with understanding,  
to justify a righteous one who is well subject  
to many,  
and he himself shall bear their sins.

12 Therefore <sup>c</sup>he shall inherit many,  
and he shall divide the spoils of the  
strong,  
because his soul was given over to death,  
and he was reckoned among the lawless,  
and he bore the sins of many,  
and because of their sins he was given  
over.

**54** Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
break forth, and shout,  
you who are not in labor!  
Because more are the children of the  
desolate woman  
than of her that has a husband,  
for the Lord has spoken <sup>d</sup>.  
2 Enlarge the site of your tent  
and of your curtains;  
make it firm; do not hold back;  
lengthen your cords <sup>e</sup>, and strengthen  
your stakes,  
3 because you must spread out to the right  
and to the left,  
and your offspring will inherit the  
nations  
and will inhabit the cities that have  
become desolate.

4 Do not fear because you were put to shame,  
neither feel disgraced because you were  
reproached,

because you will forget your ancient shame  
and the reproach of your widowhood you  
will not remember,

5 because the Lord is the one who makes you,  
the Lord Sabaoth is his name,  
and the one who delivered you is the very <sup>f</sup>  
God of Israel;

he shall be called thus <sup>g</sup> in all the earth.

6 The Lord has not called you  
as a forsaken and faint-hearted woman,  
nor as a woman hated from youth,  
your God has said.

7 For a brief moment I forsook you,  
but with great mercy I will have mercy on  
you.

8 With a little wrath  
I turned my face away from you,  
but with everlasting mercy I have had mercy  
on you,  
the Lord who delivered you has said.

9 From the water at the time of Noe, this is  
my oath <sup>h</sup>:

Just as I swore to him at that time  
that I would no more be angry at the  
earth because of you,

nor as a threat to you  
would I remove the mountains,  
nor would the hills be shifted,  
so neither shall the mercy that comes from  
me to you fail,  
nor shall the covenant of your peace be  
removed,  
for <sup>h</sup>the Lord said he would be <sup>h</sup>merciful  
to you.

11 O humbled and unsteady one,  
you have not been comforted;  
see, I am preparing for you charcoal as your  
stone

and lapis lazuli as your foundations.

12 And I will make your battlements of jasper  
and your gates of crystal stones  
and your enclosure of precious stones.

13 And <sup>g</sup>I will make <sup>g</sup>all your sons taught by God  
and your children to be in great peace.

14 And in righteousness you shall be built;  
keep away from injustice, and you shall  
not be afraid,

and trembling shall not come near you.

15 See, guests shall approach you through me  
and flee to you for refuge.

16 See, I create you,  
not as a smith who blows the coals  
and produces a vessel for work.

But I have created you not for destruction,  
to ruin

17 every perishable vessel.

<sup>a</sup>Or from <sup>b</sup>bold = Zi <sup>c</sup>Or he shall cause many to inherit <sup>d</sup>Or said <sup>e</sup>Or land allotments <sup>f</sup>holy = Zi <sup>g</sup>Lacking in Gk  
<sup>h</sup>Or he said, The Lord is

I will not make it prosper against you—  
and every voice that shall rise against you  
in judgment.

You will defeat all of them,  
and those who are held by you shall be  
in sorrow.

There is a heritage for those who do service  
to the Lord,  
and you shall be righteous to me, says the  
Lord.

**55** You who thirst,  
go to water,  
and as many of you as have no money,  
go, buy, and drink wine and fat,  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you set a price with money  
and your labor for that which does not  
satisfy?

Hear me, and you shall eat good things,  
and your soul shall revel in good things.

<sup>3</sup> Pay attention with your ears,  
and follow my ways;  
listen to me,  
and your soul will live in good things.

I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
<sup>a</sup>the sacred things of David that are  
sure<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> See, I have given him as a testimony among  
the nations,

a ruler and commander for the nations.

<sup>5</sup> Nations that did not know you shall call  
upon you,  
and peoples that do not understand you  
shall flee to you for refuge,  
for the sake of your God, the Holy One of  
Israel,  
because he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek God, and when you find him, call  
upon him,

and whenever he should draw near you,  
<sup>7</sup> let the impious forsake his ways,  
and the lawless man his plans,

and let him return to the Lord, and he will  
have mercy,  
because he will <sup>b</sup>abundantly forgive<sup>b</sup> your  
sins.

<sup>8</sup> For my plans are not like your plans,  
nor are your ways like my ways, says the  
Lord.

<sup>9</sup> But as heaven is far from the earth,  
so is my way far from your ways  
and your notions from my thought.

