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### **DASV: Isaiah 1**

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>2</sup> Listen, O heavens, hear, O earth, for the LORD has spoken: "I have reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. <sup>3</sup> The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's feeding trough, but Israel does not know, my people do not consider." <sup>4</sup> O sinful nation, a people loaded down with iniquity, an offspring of evildoers, children who act corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD; they have despised the Holy One of Israel; they have turned their backs on him. <sup>5</sup> Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you just rebel more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot to the top of the head there is nowhere that is undamaged in it. There are wounds, welts, and open sores; they have not been cleansed, or bandaged up, or softened with olive oil. <sup>7</sup> Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; foreigners are devouring your land right in front of you, and it is desolate, as when overthrown by foreigners. <sup>8</sup> The daughter of Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a watchman's shelter in a field of cucumbers, like a besieged city. <sup>9</sup> Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, we would have become like Gomorrah.

<sup>10</sup> Listen to the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; hear the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. <sup>11</sup> "What do your many sacrifices mean to me?" says the LORD. "I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of well fed cattle; I delight not in the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has required this from your hand, this trampling of my courts? <sup>13</sup> Do not bring any more worthless offerings; your incense is detestable to me. New moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, -- I cannot stand such sinful assemblies. <sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts I hate; they have become a burden to me; I am tired of putting up with them. <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil deeds from before my eyes; stop doing evil. <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good. Seek justice. rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." <sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson. they shall be like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land. <sup>20</sup> But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured with the sword," for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.

<sup>21</sup> How the faithful city has become a whore!

She was once full of justice, righteousness inhabited her, but now only murderers. <sup>22</sup> Your silver has become dross, your wine diluted with water. <sup>23</sup> Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes, and chases after payoffs. They refuse to defend the orphan, and the widow's cause does not come before them. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, says, "I will take vengeance on my enemies. and avenge myself on my foes. <sup>25</sup> I will turn my hand on you, and skim off your dross, and will remove all your impurities. <sup>26</sup> I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called, 'the City of Righteousness,' 'a Faithful Town.' <sup>27</sup> Zion will be redeemed with justice, and her repentant ones with righteousness. <sup>28</sup> But the rebellious and sinners will be crushed, and those who forsake the LORD will be consumed. <sup>29</sup> For you will be ashamed of the sacred oaks in which you delighted, and you will be embarrassed for the gardens that you have chosen. <sup>30</sup> For you will be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden that has no water. <sup>31</sup> The strong will be like tinder, and his work like a spark. They will both burn together, with no one able to extinguish the fire."

<sup>1</sup> The message that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

 $^{2}$  In the latter days. the mountain of the LORD's house will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will flow unto it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion the law will go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations, and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation; they will not train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> For you have rejected your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with fortunetellers from the east, and soothsayers like the Philistines, and they shake hands in agreement with foreigners. <sup>7</sup> Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end of their chariots. <sup>8</sup> Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. <sup>9</sup> So the people are humbled, each one is brought low. Do not forgive them.

<sup>10</sup> Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD

and from the glory of his majesty. <sup>11</sup> The arrogant looks of humans will be brought low, and the haughtiness of people will be humbled, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. <sup>12</sup> For there will be a day of the LORD of hosts against all the proud and haughty, and against all that is lifted up, and they will be brought low, <sup>13</sup> against all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, against all the oaks of Bashan, 14 against all the high mountains, against all the high hills, 15 against every lofty tower, against every fortified wall, 16 against all the ships of Tarshish, and against every beautiful boat. <sup>17</sup> People's pride will be humbled, and human haughtiness will be brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. <sup>18</sup> Idols will completely vanish. <sup>19</sup> They will enter the caves of the rocks and into the holes in the ground from the terror of LORD and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to terrify the earth. <sup>20</sup> In that day people will throw away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats. 21 They will enter the caverns of the rocks, and into the crevices of the rocky cliffs, from the terror of the LORD and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to terrify the earth. <sup>22</sup> Stop trusting in human beings, whose breath is in their nostrils. For why would you even give them a thought?

<sup>1</sup> For look, the sovereign LORD of hosts, is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and supply, every piece of bread and drop of water. <sup>2</sup> the mighty man and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder. <sup>3</sup> the captain of fifty and the honorable person, the counselor and the expert craftsman, and the skilful enchanter. <sup>4</sup> I will make the young to be their princes, and infants will rule over them. <sup>5</sup> The people will be oppressed, everyone by another. and everyone by his neighbor. The young will behave proudly against the old, and the base against the honorable. <sup>6</sup> A person will even grab hold of his brother in his father's house, saying, "You have clothing, come you be our ruler. and let this ruin be under your rule." <sup>7</sup> In that day he will cry out, "I cannot cure this; for there is neither bread or clothing in my house, you must not make me ruler of the people." <sup>8</sup> For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen; because their words and their deeds are against the LORD, defying his glorious watchfulness. <sup>9</sup> The look on their face witnesses against them; they flaunt their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to their soul! They have brought disaster on themselves. <sup>10</sup> Tell the righteous, that it will go well with them, for they will eat the fruit of their labors. <sup>11</sup> Woe to the wicked! Disaster! For exactly what their hands have done

<ul> <li><sup>12</sup> As for my people, children oppress them, women rule over them.</li> <li>O my people, those leading you mislead you, and confuse the direction of your paths.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> The LORD rises to make the accusation; he stands to judge the peoples.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> The LORD comes to pronounce judgment on the elders and on the princes of his people.</li> <li>"It is you who have ruined the vineyard; the plunder stolen from the poor is in your houses.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> Why do you crush my people, and grind the faces of the poor?" says the sovereign LORD of hosts.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>16</sup> The LORD says, "The daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and seductive eyes, walking with dainty little steps as they go, and jingling with their feet.</li> <li><sup>17</sup> Therefore the Lord will strike with scabs the top of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will make them bald."</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>18</sup> In that day the Lord will take away their beautiful anklets, the headbands, and the crescent necklaces,</li> <li><sup>19</sup> the earrings, bracelets, and veils,</li> <li><sup>20</sup> the headdresses, the ankle bracelets, the sashes, the perfume boxes, and amulets,</li> <li><sup>21</sup> the rings and nose rings,</li> <li><sup>22</sup> the party dresses, robes, shawls and purses,</li> <li><sup>23</sup> the hand mirrors, fine linen garments, the turbans and shawls.</li> <li><sup>24</sup> Instead of sweet perfumes there will be a rotten stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; instead of a beautiful hairdo, baldness; instead of a rich robe, sackcloth; a slave branding instead of beauty.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>25</sup> Your men will fall by the sword, and your warriors in the war.</li> <li><sup>26</sup> Her gates will lament and mourn; deserted she will sit on the ground.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own food, and wear our own clothes, just let us be called by your name; take away our shame."

 $^{2}$  In that day the branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and beauty of the survivors of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> Anyone who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is recorded as among those living in Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord will wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and will purge the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of fire.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD will create over the entirety of Mount Zion, and over her sites of assembly, a cloud and smoke by day, and a glowing flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy.