<sup>10</sup> For as rain or snow comes down from  
heaven  
and will not return until it has soaked the  
earth  
and brought forth and blossomed

and given seed to the sower and bread for  
food,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be, whatever goes out  
from my mouth;

it shall not return  
until whatever I have willed is fulfilled,  
and I will prosper your ways and my  
commandments.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out with joy  
and be taught with happiness;  
for the mountains and the hills shall leap  
forth

as they welcome you with happiness,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap  
with their branches.

<sup>13</sup> And instead of the brier shall come up a  
cypress,  
and instead of the nettle shall come up a  
myrtle,  
and the Lord shall be for a name  
and for an everlasting sign and shall not  
fail.

**56** This is what the Lord says:  
Keep judgment; do righteousness,  
for my salvation has drawn near to arrive  
and my mercy to be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Happy is the man who does these things,  
the person who holds them fast,  
who keeps the sabbaths so as not to profane  
them,  
and watches his hands so as not to do  
wrong.

<sup>3</sup> Let not the alien who clings to the Lord say,  
“So then the Lord will separate me from  
his people,”  
and let not the eunuch say,

“I am a dry tree.”

<sup>4</sup> This is what the Lord says:  
To the eunuchs, as many as keep my  
sabbaths  
and choose the things that I want  
and hold fast my covenant,

<sup>5</sup> I will give to them, in my house and within  
my wall,  
an esteemed place,  
<sup>d</sup>better than sons and daughters;  
I will give<sup>d</sup> them an everlasting name,  
and it shall not fail.

<sup>6</sup> And to the aliens who cling to the Lord,  
to be subject to him, to love the name of  
the Lord,  
so that they may be his male and female  
slaves—  
and as for all who keep my sabbaths so as  
not to profane them  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>a</sup>Possibly the sure decrees given to David <sup>b</sup>Or send far away <sup>c</sup>it shall be to the Lord = Zi <sup>d</sup>I who am better than sons  
and daughters will give = Zi

7 I will bring them into my holy mountain  
and make them joyful in my house of  
prayer;  
their whole burnt offerings and their  
sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
for my house shall be called a house of  
prayer  
for all the nations—  
8 said the Lord, who gathers the dispersed of  
Israel—  
for I will gather to him a gathering.  
9 All you wild animals that live in the fields,  
all you wild animals of the forest, come  
here; eat!  
10 Observe that all have become totally blind;  
they have not learned how to think;  
they are all silent dogs;  
they will not be able to bark,  
dreaming in bed,  
loving to slumber.  
11 The dogs are shameless in their soul,  
not knowing satisfaction.  
They are evil,  
not knowing understanding.  
They have all followed their own ways,  
each in the same manner.

**57** Observe how the righteous has perished,  
and no one takes it to heart;  
righteous men are being taken away,  
and no one takes notice,  
for the righteous has been taken away  
from the presence of unrighteousness;  
2 his burial will be in peace;  
he has been taken away from their midst.  
3 But as for you, draw near here,  
you lawless sons,  
you offspring of adulterers and of a  
whore.  
4 In what have you indulged?  
And against whom have you opened your  
mouth wide?  
And against whom have you let loose  
your tongue?  
Are you not children of destruction,  
a lawless offspring?  
5 You are the ones who call on their idols  
under thick trees,  
slaughtering their children in the ravines,  
among the rocks.  
6 That is your portion;  
this is your lot,  
and to them you have poured out libations,  
and to them you have brought a sacrifice.  
Shall I not therefore be angry for these  
things?  
7 Upon a high and lofty mountain,  
there was your bed,  
and there you brought up your sacrifices.  
8 Behind the posts of your door

you have set up your memorials.  
You supposed that if you should desert me,  
you would obtain something greater.  
You have loved those who lay with you  
and multiplied your fornication with them,  
and you have made many those who were  
far from you  
and sent ambassadors beyond your  
borders,  
and you turned away and were humbled  
even to Hades.  
10 You grew weary with your long journeys,  
but you did not say, "I will cease to regain  
strength."  
Because you have accomplished these things,  
therefore you did not entreat me.  
11 Of whom were you cautious and afraid,  
and you lied to me  
and did not remember me,  
nor did you take me into your thought  
or into your heart?  
And when I see you, I disregard you,  
and you have not feared me.  
12 And I will declare my righteousness and  
your evils,  
which will not help you.  
13 When you cry out,  
let them deliver you in your affliction!  
For the wind will take all of these,  
and a tempest will carry them away.  
But those who cling to me shall possess the  
earth  
and inherit my holy mountain.  
14 And they shall say,  
"Cleanse the ways before him,  
and remove the obstructions<sup>a</sup> from my  
people's way."  
15 This is what the Lord says, the Most High,  
who <sup>b</sup>dwells forever<sup>b</sup> in lofty places—  
Holy among the holy ones is his name,  
the Lord Most High who rests among the  
holy ones  
and gives patience to the faint-hearted  
and gives life to those who are broken of  
heart:  
16 I will not punish you forever,  
nor will I always be angry with you,  
for a spirit shall go forth from me,  
and I have made every breath.  
17 Because of sin I grieved him a little while;  
I struck him and turned my face away  
from him,  
and he was grieved and went on sullen in  
his ways.  
18 I have seen his ways, and I healed him  
and comforted him, yes, gave him true  
comfort—  
19 peace upon peace to those that are far  
and to those that are near.  
And the Lord said,

<sup>a</sup>Or thorns <sup>b</sup>Or inhabits eternity

- I will heal them.  
 20 But thus shall the unrighteous be tossed like  
     waves  
     and shall not be able to rest.  
 21 There is no rejoicing for the impious, said  
     the Lord God.

- 58** Cry out with strength, and do not hold  
     back!  
     Lift up your voice like a trumpet,  
     and declare to my people their sins,  
     to the house of Iakob their acts of  
     lawlessness.  
 2 Day after day they seek me  
     and desire to know my ways.  
     Like a people that practiced righteousness  
     and did not forsake the judgment of their  
     God,  
     they now ask of me righteous judgment,  
     and they desire to draw near to God,  
 3 saying, "Why is it that we have fasted, but  
     you did not see,  
     humbled our souls, but you did not  
     know?"  
     For in the days of your fasts you find your  
     own wishes  
     and goad all those who are under you.  
 4 If you fast for quarrels and fights  
     and you strike a humble person with  
     your fists,  
     why do you fast for me as you do today  
     so that your voice may be heard by its  
     clamor?  
 5 This is not the fast that I have chosen,  
     even a day for a person to humble  
     himself;  
     not even if you bend your neck like a ring  
     and spread under you sackcloth and  
     ashes—  
     not even so shall you call it  
     an acceptable fast.

- 6 I have not chosen such a fast, says the  
     Lord;  
     rather loose every bond of injustice;  
     undo the knots of contracts made by force;  
     let the oppressed go free,  
     and tear up every unjust note.  
 7 Break your bread with the one who is  
     hungry,  
     and bring the homeless poor into your  
     house;  
     if you see one naked, clothe him,  
     and you shall not neglect  
     any of the relatives of your seed.  
 8 Then your light shall break forth early in the  
     morning,  
     and your healings shall rise quickly,  
     and your righteousness shall go before you,  
     and the glory of God shall cover you.  
 9 Then you shall cry out, and God will listen  
     to you;

while you are still speaking, he will say,  
 Here I am.

- If you remove from you a bond  
     and a <sup>a</sup>stretching of the hand<sup>a</sup> and a  
     murmuring word  
 10 and give to one who is hungry bread from  
     your soul  
     and satisfy a soul that has been humbled,  
     then your light shall rise in the darkness,  
     and your darkness shall be like noonday.  
 11 And your God will be with you continually,  
     and you shall be satisfied exactly as your  
     soul desires,  
     and your bones shall be enriched,  
     and they shall be like a soaked garden  
     and like a spring whose water has never  
     failed.  
 12 And your ancient deserts shall be built,  
     and your foundations shall be everlasting,  
     for generations of generations,  
     and you shall be called a builder of fences,  
     and you shall cause the paths between  
     them to rest.  
 13 If you turn your foot away from the sabbaths,  
     so as not to do the things you wish on  
     the holy day,  
     and you shall call the sabbaths delightful<sup>b</sup>,  
     holy to your God,  
     you shall not lift your foot for work  
     nor speak a word in anger out of your  
     mouth;  
 14 then you shall trust in the Lord,  
     and he shall bring you up upon the good  
     things of the earth  
     and feed you with the heritage of your  
     ancestor Iakob,  
     for the mouth of the Lord has spoken  
     these things.

- 59** Is not the Lord's hand strong to save?  
 Or has he made his ear heavy so as not to  
     listen?  
 2 Rather, your sinful acts separate  
     between you and God,  
     and because of your sins he has turned his  
     face away from you  
     so as not to show mercy.  
 3 For your hands have been defiled with  
     blood,  
     and your fingers with sins,  
     and your lips have spoken lawlessness,  
     and your tongue plots unrighteousness.  
 4 No one speaks righteous things,  
     nor is there true judgment;  
     they trust in vanities, and they speak empty  
     words,  
     because they conceive trouble and give  
     birth to lawlessness.  
 5 They broke the eggs of asps  
     and weave the web of a spider,

<sup>a</sup>Or vote   <sup>b</sup>Or delicate

and the one who intended to eat their eggs,  
upon breaking them found wind,  
and in it was a basilisk.