<sup>6</sup> There will be a shelter for shade in the day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved a song about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He cultivated it, cleared out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in the midst of it, and also hewed out a winepress in it. He expected that it would produce grapes, but it yielded only sour grapes. <sup>3</sup> Now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more could I have done to my vineyard than I have not already done for it? When I expected that it would produce grapes, why did it yield only sour grapes? <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it will not be pruned or hoed; instead, briers and thorns will come up. I will also command the clouds that they not shower any rain on it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah is his cherished plant. He expected justice, but got only oppression; hoped for righteousness, but heard only cries for help. <sup>8</sup> Woe to those who accumulate house after house, that acquire field after field until there is no room left.

until you are left to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

<sup>9</sup> In my ears the LORD of hosts said,

"Of a truth many houses will be desolate,

even large and beautiful mansions will be left without inhabitant." <sup>10</sup> For ten acres of vineyard will produce only six gallons of wine, and six bushels of seed will produce less than a bushel of grain. <sup>11</sup> Woe to those who rise up early in the morning so that they may pursue strong drink; who stay up late into the night, until they are inflamed with wine! <sup>12</sup> Their parties have the harp and lute, the tambourine, flute, and wine. They have no respect for the deeds of the LORD, or consider the work of his hands. <sup>13</sup> Therefore my people will go into exile for lack of knowledge; their nobles will lack food, and their crowds parched with thirst. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without limit. Their famous ones and their multitude, with their boisterous revelers will descend into it. <sup>15</sup> Each person will be on their face, each one brought down, and the haughty eyes humbled. <sup>16</sup> But the LORD of hosts will be exalted by justice, and God the Holy One will demonstrate his holiness by righteousness. <sup>17</sup> Then will the lambs feed as in their own pasture, and the fatlings graze among the ruins. <sup>18</sup> Woe to those who drag iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin along like with a cart rope. <sup>19</sup> Who say, "Make him hurry up, let him do his work quickly, so that we may see it. Let the plan of the Holy One of Israel happen soon, so that we may experience it!" <sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who turn darkness to light, and light to darkness; who swap bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! <sup>21</sup> Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,

and shrewd in their own sight! <sup>22</sup> Woe to those who are champions at drinking wine, and valiant at mixing strong drinks, <sup>23</sup> who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deny the innocent justice! <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the tongue of fire devours straw, and as the dry grass shrivels in the flame, so their root will become rotten and their blossom will blow away like dust, because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. <sup>25</sup> Therefore the anger of the LORD burns against his people; he has stretched out his hand against them, and has struck them. The mountains tremble. and their corpses are strewn like garbage in the streets. After all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out. <sup>26</sup> He will send the signal to a distant nation, and will whistle for them to come from the ends of the earth. Look, they come with speed and swiftness. <sup>27</sup> None of them are tired or stumble; none will slumber or sleep; not a belt will be loosed, not a thong of their sandals will be broken. <sup>28</sup> Their arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs are like flint. and their wheels like a whirlwind. <sup>29</sup> Their roaring is like a lion, they roar like young lions. They growl, seize their prey, and haul it off. and there is no one to rescue. <sup>30</sup> They will roar over them in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks at the land, there is darkness and distress; even the light is darkened by clouds.

<sup>1</sup> In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

 $^{2}$  Above him stood the seraphim, each one had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup> They called out to each other,

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

the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their cry the door frames shook, and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> Then said I, "Woe is me! For I am doomed; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live in the midst of a people of unclean lips. My eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." <sup>6</sup> Then a seraphim flew to me, having a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

<sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth with it, and said,

"Look, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom will I send, and who will go for us?"
I replied, "I am here. Send me."
<sup>9</sup> He said, "Go, and tell this people:
Keep on listening, but do not understand;
keep on looking, but do not perceive.
<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people insensitive,
and make their ears deaf,
and shut their eyes;
so that they may not see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their heart,
and repent and be healed."
<sup>11</sup> Then I asked, "Lord, how long?" He answered,
"Until cities are destroyed without inhabitant,
and houses uninhabited,
and the land become absolutely devastated,
<sup>12</sup> and the LORD has sent everyone far away,
and the midst of the land is abandoned.
<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth remains in it,
it will be destroyed again.
Just like a terebinth and an oak whose stump remains

when they are cut down; so the holy seed will be its stump.

<sup>1</sup> In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to attack Jerusalem, but could not prevail against it.

<sup>2</sup> It was reported to the house of David, "Syria has allied itself with Ephraim." His heart and the heart of his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest tremble in the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shearjashub [a remnant will return], at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the road to the Laundry Washing Field.

<sup>4</sup> Tell him, 'Be careful, be quiet, and don't be afraid. Do not be timid, because of these two stubs of smoldering sticks, because of the fierce anger of Rezin, Aram, and the son of Remaliah.

<sup>5</sup> Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have planned evil against you, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "Let us go up against Judah, terrorize it, and rip it apart and divide it up for ourselves. Let us set up a king, the son of Tabeel, over it."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the sovereign LORD says:

"It will not stand,

and it will not happen,

for the head of Aram is Damascus,

and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered in pieces,

so that it will not be a people.

9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria,

and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son.

If you will not faithfully stand firm,

then you will not stand at all."

<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,

<sup>11</sup> "Request a sign from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depths of Sheol, or in the height of heaven."

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask. I will not test the LORD."

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Listen now, O house of David. Is it too small a thing for you try the patience of humans, that you want to try the patience of my God too? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, a virgin will conceive, and give

birth to a son, and you will call him Immanuel [God with us].

<sup>15</sup> He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

<sup>16</sup> For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring on you, your people, and your father's house days that have never been since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah -- the king of Assyria.

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<sup>18</sup> In that day, the LORD will whistle for the flies from the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bees from the land of Assyria.

<sup>19</sup> They will come, and will settle in the ravines between cliffs and in the crevices of the rocks, and on all thorn bushes and at all the watering holes.

<sup>20</sup> In that day the Lord will shave with a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates River-with the king of Assyria--the head and leg hair; along with the beard too.

<sup>21</sup> In that day, a man will keep alive a young cow and a couple goats.

<sup>22</sup> From the abundance of milk they will produce he will eat curds; for everyone left in the land will eat curds and honey.

<sup>23</sup> In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines worth a thousand shekels, it will be overgrown with briers and thorns.

<sup>24</sup> With bow and arrows one will hunt there, because all the land will be full of briers and thorns.

<sup>25</sup> All the hills that used to be dug with a hoe, you will not go there for fear of briers and thorns. It will be a place for cattle to graze and for sheep to trample.

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet, and inscribe on it with an ordinary stylus: Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz [quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil]. <sup>2</sup> I will have it verified by faithful witnesses, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of

Jeberechiah."

<sup>3</sup> So I had relations with the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz."

<sup>4</sup> For before the child knows to cry, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried off by the king of Assyria."

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD spoke to me again, saying,

6	"Because this people has refused
	the gently flowing waters of Shiloah,
	and rejoices over what will happen
	to Rezin and Remaliah's son,
7	therefore the Lord will bring up against them
	the strong floodwaters of the Euphrates River,
	the king of Assyria and all his glory.
	It will overflow all its channels,
0	and overrun all its banks.
8	It will sweep on into Judah,
	flooding and pouring through.
	It will reach even to the neck,
	and the stretching out of its wings
	filling the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.
9	De breken O notions
	Be broken, O nations,
	and be shattered in pieces.
	Listen all you distant countries.
	Gear up for battle, but you will be shattered;
	gear up for battle,
	but you will be shattered.
10	Devise a plan,
	but it will achieve nothing.
	Issue orders,
	but they will never happen,
	for God is with us."

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD told me this with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

<sup>12</sup> "Do not make allegation of a conspiracy;

	concerning everything this people calls a conspiracy,
	do not be afraid of what they fear,
	or be in dread of it.
13	The LORD of hosts is the one you must recognize as holy,
	and let him be your fear,
	and let him be your dread.
14	He will be a sanctuary;
	a rock one trips over
	and a stone of stumbling
	for both the houses of Israel.
	He will be a trap
1.5	and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15	Many will stumble over them.
	They will fall and be broken,
	snared and taken captive."
16	Bind up the testimony,
	seal the teaching among my disciples.
17	I will wait expectantly for the LORD,
	who hides his face from the house of Jacob,
	but I will put my hope in him.