6 Their web shall not become a garment,  
nor shall they be clothed with their works,  
for their works are works of lawlessness.

7 And their feet run to evil,  
swift to shed blood,  
and their reasonings are reasonings of fools;  
destruction and wretchedness are in their  
ways.

8 And a way of peace they do not know,  
and there is no judgment in their ways,  
for their paths, through which they travel,  
are crooked,  
and they do not know peace.

9 Therefore their judgment has departed from  
them,  
and righteousness will not catch up with  
them;  
having awaited light, darkness came to  
them;  
having waited for sunlight, they walked  
in midnight.

10 They will grope like blind men for a wall,  
and like those who have no eyes they will  
grobe.  
And they will fall at noon as at midnight;  
like dying men they will groan.

11 Like a bear and like a dove  
they will walk together.  
We waited for judgment, but there was  
none;  
salvation has withdrawn far from us.

12 For our lawlessness was great before you  
and our sins have risen up against us;  
for our acts of lawlessness are in us,  
and we realized our wrongs;

13 we were impious and lied  
and turned away from behind our God;  
we spoke unrighteous things and disobeyed;  
we conceived and rehearsed unrighteous  
words from our heart.

14 And we put away our judgment behind us,  
and righteousness withdrew far away,  
because truth was consumed in their ways,  
and they could not travel through a  
straight path.

15 And truth was taken away,  
and they removed their thought from  
understanding.  
The Lord saw it, and it did not please him  
that there was no judgment.

16 And he saw, and there was no man,  
and he took notice, and there was none  
who helped;  
so he defended them with his own arm,  
and with his compassion he upheld  
them.

17 And he put on righteousness like a  
breastplate

and placed a helmet of salvation on his  
head,  
and he clothed himself with a garment of  
vengeance  
and with his cloak, <sup>18</sup>as one about to  
render retribution,  
reproach to his adversaries.

19 And those from the west shall fear the name  
of the Lord,  
and those from the rising of the sun, his  
glorious name,  
for anger will come from the Lord like a  
rushing river—  
it will come with wrath.

20 And the one who delivers will come for  
Sion's sake,  
and he will turn impiety away from Iakob.

<sup>21</sup>And this is the covenant to them from me, said  
the Lord, my spirit that is upon you and my words  
that I have put in your mouth shall not fail out of  
your mouth or out of the mouth of your offspring,  
for the Lord has said it, from now on and forever.

**60** <sup>a</sup>Shine, shine<sup>a</sup>, O Ierusalem, for your light  
has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you.

2 Look, darkness and gloom  
shall cover the earth upon the nations,  
but the Lord will appear upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 Kings shall walk by your light,  
and nations by your brightness.

4 Lift up your eyes round about,  
and see your children gathered together;  
look, all your sons have come from far  
away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on  
shoulders.

5 Then you shall see and be afraid  
and be amazed in your heart,  
because the wealth of the sea and of nations  
and of peoples  
shall change over to you.  
And there shall come to you

6 herds of camels,  
and the camels of Madiam and Gaiphar  
shall cover you.  
All those from Saba shall come,  
bringing gold,  
and they shall bring frankincense  
and announce the good news of the  
salvation of the Lord.

7 And all the sheep of Kedar shall be gathered  
to you,  
and the rams of Nabaioth shall come to  
you,  
and acceptable things shall be offered on  
my altar,  
and my house of prayer shall be glorified.

<sup>a</sup>Possibly *Be enlightened; be enlightened*



- 8 Who are these that fly like clouds,  
and like doves with their young?  
9 The islands waited for me,  
and the ships of Tharsis among the first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
and their silver and gold with them,  
because of the holy name of the Lord  
and because the Holy One of Israel is  
glorious.
- 10 And aliens shall build up your walls,  
and their kings shall attend to you;  
for because of my wrath I struck you down,  
but because of my mercy I loved you.
- 11 And your gates shall always be opened—  
day and night they shall not be shut—  
to bring to you the power of nations,  
and kings who are being led away.
- 12 For the nations and kings  
that will not be subject to you shall perish,  
and the nations shall be made desolate  
with desolation.
- 13 And the glory of Lebanon shall come to you,  
with cypress and pine and cedar together,  
to glorify my holy place.
- 14 The sons of those who humbled and  
provoked you  
shall come to you with dread;  
you shall be called City of the Lord,  
Sion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Because you have become forsaken and  
hated  
and there was none who helped,  
and<sup>a</sup> I will make you an everlasting  
gladness,  
a joy for generations of generations.
- 16 You shall suck the milk of nations,  
and you shall eat the wealth of kings,  
and you shall know that I am the Lord who  
saves you  
and rescues you, the God of Israel.
- 17 And instead of bronze I will bring you gold;  
instead of iron I will bring you silver;  
instead of wood I will bring you bronze;  
instead of stones, iron.  
And I will appoint your rulers in peace  
and your overseers in righteousness.
- 18 And injustice shall no more be heard in  
your land,  
nor destruction or wretchedness within  
your borders;  
rather your walls shall be called Salvation,  
and your gates Sculpture.
- 19 And the sun shall not be  
to you as a light by day,  
nor shall the rising of the moon  
give light to you at night,  
but the Lord will be to you an everlasting  
light,  
and God will be your glory.
- 20 For your sun shall not go down,  
and your moon shall not fail;
- for the Lord will be to you an everlasting  
light,  
and the days of your mourning shall be  
fulfilled.
- 21 Your people shall all be righteous,  
and they shall inherit the land forever,  
guarding their plant,  
the works of their hands, for glory.
- 22 The smallest one shall become thousands,  
and the least, a great nation;  
I, the Lord, will gather them in due time.
- 61** The spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the  
poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
2 to summon the acceptable year of the Lord  
and the day of retribution,  
to comfort all who mourn  
3 so that to those who mourn for Sion  
be given glory instead of ashes,  
oil of joy<sup>b</sup> to those who mourn<sup>b</sup>,  
a garment of glory instead of a spirit of  
weariness.  
They will be called generations of  
righteousness,  
a plant of the Lord for glory.
- 4 They shall build the <sup>c</sup>desolate places of old<sup>c</sup>;  
they shall raise up the former devastated  
places;  
they shall renew the desolate cities,  
places devastated for generations.
- 5 Aliens shall come, feeding your sheep,  
and allophyles as plowmen and  
vinedressers,  
6 but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
ministers of God;  
you shall devour the strength of nations,  
and with their wealth you shall be  
admired<sup>d</sup>.
- 7 Thus they shall inherit the land a second  
time,  
and everlasting joy shall be above their  
head.
- 8 For I am the Lord, who loves righteousness  
and hates spoils obtained by injustice;  
I will give them their hard work righteously,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant  
with them.
- 9 And their offspring and their descendants  
shall be known among the nations;  
everyone who sees them shall acknowledge  
them,  
because these are an offspring blessed by  
God,  
10 and they will rejoice with rejoicing in the  
Lord.

<sup>a</sup>Or therefore <sup>b</sup>instead of mourning = Zi <sup>c</sup>Possibly the eternal desolations <sup>d</sup>Or astonished

Let my soul be glad in the Lord,  
 for he has clothed me with a garment of  
 salvation  
 and with a tunic of joy;  
 he has put on me a headdress as on a  
 bridegroom  
 and adorned me with ornaments like a  
 bride.  
 11 And as the earth making its flowers grow,  
 and as a garden its seeds,  
 so the Lord will cause righteousness and  
 gladness  
 to spring up before all the nations.

**62** Because of Sion I will not be silent,  
 and because of Ierousalem I will not  
 slacken  
 until my righteousness goes forth like light  
 and my salvation shall burn like a torch.  
 2 And nations shall see your righteousness,  
 and kings your glory,  
 and he shall call you by your new name,  
 which the Lord will name.  
 3 And you shall be a crown of beauty in the  
 hand of the Lord  
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your  
 God.  
 4 And you shall no more be called Forsaken,  
 and your land shall not be called  
 Desolate,  
 for you shall be called My Will,  
 and your land, Inhabited.  
 5 And as a young man lives together in  
 marriage with a virgin,  
 so shall your sons dwell with you,  
 and it shall be that as a bridegroom shall  
 rejoice over a bride,  
 so shall the Lord rejoice over you.  
 6 And upon your walls, O Ierousalem,  
 I have posted sentinels  
 all day and all night,  
 who shall never be silent,  
 making mention of the Lord.  
 7 For <sup>a</sup>you have none like him<sup>a</sup>,  
 if he should restore Ierousalem  
 and make it a boast on the earth.  
 8 The Lord has sworn by his right hand  
 and by his mighty arm:  
 I will not again give your grain  
 and your food to your enemies,  
 and not again shall foreign sons drink your  
 wine  
 for which you have labored,  
 9 but those who gather shall eat them  
 and praise the Lord,  
 and those who gather shall drink them  
 in my holy courts.  
 10 Go through my gates,  
 and make a way for my people,  
 and cast the stones out of the way;  
 lift up a signal for the nations.

11 For see, the Lord has made it to be heard  
 to the end of the earth:  
 Say to daughter Sion,  
 "See, your Savior comes to you,  
 having his own reward  
 and his work before him."  
 12 And he shall call it a holy people,  
 redeemed by the Lord,  
 and you shall be called  
 "A City Sought After" and "Not Forsaken."