<sup>18</sup> Look, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and harbingers in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

<sup>19</sup> When they say to you, "Consult with mediums and spiritists, who chirp and mutter," should not a people consult with their God? Should they really ask the dead on behalf of the living?

<sup>20</sup> Rather consult the law and the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, surely there is no dawn for them.
<sup>21</sup> They will wander through the land distressed and hungry. When they get hungry, they

<sup>21</sup> They will wander through the land distressed and hungry. When they get hungry, they will be enraged, and curse their king and their God, as they turn their faces upward.

<sup>22</sup> They will look to the earth, and see only distress and darkness, gloom and anguish; they will be driven away into the darkness.

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom to her who was in anguish. In the former times he treated the land of Zebulun and Naphtali with contempt, but in the latter time he will make glorious Galilee of the nations, from the way of the sea to the region beyond the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased their joy; they joy before you like the joy during harvest, like warriors rejoice when they split up the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their oppression, and the bar on their shoulder, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as in the day of Midian's defeat. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the marching warriors, and every garment drenched in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders: and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. He will rule on the throne of David. and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. <sup>8</sup> The Lord sent a word against Jacob, and it has fallen on Israel. <sup>9</sup> All the people will know it, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who in pride and in arrogance of heart, say, <sup>10</sup> "The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with carefully crafted stone;

the sycamores are cut down,

but we will replace them with cedars."

<sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD has raised their adversaries against them,

and has stirred up his enemies, <sup>12</sup> Aram on the east, and the Philistines on the west; they will gobble up Israel with an open mouth. Even after all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. <sup>13</sup> Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup> Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed in just one day. <sup>15</sup> The elder and the dignitaries, are the head; the prophets who teach lies, are the tail. <sup>16</sup> For those who lead this people have led them astray; those who are led by them are destroyed. <sup>17</sup> Therefore the Lord is not pleased with their young men, nor will he have compassion on their orphans and widows; for everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. Even after all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. <sup>18</sup> For wickedness burns like fire; it devours the briers and thorns; it also burns the thickets of the forest. so that they go up in smoke. <sup>19</sup> Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts the land is burnt up and the people are like the fuel for the fire; no one spares even his brother. <sup>20</sup> They devoured on the right, but were still hungry; he ate on the left, but they were not be satisfied. They will all eat the flesh of their own children. <sup>21</sup> Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh; both will fight against Judah. Even after all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who make unjust decrees, and to the writers who write oppressive laws; <sup>2</sup> to turn aside the needy from justice, and to rob the poor of my people of their rights. that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the orphans their prey! <sup>3</sup> What will you do in the day of punishment, when devastation comes from far away? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth? <sup>4</sup> Nothing is left but to huddle down with the prisoners, or fall among the slain. Even after all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. <sup>5</sup> "Woe to Assyria, the rod of my anger, the club in their hands is my rage! <sup>6</sup> I am sending him against a godless nation, and against the people of my wrath. I will give him an order, to take the spoil, to seize the plunder, and to stomp them down like the mud in the streets. <sup>7</sup> Yet this is not what he intends, nor is this what his heart is planning; it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off many nations. <sup>8</sup> For he boasts, "Are not my princes all kings?" <sup>9</sup> Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus? <sup>10</sup> As my hand has reached the kingdoms of the idols, whose images excel those of Jerusalem and of Samaria, <sup>11</sup> shall I not do to Jerusalem and her idols, exactly as I have done to Samaria and her idols?" <sup>12</sup> When the Lord has finished his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, he will say,

"I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the haughty of look of his eyes.

<sup>13</sup> For he says, 'By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding. I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and like a powerful conqueror I have brought down those who sat on thrones. <sup>14</sup> My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a bird's nest; like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, I have gathered all the earth. There was not one that flapped a wing, or that opened its mouth, or chirped." <sup>15</sup> Does the axe boast against the one who wields it? Does the saw extol itself over the one who saws with it? As if a rod should wave the one who lifts it up, or as if a staff should lift up the one not made of wood. <sup>16</sup> Therefore the sovereign LORD of hosts will send among his burly warriors emaciation; his glory will be incinerated like the burning of fire. <sup>17</sup> The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame. It will burn and devour in just one day his thorns and his briers. <sup>18</sup> He will consume the grandeur of his forest, and his fruitful field. both body and soul. It will be like when a sick person wastes away. <sup>19</sup> There will be so few surviving trees in his forest, that even a child could write them down. <sup>20</sup> In that day the remnant of Israel, and those who survive from the house of Jacob. will no longer depend on the one who struck them, but they will rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. <sup>21</sup> A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob to the mighty God. <sup>22</sup> For though your people, Israel, be as the sand of the sea. only a remnant of them will return; a destruction is decreed.

overflowing with righteousness. <sup>23</sup> For the sovereign LORD of hosts will execute complete destruction, in the midst of the whole land. <sup>24</sup> Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD of hosts says, "O my people who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strikes you with the rod. and lifts up his club against you, just as Egypt did. <sup>25</sup> For in a few moments my fury will be over, then my anger will be directed to their destruction. <sup>26</sup> The LORD of hosts will beat them with a whip, just like he struck Midian at the rock of Oreb. He will lift his rod over the sea, just as he did in Egypt. <sup>27</sup> In that day his burden will be removed from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the voke will be broken because you will be so brawny. <sup>28</sup> He has come to Aiath; he has passed through Migron; at Michmash he stores his baggage. <sup>29</sup> They are gone over the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geba: Ramah trembles; Gibeah of Saul has fled. <sup>30</sup> Shriek, O daughter of Gallim! Listen, O Laishah! O poor Anathoth! <sup>31</sup> Madmenah flees; the inhabitants of Gebim run for cover. <sup>32</sup> This very day he will halt at Nob; he shakes his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. <sup>33</sup> Look, the sovereign LORD of hosts, will lop off the boughs with an awful crash. The tallest trees will be cut down, and the lofty brought low. <sup>34</sup> He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron axe, and Lebanon in its majesty will fall.

<sup>1</sup> There will grow up a shoot out of the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> His delight will be in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears. <sup>4</sup> But he will judge the poor with righteousness, and decide for the oppressed of the earth with equity. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips, he will kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist. <sup>6</sup> The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf, the young lion, and the fattened cow will lie down together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear will graze together; their young ones will lie down together; the lion will eat straw like an ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child will play near the hole of the asp, and the weaned child will put his hand into the viper's hole. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse will be raised for a sign of the peoples; the nations will seek guidance from him; his resting place will be glorious. <sup>11</sup> In that day the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, from Pathros and from Cush, from Elam, and from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup> Then he will set up a signal flag for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

<sup>13</sup> The jealousy of Ephraim will depart; those hostile to Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not be hostile to Ephraim. <sup>14</sup> They will swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together they will plunder the people of the east. They will put forth their hand on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will obey them. <sup>15</sup> The LORD will divide the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the Euphrates River. He will split it up into seven streams, and enable people to cross over in sandals. <sup>16</sup> There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that remain from Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, O LORD; for though you were angry with me, but now your anger is turned away and you comfort me. <sup>2</sup> God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD, yes the LORD, is my strength and song; he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> Joyfully you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> In that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; declare his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout out and cheer, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