**63** "Who is this that comes from Edom,  
 a redness of garments from Bosor,  
 so beautiful in apparel,  
 in might, with strength?"  
 "I discourse about righteousness  
 and judgment of salvation."  
 2 "Why are your garments red,  
 and your clothes as if from a trodden  
 wine press?"  
 3 "<sup>b</sup>I am<sup>b</sup> full of a trampled <sup>b</sup>wine press<sup>b</sup>,  
 and of the nations no man is with me,  
 and I trampled them in wrath  
 and crushed them like earth  
 and brought down their blood to the  
 earth.  
 4 For a day of retribution has come upon  
 them,  
 and a year of ransom is here.  
 5 And I looked, but no one was a helper,  
 and I observed, but no one was assisting;  
 so my own arm delivered them,  
 and my wrath was present.  
 6 And I trampled them down in my anger,  
 and I brought down their blood to the  
 earth."  
 7 I called to mind the mercy of the Lord,  
 the excellences of the Lord  
 in all the things with which the Lord  
 rewards us;  
 the Lord is a good judge to the house of  
 Israel;  
 he provides for us according to his mercy,  
 according to the abundance of his  
 righteousness.  
 8 And he said, "Are they not my people—  
 children who will not <sup>c</sup>deal falsely<sup>c</sup>?"  
 And he became to them salvation  
 out of all affliction.  
 9 It was no ambassador or angel  
 but the Lord himself that saved them,  
 because he loved them and spared them;  
 he himself ransomed them and took  
 them up  
 and lifted them up all the days of old.  
 10 But they disobeyed  
 and provoked his holy spirit;

<sup>a</sup>Or *there is none like you* (Gk pronoun is pl; previous ones sg) <sup>b</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>c</sup>Or *reject me*

therefore he turned to them in enmity,  
and he himself warred against them.  
11 Then the one who brought up from the land  
the shepherd of the sheep  
remembered the days of old:  
Where is the one who put within them  
his holy spirit,  
12 who led Moyses with his right hand?  
<sup>a</sup>Where is <sup>a</sup>his glorious arm?  
He overcame<sup>b</sup> the water from before him,  
to make for himself an everlasting name.  
13 He led them through the deep  
like a horse through a wilderness,  
and they did not become weary,  
14 and like cattle through a plain.  
A spirit came down from the Lord and  
guided them.  
Thus you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.  
15 Turn from heaven, and see  
from your holy house and glory.  
Where are your zeal  
and your strength?  
Where is the abundance of your mercy  
and of your compassions,  
that you have <sup>c</sup>held back from<sup>c</sup> us?  
16 For you are our father,  
because Abraam did not know us  
and Israel did not recognize us,  
but you, O Lord, are our father;  
deliver us; from the beginning your name  
is upon us.  
17 Why, O Lord, did you make us stray from  
your way  
and harden our hearts so that we would  
not fear you?  
Turn back on account of your slaves,  
on account of the tribes of your  
inheritance,  
18 so that we may inherit a little of your holy  
mountain;  
our adversaries have trampled down your  
holy precinct.  
19 We have become as at the beginning,  
when you did not rule us,  
nor <sup>d</sup>was your name called upon us<sup>d</sup>.

**64** If you should open heaven,  
trembling from you would seize the  
mountains,  
and they would melt  
2(1) as wax melts from the fire.  
And fire shall burn up your adversaries,  
and the name of the Lord shall be  
manifest among your adversaries;  
nations shall be confused at your  
presence!  
3(2) When you do your glorious deeds,  
trembling from you will seize the  
mountains.  
4(3) From ages past we have not heard,

nor have our eyes seen any God besides  
you,  
and your works, which you will do to  
those who wait for mercy.  
5(4) For he will meet those who do what is  
right,  
and they will remember your ways.  
Look, you were angry, and we sinned;  
therefore we went astray.  
6(5) And we have all become like unclean  
people;  
all our righteousness is like the rag  
of a <sup>e</sup>woman who sits apart<sup>e</sup>.  
And we have fallen off like leaves because of  
our acts of lawlessness;  
thus the wind will take us away.  
7(6) And there is no one who calls on your name  
or remembers to take hold of you,  
because you have turned your face away  
from us  
and have delivered us over because of our  
sins.  
8(7) And now, O Lord, you are our Father,  
and we are clay;  
we are all the work of your hands.  
9(8) Do not be exceedingly angry,  
and do not remember our sins in season.  
And now look upon us, because we are  
all your people.  
10(9) Your holy city has become a wilderness;  
Sion has become like a wilderness,  
Ierusalem a curse.  
11(10) The house, our holy place,  
even the glory that our fathers blessed,  
has been burned by fire,  
and all our glorious places have fallen in  
ruins.  
12(11) And for all this  
you have restrained yourself, O Lord,  
and have kept silent and have humbled  
us severely.