<sup>1</sup> The oracle about Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.  $^{2}$  Set up a signal flag on the bare mountain top. Shout out to them, wave your hand for them to enter into the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup> I have commanded my special forces; I have called my warriors to execute my anger, those who rejoice in my victorious exaltation. <sup>4</sup> The tumult resounds on the mountains, like that of a great many people! There is an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations assembling together! The LORD of hosts is mustering the troops for the battle. <sup>5</sup> They come from a far country, as far as the distant horizons. It is the LORD and the weapons of his anger, to destroy the whole land. <sup>6</sup> Wail for the day of the LORD is near. It will come as destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will hang limp, and every human heart will melt. <sup>8</sup> They will be terrified. Pangs and agony will seize hold of them; they will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other; their faces will be aflame. <sup>9</sup> The day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land desolate, and to destroy its sinners out of it. <sup>10</sup> For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened as it rises, and the moon will not shine. <sup>11</sup> I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and bring down the haughtiness of the ruthless. <sup>12</sup> I will make human beings more rare than fine gold, people than the gold of Ophir.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,
and the earth will be shaken out of its place,
at the wrath of the LORD of hosts,
and in the day of his fierce anger.
<sup>14</sup> Like a startled gazelle,
and like sheep with no one to gather them,
they will return each one to their own people,
and will flee to their own land.
<sup>15</sup> Everyone who is caught will be thrust through;
everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
<sup>16</sup> Their infants also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes;
their houses will be plundered,
and their wives raped.
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<sup>17</sup> Look, I will stir up the Medes against them,
who do not care about silver
and have no pleasure in gold.
<sup>18</sup> Their bows will cut the young men to pieces;
they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
their eyes will not spare even the children.
<sup>19</sup> Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
the splendor of the Chaldeans' pride,
will be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
<sup>20</sup> It will never be inhabited,
from generation to generation.
Not even the bedouins will pitch their tent there;
nor will shepherds make their flocks to lie down there.
<sup>21</sup> But wild beasts of the desert will lie down there,
and their houses will be the haunts of howling creatures.
Ostriches will dwell there,
and wild goats will frolic there.
<sup>22</sup> Wolves will cry in their former fortresses,
and jackals in the luxurious palaces.
Its time is near,

and its days will not be prolonged.

<sup>1</sup> But the LORD will have compassion on Jacob, and will again choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigners will join with them, and they will attach themselves to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> The nations will take them, and bring them to their place; the house of Israel will possess them for servants and for handmaids in the land of the LORD. They will take captive those who were their captors, and they will rule over their oppressors. <sup>3</sup> On the day the LORD will give relief from your sorrow, and from your trouble, and from the hard labor you were forced to serve. <sup>4</sup> you should take up this taunt against the king of Babylon. and say, 'How the oppressor has ended! How his fury has ceased!' <sup>5</sup> The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, <sup>6</sup> that struck down the peoples in wrath with relentless blows, that ruled the nations in anger, with unrestrained aggression. <sup>7</sup> The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing. <sup>8</sup> The cypress trees rejoice over you, the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you were laid low, no woodcutter comes up against us." <sup>9</sup> Sheol from beneath is excited to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the dead to greet you, all the leaders of the earth. It raises up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. <sup>10</sup> They all will respond and say, "You too have become weak as we are! You have become like us!"

<sup>11</sup> Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, so also the sound of your harps, the maggots spread like a bed under vou. and worms cover you. <sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven. O shining star, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, vou who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven: I will raise my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the mount of the assembly, on the distant slopes of Mount Zaphon. <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." <sup>15</sup> Yet you will be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit. <sup>16</sup> Those who see you will gape at you; they will ponder over you, saying, "Is this the one who made the earth tremble, and shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup> who made the world like a desert, and overthrew its cities, who would not release his prisoners to go home?" <sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations, all of them rest in glory, each one in his own tomb. <sup>19</sup> But you are thrown out of your own sepulcher like a deplorable branch, clothed with the slain who were thrust through with the sword. who go down to the stones of the pit; like a corpse trampled underfoot. <sup>20</sup> You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have killed your people. The descendants of evildoers will never be mentioned again. <sup>21</sup> Get ready to slaughter his children for the sins of their fathers. They must never rise up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities.

<sup>22</sup> "I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts, "and cut off the memory of Babylon and its survivors, its offspring and posterity," says the LORD.
<sup>23</sup> "I will turn it into a possession of owls, and pools of marshy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.
<sup>24</sup> The LORD of hosts has sworn, "Surely, just as I have intended, so it will be; just as I have planned, it will happen.

<sup>25</sup> I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him under foot. Then his yoke will be removed from off my people, and his burden pulled off their shoulders.

<sup>26</sup> This is the plan devised against the whole earth; this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.

<sup>27</sup> For the LORD of hosts has planned, who can annul it? His hand is stretched out,

who can turn it back?

<sup>28</sup> In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle was given.

<sup>29</sup> Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of that serpent's root will come a more poisonous viper, and his fruit will be a fiery serpent.

<sup>30</sup> The firstborn of the poor will graze in pasture, and the needy will lie down in safety.

But I will kill your root with famine,

it will slay even your remnant which survived.

<sup>31</sup> Wail, O gate!

Cry, O city!

You are melted away, O Philistia, all of you;

for out of the north comes smoke,

and there is not a single straggler in its ranks.

<sup>32</sup> What will one answer the messengers of this nation?

"The LORD has founded Zion,

and in her the oppressed of his people will find refuge."

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about Moab. In a single night Ar of Moab is devastated and destroyed; in a single night Kir of Moab is devastated and destroyed. <sup>2</sup> Dibon goes up to the temple, to the high places to grieve. Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; all their heads are shaved, every beard is cut off. <sup>3</sup> In their streets they wear sackcloth; on their housetops and in town squares. every one wails falling down with weeping. <sup>4</sup> Heshbon and Elealeh cry out, their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed warriors of Moab crv aloud: their souls tremble. <sup>5</sup> My heart cries out for Moab; her nobles flee to Zoar, even to Eglath-shelishiyah. They weep as they go up the Ascent of Luhith: in the way of Horonaim they raise a cry of destruction. <sup>6</sup> For the waters of Nimrim are gone; the grass is withered. the new shoots fail, there is nothing green. <sup>7</sup> Therefore the abundance they have acquired, and that which they have saved up, they will carry away over the Wadi of the Willows. <sup>8</sup> The cry echoes around the territory of Moab; their wailing reaches to Eglaim, their wailing reaches to Beer Elim. <sup>9</sup> For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; yet I will bring even more on Dimon, a lion will attack those of Moab who escape, even the remnant, those left in the land.

<sup>1</sup> Send lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah, through the desert to the mount of the daughter of Zion. <sup>2</sup> Like birds hovering around, after being pushed from the nest. so are the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon. <sup>3</sup> "Give counsel, make a decision; make your shade like night at noon; hide the outcasts; do not betray the fugitive. <sup>4</sup> Let the fugitives of Moab settle with you; be a hiding place for them from the destroyer." For the oppressor has ended, destruction has ceased, those trampling others have vanished from the land. <sup>5</sup> The throne will be established by loyal love; he will sit on it in truth in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and quick to execute righteousness. <sup>6</sup> We have heard about the pride of Moab, how proud; his arrogance, pride, and insolence; his boastings are bogus. <sup>7</sup> Therefore let Moab wail for Moab, everyone of them will wail. Absolutely devastated, mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth. <sup>8</sup> For the fields of Heshbon waste away, even the vines of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken off its choice branches. which reached even to Jazer, which spread into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad, they crossed over the sea. <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will weep with those weeping from Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the shouts of joy have ceased.

<sup>10</sup> Gladness and joy are removed from the fruitful field; there is no more singing in the vineyards, or shouts of joy.
No treader treads out wine in the presses; I have put an end to those shouts.
<sup>11</sup> Therefore my heart groans like a harp for Moab, and my inner being for Kir Hareseth.
<sup>12</sup> When Moab presents himself for worship, when he wearies himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, it will not be effective.

<sup>13</sup> This is the word that the LORD spoke about Moab in the past.

<sup>14</sup> But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab will be despised, with his entire population; and the survivors will be few and insignificant."

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about Damascus. "Look, Damascus will cease to be a city, it will be a heap of ruins. <sup>2</sup> The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they will be places for flocks to lie down, and no one will make them afraid. <sup>3</sup> The fortified town of Ephraim will disappear, along with the kingdom of Damascus. The remnant of Syria: they will end up like the glory of the children of Israel," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup> "In that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low, and the fatness of his flesh will become thin. <sup>5</sup> It will be as when harvesters gather the standing grain, and his arm reaps the ears of grain; like one gleaning ears of grain in the valley of Rephaim. <sup>6</sup> Yet there will be some leftover gleanings in it, like when an olive tree is harvested by beating, two or three olives remain in the top branches, four or five in the most fruitful branches," says the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>7</sup> In that day a person will look to their Maker, and turn their eyes to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither will they look to what their fingers have made, the Asherah poles or incense altars.

<sup>9</sup> In that day their refuge cities will be like the forsaken forests of the Amorites, which were abandoned because of the children of Israel. There will be desolation.
<sup>10</sup> For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock, your refuge. So you plant beautiful plants, and plant special foreign vines.
<sup>11</sup> In the day you plant it, you fence it in,

and in the morning you cause your seed to germinate; but the harvest vanishes

in the day of disease and incurable pain.

<sup>12</sup> Woe, the uproar of many peoples, that roar like the roaring of the sea, and the roar of nations, like the roar of the crashing of mighty waves!
<sup>13</sup> Though the nations roar like the roar of many waters, he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm.
<sup>14</sup> In the evening, look, terror! Before the morning, they are gone. This is the plight of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who loot us.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the land of buzzing wings beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; <sup>2</sup> that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in papyrus vessels on the waters. Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared far and wide, a nation strong and conquering, whose land is divided by rivers. <sup>3</sup> All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a signal flag is lifted on the mountains, look; when the trumpet is blown, listen. <sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD said to me, "I will quietly watch from my dwelling place, like heat shimmers in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." <sup>5</sup> For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will prune off the shoots with pruning shears. and cut off and remove the spreading branches. <sup>6</sup> They will be left together for the mountain vultures, and for the beasts of the earth; the birds of prey will spend summer feeding on them, and all the beasts of the earth will spend winter eating them. <sup>7</sup> In that time a present will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, to people feared far and wide, a nation strong and conquering, whose land is divided by rivers. to the place of the name of LORD of hosts, to Mount Zion.

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about Egypt. Look, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble at his presence; the hearts of Egyptians melt within them. <sup>2</sup> "I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians; each one will fight against his brother. each person against his neighbor, city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>3</sup> The spirit of Egypt will be demoralized within them; I will make their plans ineffective. They will seek guidance from idols, and from spirits of the dead, along with mediums and sorcerers. <sup>4</sup> I will hand the Egyptians over to the hand of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," says the sovereign LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup> The waters from the sea will be dried up, and the Nile river will be waterless and dry. <sup>6</sup> The rivers will become foul; the streams of Egypt will be depleted and dried up; the reeds and rushes will wither away. <sup>7</sup> The bulrushes by the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and all the sown fields by the Nile, will wither, be blown away and gone. <sup>8</sup> The fishermen will lament, all those who cast hooks into the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will waste away. <sup>9</sup> Those who work in combed flax will despair and those who weave white cloth will grow pale. <sup>10</sup> The weavers will be crushed; all those who work for wages will be grieved. <sup>11</sup> The princes of Zoan are absolutely foolish; the Pharaoh's wise counselors give stupid advice. How do you dare say to Pharaoh, "I am a sage,

a student of the ancient kings?"

<sup>12</sup> Where now are your wise men?

Let them tell you now

and make known what the LORD of hosts

has planned concerning Egypt.

<sup>13</sup> The officials of Zoan have become fools, the officials of Memphis are deceived;

they have caused Egypt to go astray,

those who were the cornerstones of her tribes.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD has poured a spirit of distortion into her;

they have caused Egypt to go astray in everything she does,

like a drunkard staggering around in his own vomit.

<sup>15</sup> Egypt can do nothing about it,

head or tail,

palm branch or reed.

<sup>16</sup> In that day the Egyptians will be like fearful women; they will tremble and fear because the LORD of hosts waves his fist; he shakes it against them.

<sup>17</sup> The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt; everyone who hears mention of it will be terrified, because of what the counsel of the LORD of hosts advises against it.

<sup>18</sup> In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear allegiance to LORD of hosts. One will be called the City of Sun.
<sup>19</sup> In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar dedicated to the LORD at its border.

 $^{20}$  It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt. They will cry out to the LORD because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender who will deliver them.

<sup>21</sup> The LORD will reveal himself to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will worship with sacrifices and offerings, and will make a vow to the LORD and keep it.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD will strike Egypt, striking and then healing them. They will return to the LORD, and he will listen to their prayers and heal them.

<sup>23</sup> In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. Assyrians will come to Egypt, and the Egyptians will go to Assyria. Egyptians will worship with Assyrians.
<sup>24</sup> In that day Israel will be a third member with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth.

<sup>25</sup> For the LORD of hosts has blessed them, saying,

"Blessed be Egypt my people,

Assyria the work of my hands,

and Israel my inheritance."

<sup>1</sup> In the year when Sargon the king of Assyria sent his commander-in-chief to Ashdod, he fought against Ashdod and took it.

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and take off the sackcloth from your waist, and remove your sandals from your feet." So he did it, walking naked and barefoot.

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "Just like my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a harbinger against Egypt and Ethiopia,

<sup>4</sup> so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, both young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks bared, to the shame of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> They will be dismayed and ashamed because Ethiopia was their hope, and Egypt their boast.

<sup>6</sup> In that day the inhabitants of this coastland will say, 'Look at what happened to our hope, to those we fled to for help and deliverance from the king of Assyria! How will we ever escape?'"

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about the Wilderness by the Sea. Like whirlwinds in the Negev sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land. <sup>2</sup> A harsh vision was told to me; the treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, O Elam; lay siege, O Media; all the sighing she has caused I will bring to an end. <sup>3</sup> Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have seized hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor. I am so bewildered by what I hear, troubled by what I see. <sup>4</sup> My heart flutters, horror has frightened me: the twilight that I desired has brought me only trembling. <sup>5</sup> They prepare the table, they lay the carpet, they eat, they drink. Get up, you commanders, oil the shields. <sup>6</sup> For this is what the Lord says to me, "Go, post a lookout, let him report what he observes. <sup>7</sup> When he sees chariots with pairs of horses, riders on donkeys, riders on camels, let him be vigilant, very vigilant. <sup>8</sup> Then he cried out, "O Lord, I stand constantly on the watchtower in the day, and am stationed at my post every night. <sup>9</sup> Look, here comes a man on a chariot with a pair of horses." He announces, "Babylon is fallen, fallen; and all the carved images of her gods are smashed into the ground." <sup>10</sup> O my people, threshed and beaten on my threshing floor!

<sup>11</sup> An oracle about Dumah.

Someone calls to me from Seir,

"Watchman, what of the night?"

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<sup>12</sup> The watchman replied,

"The morning is coming, then also the night.

If you want to ask, then ask; come back again."

<sup>13</sup> An oracle about Arabia.In the thickets in Arabia you will lodge, O caravans of Dedanites.

<sup>14</sup> Bring water for the thirsty;

O inhabitants of the land of Tema

meet the fugitives with bread.

<sup>15</sup> For they have fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the pressure of the battle.

<sup>16</sup> For this is what the Lord said to me, "Within a year, according to the years counted by a hired hand, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end.