**65** I became visible to those who were not  
seeking me;  
I was found by those who were not  
inquiring about me.  
I said, "Here I am,"  
to the nation that did not call my name.  
2 I stretched out my hands all day long  
to a disobedient and contrary people,  
who did not walk in a true way  
but after their own sins.  
3 These are the people who provoke me  
to my face continually;  
they sacrifice in the gardens  
and burn incense on bricks  
to the demons, which do not exist,  
4 and they fall asleep in the tombs  
and in the caves for the sake of dreams—  
those who eat swine's flesh  
and broth of sacrifices

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>cleaved asunder = Zi <sup>c</sup>Or endured <sup>d</sup>Possibly were we called by your name <sup>e</sup>Or menstruating woman

(all their vessels are defiled),  
 5 who say, "Stay far away from me;  
 do not come near me, for I am clean."  
 This is the smoke of my wrath;  
 a fire burns in it all the days.  
 6 See, it is written before me:  
 I will not keep silent  
 until I repay into their bosom  
 7 their sins and those of their fathers—says  
 the Lord—  
 who burned incense on the mountains  
 and reviled me on the hills;  
 I will repay their works into their bosom.  
 8 Thus says the Lord:  
 As the grape will be found in the cluster,  
 and they will say, "Do not destroy it,  
 because the blessing of the Lord is in it,"  
 so I will do for the sake of the one who is  
 subject to me.  
 For the sake of this one I will not destroy  
 them all.  
 9 And I will bring forth the offspring  
 that comes from Iakob and from Ioudas,  
 and it will inherit my holy mountain,  
 and my chosen ones and my slaves  
 shall inherit it and dwell there.  
 10 And there shall be in the forest folds of flocks,  
 and the Ravine of Achor shall become a  
 resting place of herds  
 for my people who have sought me.  
 11 But as for you who forsake me  
 and forget my holy mountain  
 and prepare a table for the demon  
 and fill a mixed drink for Fortune,  
 12 I will deliver you over to the dagger;  
 all of you shall fall by slaughter;  
 because I called you and you did not  
 answer,  
 I spoke and you misheard,  
 and you did what was evil before me  
 and chose the things I did not desire.  
 13 Therefore this is what the Lord says:  
 See, those who are subject to me shall eat,  
 but you shall be hungry;  
 see, those who are subject to me shall drink,  
 but you shall be thirsty;  
 see, those who are subject to me shall rejoice,  
 but you shall be put to shame;  
 14 see, those who are subject to me shall be  
 glad with joy,  
 but you shall cry out because of the pain  
 of your heart  
 and shall wail for crushing of spirit.  
 15 For you shall leave your name <sup>a</sup>for fullness  
 to<sup>a</sup> my chosen ones,  
 but the Lord will do away with you.  
 But to those who are subject to him, a new  
 name shall be called,  
 16 which shall be blessed on the earth;  
 for they shall bless the true God,  
 and those who swear on the earth  
 shall swear by the true God,

for they shall forget their first affliction,  
 and it shall not come up into their heart.

17 For heaven will be new,  
 and the earth will be new,  
 and they shall not remember the former  
 things,  
 nor shall they come upon their heart,  
 18 but they shall find joy and gladness in it,  
 because look, I am making Ierousalem as  
 gladness,  
 and my people as a joy.  
 19 And I will be glad over Ierousalem  
 and rejoice over my people,  
 and no more shall a voice of weeping be  
 heard in it,  
 nor a voice of crying.  
 20 And there shall not be there  
 one <sup>b</sup>who dies<sup>b</sup> untimely  
 or an old person who will not fulfill his  
 time;  
 for the young person will be a hundred  
 years old,  
 but <sup>c</sup>the one who dies a sinner will be a  
 hundred years old and accursed<sup>c</sup>.  
 21 And they shall build houses and themselves  
 shall inhabit them,  
 and they shall plant vineyards and  
 themselves shall eat their fruit,  
 22 and they shall not build, and others  
 inhabit;  
 they shall not plant, and others eat,  
 for according to the days of the tree of life  
 shall the days of my people be;  
 they shall make old the works of their  
 labors.  
 23 And my chosen ones shall not labor in vain,  
 nor bear children for a curse,  
 because they are an offspring blessed by  
 God.  
 24 And it shall be that before they have cried  
 out I will listen to them;  
 while they are yet speaking I will say,  
 What is it?  
 25 Then wolves and lambs shall feed together,  
 and a lion shall eat straw like an ox,  
 but a snake <sup>b</sup>shall eat<sup>b</sup> earth as bread!  
 They shall not do wrong or destroy  
 on my holy mountain,  
 says the Lord.