<sup>17</sup> The surviving archers, and warriors of Kedar, will be few," for the LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken.

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about the Valley of Vision. What is the problem now, causing all of you to go up to the rooftops? <sup>2</sup> The city is full of pandemonium, the town full of revelry. Your slain are not killed by the sword, nor do they die in battle. <sup>3</sup> All your rulers together have fled; they were captured without even a bow shot. All who were found were captured together, even though they fled far away. <sup>4</sup> Therefore I said, "Don't look at me, while I weep bitterly; don't try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people." <sup>5</sup> For it is a day of panic, defeat, and confusion, from the Lord, the LORD of hosts, in the Valley of Vision. It is a day of battering down of the walls, and cries for help to the mountains. <sup>6</sup> Elam picked up the quiver, coming with chariots and horsemen; Kir uncovered its shield. <sup>7</sup> Your key valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took up fixed positions at the city gate. <sup>8</sup> He stripped back the defenses of Judah. In that day you looked for the weapons in the House of the Forest armory. <sup>9</sup> You saw the many breaches in the walls of the city of David. You collected water in the lower pool. <sup>10</sup> You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and tore down houses in order to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup> You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who had done this, or respect him who planned it long ago. <sup>12</sup> In that day the Lord, the LORD of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for heads to be shaved.

and for sackcloth to be put on. <sup>13</sup> But instead there was joy and gladness, celebratory slaving of oxen and slaughtering of sheep. eating meat and drinking wine. "Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die," you exclaim. <sup>14</sup> The LORD of hosts revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven until you die," says the Lord, the LORD of hosts. <sup>15</sup> This is what the Lord says, the LORD of hosts, "Go to Shebna, the palace manager, and say, <sup>16</sup> What are you doing here? What relatives of yours are buried here? Why have you hewed out a sepulcher here for yourself? He cut out a sepulcher on this high place, craving a tomb for himself in the rock. <sup>17</sup> Look, the LORD, will hurl you away violently; O warrior. Yes, he will seize hold of you firmly. <sup>18</sup> He will roll you up tightly like a ball tossing you into a large country. There you will die, and there your marvelous chariots will lie.

You are a disgrace to your master's house.

<sup>19</sup> I will drive you out of your office;

and you will be pulled down from your exalted position.

<sup>20</sup> In that day, I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah.

<sup>21</sup> I will cloth him with your robe, and lash your sash on him. I will transfer your authority into his hand. He will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

<sup>22</sup> The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder. What he opens, no one will be able to shut; what he shuts, and no one will be able to open.

<sup>23</sup> I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place; he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.

<sup>24</sup> They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the descendants and offspring, every small vessel, from the cups to all the jugs.

<sup>25</sup> In that day," says the LORD of hosts, "the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way. It will be cut down and fall. The load that was hanging on it will fall down," for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>1</sup> An oracle about Tyre. Wail, you ships of Tarshish. Tyre is destroyed without house and harbor; from the land of Cyrpus it is reported to them. <sup>2</sup> Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you merchants of Sidon, your messengers sail through the sea. 3 Over the great waters they come with grain of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile was her revenue. She was the market of the nations. <sup>4</sup> Be ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not been in labor, or given birth, I have not reared young men, or brought up daughters." <sup>5</sup> When the news gets to Egypt, they will be sorely pained at the report about Tyre. <sup>6</sup> Travel to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast. <sup>7</sup> Is this your joyous city, whose origin is from ancient days, whose feet have carried her to settle far away? <sup>8</sup> Who has planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are honored around the world? <sup>9</sup> The LORD of hosts has planned it, to defile the pride of all glory, to bring to shame all the honored of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Cross through your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no harbor any more.

<sup>11</sup> He has stretched out his hand over the sea; he has shaken the kingdoms.

The LORD has given commands concerning Canaan to destroy its fortresses.

<sup>15</sup> In that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, for the days of a single king. Then at the end of seventy years, Tyre will come back as in the song about the prostitute. <sup>16</sup> "Take a harp, go about the city,

O forgotten whore; make sweet melody, sing many songs, so that you may be remembered."

<sup>17</sup> After the seventy years, the LORD will restore Tyre, and she will return to her hire, and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.
<sup>18</sup> Her merchandise and her wages will be consecrated to the LORD. It will not be stored up or hoarded; her merchandise will be for them who live in the LORD's presence, supplying plenty of food and beautiful clothes.

<sup>1</sup> Look, the LORD lays waste to the earth, makes it desolate, twists its surface. and scatters its inhabitants. <sup>2</sup> It will hit the priest just like the people, the master just like the servant, the mistress just like the maid, the seller just like the buyer, the borrower just like the lender, the debtor just like the creditor. <sup>3</sup> The earth will be absolutely devastated, and completely plundered; the LORD has spoken this word. <sup>4</sup> The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the people of prominence of the earth languish. <sup>5</sup> The earth is defiled by its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. <sup>6</sup> Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned. and few people are left. <sup>7</sup> The new wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted groan. <sup>8</sup> The celebration with tambourines ceases, the revelry of those who rejoice stops, the joy of the harp halts. <sup>9</sup> No longer will they drink wine with a song; strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it. <sup>10</sup> The wasted city is broken down; every house is locked down so that no one can enter. <sup>11</sup> There is crying in the streets for wine; all joy has turned to gloom, the gladness of the land is banished. <sup>12</sup> The city is left desolate, and the gate is beaten into pieces.

<sup>13</sup> This is how it will be throughout the earth among the nations. like when an olive tree is beaten in harvest, like the gleanings left when the grape harvest is over. <sup>14</sup> They will lift up their voices, they will shout for joy; the majesty of the LORD they will proclaim from the west. <sup>15</sup> Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, even the name of the LORD, in the islands of the sea, the God of Israel. <sup>16</sup> From the ends of the earth we hear songs: "Glory to the Righteous One." But I said, "I am wasting away, I am wasting away, woe is me! For the deceivers have acted deceitfully; the deceivers have acted very deceitfully." <sup>17</sup> Terror, the pit, and the snare, are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. <sup>18</sup> Whoever flees from the sound of terror will fall into the pit; whoever comes up out of the midst of the pit will be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. <sup>19</sup> The earth is totally broken up, the earth is ripped apart, the earth is violently shaken. <sup>20</sup> The earth will stagger like a drunkard, it will sway like a hut in a storm; its transgression will be heavy on it, it will fall and not get up again. <sup>21</sup> In that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven in heaven, and the kings of the earth on the earth. <sup>22</sup> They will be gathered together, as prisoners gathered in a pit. They will be locked up in the prison; after many days they will be punished. <sup>23</sup> Then the moon will blush,

and the sun will be ashamed; for the LORD of hosts will reign in Mount Zion, in Jerusalem and before his elders with glory.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans shaped of old in absolute faithfulness. <sup>2</sup> For you have made a city a heap, a fortified town a ruin, a fortress for strangers is no longer a city; it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will respect you; a city of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge for the poor, a stronghold to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm. a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm battering against the wall, 5 like heat in a parched place. You will silence the uproar of foreigners; like the heat subsiding from the shade of clouds, the song of the ruthless will be silenced. <sup>6</sup> In this mountain the LORD of hosts will make a lavish banquet for all peoples, a feast of well aged wines and choice meats. of the finest wines well strained. <sup>7</sup> He will swallow up on this mountain the shroud that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the sovereign LORD will wipe away tears from off all faces; the disgrace of his people, he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken it. <sup>9</sup> It will be said in that day,

It will be said in that day, "Look, here is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him, let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
<sup>10</sup> For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain; Moab will be trampled down in his place, just like straw is trampled down in the water of a manure pit.
<sup>11</sup> Moab will spread out its hands in the midst of it, like one who swims spreads out his hands to swim; but the LORD will lay low their pride together with the spreading out of their hands.
<sup>12</sup> Your impregnable walled fortress he will bring down, laid low, torn down to the dusty ground.

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<sup>1</sup> In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God has set up salvation like walls and ramparts. <sup>2</sup> Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter. <sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace, those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. <sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD forever; for in the LORD, yes the LORD, you have an everlasting rock. <sup>5</sup> For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city; he lays it low, he lays it low even to the ground; he throws it down into the dust. <sup>6</sup> Feet will trample it down; even the feet of the poor. the steps of the needy. <sup>7</sup> The way of the righteous is straight, you level the path of the righteous. <sup>8</sup> Yes, in the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; the desire of our soul is for your name for your memory. <sup>9</sup> My soul longs for you in the night; yes, my spirit within me desires you. For when your judgments are seen in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. <sup>10</sup> When favor is shown to the wicked, they will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness they will act unjustly, and will not see the majesty of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> O LORD, your hand is lifted up, yet they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be put to shame: yes, fire will consume your adversaries.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD, you will establish peace for us; for all our works you have actually done for us. <sup>13</sup> O LORD our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we will keep in remembrance. <sup>14</sup> The dead do not come back to life; the spirits of the dead do not rise; because you have punished and destroyed them, and erased all memory of them. <sup>15</sup> You have increased the nation, O LORD; vou have increased the nation. You are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land. <sup>16</sup> O LORD, in trouble they have searched for you; they poured out a prayer when your discipline was on them. <sup>17</sup> Like a woman with child, who nears the time of her delivery, with writhing and cries in her labor pains, so we have been before you, O LORD. <sup>18</sup> We were pregnant, we were in pain, but we gave birth only to the wind. We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth; nor have the inhabitants of the world been born. <sup>19</sup> Your dead will live; your dead bodies will rise. Wake up and sing, you who dwell in the dust. For your dew is like the morning dew, and the earth will give birth to those who were dead. <sup>20</sup> Go, my people, enter into your rooms. Shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little while, until his anger is passed. <sup>21</sup> For look, the LORD comes out of his dwelling place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sin. The earth also will reveal the bloodshed on her, and will no longer cover her slain.

<sup>1</sup> In that day the LORD with his terrible, great and strong sword will punish leviathan the swift serpent, leviathan the twisting serpent; he will slav the sea monster. <sup>2</sup> In that day sing about the delightful vineyard. <sup>3</sup> I, the LORD, am its keeper; I will water it all the time. I will guard it day and night so that no one can harm it. <sup>4</sup> I am not angry; if it gives me briers and thorns I will wage war on them! I would burn them up. <sup>5</sup> Let them take hold of my protection, that they may make peace with me; yes, let them make peace with me. <sup>6</sup> In days to come Jacob will take root; Israel will bud and blossom, and fill the entire world with fruit. <sup>7</sup> Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been killed as those who killed them were killed? <sup>8</sup> You contend with them by expulsion and exile; he has blown them away with his fierce wind as in the day of the east wind. <sup>9</sup> Therefore by this Jacob's iniquity will be forgiven, and this will be the full fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar like crushed limestone, with no Asherah poles and incense altars left standing. <sup>10</sup> For the fortified city is solitary, a habitat deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. There the calf feeds. and there it will lie down, and consume its branches. <sup>11</sup> When its branches are withered, they are broken off; women come and make a fire with them. For it is a people with no understanding, therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will show them no mercy.

<sup>12</sup> In that day, the LORD will thresh grain, from the Euphrates River to the Brook of Egypt; you will be gathered one by one, O Israelites.
<sup>13</sup> In that day, a great trumpet will be blown; those lost in the land of Assyria will come,

<sup>13</sup> In that day, a great trumpet will be blown; those lost in the land of Assyria will come, along with those who were refugees in the land of Egypt; they will worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, located at the head of the fertile valley of those overcome with wine! <sup>2</sup> Look, the Lord has one who is mighty and strong; like a hail storm or a destroying windstorm, like a torrential rainstorm flooding. he will throw their crown down to the earth with his hand. <sup>3</sup> The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trampled underfoot. <sup>4</sup> The fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is at the head of the fertile valley, will be like the first-ripe fig before the harvest; whoever spots it, gobbles it up soon as he can get his hand on it. <sup>5</sup> In that day the LORD of hosts will become a crown of glory, and a beautiful diadem to the remnant of his people; <sup>6</sup> a spirit of justice to the one who sits in judgment, and strength to those who repel the attack at the gate. <sup>7</sup> Even these reel from wine, and stagger from strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel from strong drink, they are swallowed up because of wine, they stagger with strong drink; they teeter when seeing visions, they stumble when offering judgments. <sup>8</sup> For all tables are full of filthy vomit, there is nowhere that is clean. <sup>9</sup> They complain, "Who does he think he is trying to teach knowledge? Who will he make to explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those just taken from their mother's breasts? <sup>10</sup> For he repeats the same precept on precept, precept on precept again and again; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little."

<sup>11</sup> So with stammering lips and with foreign tongues

he will speak to this people; <sup>12</sup> to whom he said, "This is the rest, give rest to the one who is weary;" and "This is a place of refreshment." Yet they would not listen. <sup>13</sup> Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them precept repeated upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; so that they may go and fall over backward, and be broken, snared, and taken captive. <sup>14</sup> Therefore hear the word of the LORD you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem: <sup>15</sup> because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and we have an agreement with Sheol; when the overflowing whip passes through, it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and hid ourselves under deception." <sup>16</sup> Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says, "Look, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. One who believes will not panic. <sup>17</sup> I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plum line. Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. <sup>18</sup> Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not last; when the overflowing whip passes through, you will be beaten down by it. <sup>19</sup> As often as it passes through, it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night;" when the message is understood, it will cause sheer terror. <sup>20</sup> For the bed is too short for one to stretch out on; the blanket too narrow for one to wrap around oneself. <sup>21</sup> For the LORD will rise up as he did on Mount Perazim,

he will stir himself up as he did in the valley of Gibeon; so that he may perform his deed, his extraordinary deed, and bring to pass his work, his unusual work. <sup>22</sup> Now therefore do not mock, lest your bonds be made stronger; for I have heard from the sovereign LORD of hosts a decree of destruction against the whole earth. <sup>23</sup> Listen, and hear my voice. Pay attention and hear what I am saying. <sup>24</sup> Does one plowing in order to plant plow continually? Does one continually cultivate and break up his ground? <sup>25</sup> When he has leveled its surface, does he not spread the seed of caraway, and scatter the cumin, putting the wheat in rows, and the barley in its designated place, and the spelt along its border? <sup>26</sup> For his God correctly instructs him, and teaches him how. <sup>27</sup> For caraway is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cart wheel rolled over the cumin; caraway is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod. <sup>28</sup> Grain for bread must be ground; one will not keep threshing it forever; the wheel of one's cart rolls over it. but one does not use horses to crush it. <sup>29</sup> This also comes from the LORD of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel. and excellent in wisdom.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to Ariel, Ariel, the city where David laid siege! Year after year you celebrate the annual cycle of feasts. <sup>2</sup> I will bring distress on Ariel, there will be mourning and lamenting; she will be to me like Ariel [an altar hearth]. <sup>3</sup> I will lay siege against you all around. I will besiege you with towers, and I will raise siege works against you. <sup>4</sup> You will be brought down, you will speak from the ground: your speech will come from the dust where you lie. Your voice will be like one who has a familiar spirit, coming out of the ground, and your speech will whisper out of the dust. <sup>5</sup> But your foes will be as plentiful as dust, and your many tyrants will be blown away like chaff; it will happen suddenly, in an instant. <sup>6</sup> She will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder, with earthquake and great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and the flame of a devouring fire. <sup>7</sup> It will be like a vanishing dream, or a vision in the night; the horde of all the nations will fight against Ariel, all those who fight against her and her stronghold, and those who distress her. <sup>8</sup> It will be like when a hungry person dreams, and he eats. but then he wakes up with an empty stomach. Or like when a thirsty person dreams, and he drinks; but then he wakes up he is still faint from thirst. So it will be with the horde of all the nations, that fight against Mount Zion. <sup>9</sup> Be shocked and awed. Blind yourself and be blind. They are drunk. but not from wine; they stagger. but not from strong drink. <sup>10</sup> For the LORD has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep,

and has closed your eyes, O prophets, and covered your heads, O seers.