**66** Thus says the Lord:  
 Heaven is my throne,  
 and the earth is the footstool of my feet;  
 what kind of house will you build for me,  
 or of what kind will be the place of my  
 rest?

2 For all these things my hand has made,  
 and all these things are mine, says the Lord.  
 And to whom will I look  
 but to the one who is humble and quiet  
 and trembles at my words?

<sup>a</sup>Or to the disgust of <sup>b</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>c</sup>Or the sinner who dies a hundred years old will also be accursed

- 3 But the lawless who sacrifices to me a calf  
is like one who kills a dog,  
and he who offers fine flour,  
like <sup>a</sup>one who offers<sup>a</sup> swine's blood;  
he who has given frankincense for a  
memorial,  
like a blasphemer.  
And these have chosen their own ways  
and their abominations, which their soul  
wanted;
- 4 so I will choose mockeries for them  
and repay them their sins,  
because I called them and they did not  
answer me,  
I spoke and they did not hear,  
but they did what was evil in my sight  
and chose the things I did not desire.
- 5 Hear the word of the Lord,  
you who tremble at his word;  
speak, our brothers,  
to those who hate and abominate us  
so that the name of the Lord may be glorified  
and seen in their joy,  
but those ones shall be put to shame.
- 6 A voice of crying from the city!  
A voice from the shrine!  
The voice of the Lord,  
rendering retribution to his adversaries!
- 7 Before she who was in labor  
gave birth,  
before the pain of her pangs came,  
she escaped and gave birth to a male.
- 8 Who has heard of such a thing?  
And who has seen thus?  
Did the earth give birth in one day?  
Was also a nation born all at once?  
Because Sion was in labor  
and she gave birth to her children.
- 9 But I am the one who gave you this  
expectation,  
and you did not remember me,  
said the Lord;  
see, was it not I who made the woman who  
gives birth  
and the one who is barren?  
said God.
- 10 Rejoice, O Ierousalem,  
and celebrate a festival in her, all you  
who love her;  
rejoice with joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that by much nursing you may take delight  
from the entrance to her glory.
- 12 Because this is what the Lord says:  
See, I myself turn to them like a river of  
peace,  
and like a wadi overflowing the glory of  
nations;  
their children shall be carried on shoulders  
and comforted on knees.
- 13 As a mother will comfort someone,  
so also I will comfort you,  
and you shall be comforted in  
Ierousalem.
- 14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice,  
and your bones shall grow like grass,  
and the hand of the Lord shall be known to  
those who worship him,  
and he shall threaten those who disobey  
him.
- 15 For see, the Lord will come like fire,  
and his chariots like a tempest,  
to render vengeance with wrath  
and repudiation with a flame of fire.
- 16 For by the fire of the Lord shall all the earth  
be judged,  
and all flesh by his sword;  
many shall be wounded by the Lord.
- 17 Those who sanctify and purify themselves  
for the gardens and who in the porches eat swine's  
flesh, the abominations and the mouse shall be  
consumed together, said the Lord.
- 18 And I understand their works and their reasonings;  
I am coming to gather all the nations and  
tongues, and they shall come and shall see my  
glory. <sup>19</sup>And I will leave signs upon them, and  
from them I will send forth those who are saved to  
the nations, to Tharsis and Phoud and Loud and  
Mosoch and Thobel and to Greece and to the is-  
lands far away—those who have not heard my  
name or seen my glory, and they shall declare my  
glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>They shall bring your  
kindred from all the nations as a gift to the Lord,  
with horses and chariots, in mule-drawn litters  
with sunshades, into the holy city Ierousalem, said  
the Lord, so that the sons of Israel may bring to me  
their sacrifices with music<sup>b</sup> into the house of the  
Lord. <sup>21</sup>And I will take for myself some of them as  
priests and as Leuites, said the Lord.
- 22 For as the new heaven and the new earth,  
which I am making, remain before me,  
says the Lord,  
so shall your offspring and your name  
stand.
- 23 And it shall be that month after month  
and sabbath after sabbath  
all flesh shall come before me to do  
obeisance in Ierousalem,  
said the Lord.
- 24 And they shall go forth and see the limbs<sup>c</sup> of  
the people who have transgressed against me; for  
their worm shall not die and their fire shall not be  
quenched and they shall become a spectacle to all  
flesh.

<sup>a</sup>Lacking in Gk <sup>b</sup>Or *psalms* <sup>c</sup>Or *corpses*

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