<sup>11</sup> To you this entire vision is like the words of a sealed scroll, which is given to one who can read, saying, "Read this," but he replies, "I cannot, because it is sealed."

<sup>12</sup> Then the scroll is given to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," but he replies, "I can't read."

<sup>13</sup> The Lord says,

These people draw near to me with their mouth and with their lips they honor me, but their heart is removed far from me,

and their fear of me is merely human commands

which they have been taught.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore I will again do an astonishing work among this people, a truly amazing work;

the wisdom of their wise will perish,

and the understanding of their prudent will disappear.

<sup>15</sup> Woe to those who attempt to hide their plans from the LORD, and whose deeds are done in the dark,

and who boast,

"Who can see us?"

and "Who knows what we're up to?"

<sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down!

Should the potter be thought of as no better than the clay.

Should the thing made say to him who made it,

"He didn't make me."

Should the thing formed say of him who formed it,

"He has no understanding"?

<sup>17</sup> In just a little while will Lebanon not be turned into a fruitful field,

and the fruitful field will be thought of as a forest?

<sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll,

and the eyes of the blind will see out of their gloom and darkness.

<sup>19</sup> The oppressed also will again rejoice in the LORD,

and the poorest people will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>20</sup> For the tyrant will vanish,

and the scoffer will be gone,

and all those who are keen on doing wrong will be cut off,

<sup>21</sup> those who convict a person based on a false testimony, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and denies justice to the innocent. <sup>22</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says about the house of Jacob:

Jacob will no longer be ashamed,

nor will his face grow pale.

<sup>23</sup> But when he sees his children,

the work of my hands among them,

they will sanctify my name;

yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,

and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> They also whose spirit goes astray will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction.

<sup>1</sup> "Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD, "who execute plans that are not mine, and who make alliances but not by my Spirit. so compounding sin on sin; <sup>2</sup> who set out to go down to Egypt, and have not asked for my guidance; to find refuge under Pharaoh's protection, and seek safety under Egypt's shade! <sup>3</sup> Therefore Pharoah's protection will bring you shame, and the safety of Egypt's shade will be your disgrace. <sup>4</sup> For their officials are at Zoan, and their envoys have come to Hanes. <sup>5</sup> They will all be ashamed because of a people who cannot benefit them, who cannot give them help or profit, but only shame and disgrace." <sup>6</sup> An oracle about the animals of the Negev. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and roaring lion, of the viper and fiery darting serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of donkeys, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people who cannot help. <sup>7</sup> For Egypt's help is worthless and futile. Therefore have I called her "Rahab-who-just-sits-there." <sup>8</sup> Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it on a scroll, that it may be preserved as a witness for the future forever. <sup>9</sup> For they are a rebellious people, deceptive children, children that will not obey the law of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> They tell the seers, "Stop seeing visions," and to the prophets, "Stop prophesying to us about what is right, tell us pleasantries, prophesy illusions. <sup>11</sup> Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more of the Holy One of Israel."

<sup>12</sup> Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel says,

"Because you despise this word,
and trust and rely on oppression and deception;
<sup>13</sup> therefore this iniquity will be to you
like a cracked and bulging wall ready to fall,
that topples suddenly, in an instant.
<sup>14</sup> He will smash it like a potter's clay pot,
shattering it into pieces without mercy;
so that not a shard of it can be found among its pieces
for taking fire from the hearth,
or to dipping up water out of a cistern."
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<sup>15</sup> For this is what the sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says,
"In returning and rest you will be delivered;
quietness and trust will be your strength,
but you rejected it.
<sup>16</sup> You say, 'No, we will flee on horses;'
therefore you will flee.
and, 'We will ride on swift horses;'
therefore those who pursue you will be swift.
<sup>17</sup> One thousand of you will flee at the threat of one of them;
at the threat of five all of you will flee,
until you are left as a lone flagpole on the top of a mountain,
and as a signal flag on a hill."
<sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD patiently waits,
so that he may be gracious to you.
Therefore he will rise up,
so that he may have mercy on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all those who wait for him.
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<sup>19</sup> For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem;
you will weep no more.
He will surely be gracious to you
at the sound of your cry for help;
when he hears, he will answer you.
<sup>20</sup> Though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity
and the water of affliction,
yet your Teacher will not be hidden anymore,
but your eyes will see your Teacher.
<sup>21</sup> Your ears will hear a word behind you, saying,
"This is the way, walk in it;"
when you turn to the right hand,
or when you turn to the left.

<sup>22</sup> Then you will defile your silver-coated carved images, and your gold-plated metal idols. You will throw them away like a menstrual rag; you will say to them, "Get out of here." <sup>23</sup> Then he will give the rain for your seed, which you sow in the ground. Food from the produce of the ground will be rich and plenteous. In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures. <sup>24</sup> The oxen and the donkeys that till the ground will eat savory fodder which has been winnowed with the shovel and pitchfork. <sup>25</sup> There on every lofty mountain, and on every high hill, there will be brooks of flowing water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. <sup>26</sup> Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the injuries of his people and heals the wound he has inflicted. <sup>27</sup> Look, the name of the LORD comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a consuming fire. <sup>28</sup> His breath is like a flooding river, that reaches even to one's neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction. He puts a bridle in the jaws of the peoples to lead them to ruin. <sup>29</sup> You will sing a song as in the night when the holy feast is kept; have gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel. <sup>30</sup> The LORD will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show his arm swinging down, with the fury of his anger. and the flame of a consuming fire, with a cloudburst, storm, and hailstones. <sup>31</sup> The Assyrians will be terrified at the voice of the LORD;

when he strikes them down with his rod.
<sup>32</sup> Every stroke of the rod of punishment which the LORD will lay on him,
will be to the sound of tambourines and harps; in battles with the waving of his arm, he will fight with them.
<sup>33</sup> For Topheth has been prepared for a long time; yes, made ready for the king; he has made its pyre deep and wide with firewood piled high; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it on fire.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in their many chariots, and in horsemen because they are strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek the LORD! <sup>2</sup> Yet he too is wise, and will bring disaster, and will not go back on his words. He will rise against the house of the evildoers, and against the helpers of those who do wrong. <sup>3</sup> Now the Egyptians are merely human, and not God; their horses only flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD will stretch out his hand, both he who helps will stumble, and he who is helped will fall. They all will perish together. <sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says to me, "When a lion or a young lion growls over its prey, if a group of shepherds is called out against him, will it not be frightened at their voice, or intimidated from their noise. So will the LORD of hosts come down to fight on Mount Zion, and on its hill. <sup>5</sup> Like birds hovering overhead, so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it, he will pass over and rescue it. <sup>6</sup> Return to him from whom you have deeply rebelled, O children of Israel. <sup>7</sup> For in that day each one of you will cast away your idols of silver, and your idols of gold, which your own hands have sinfully made for you. <sup>8</sup> Assyrians will fall by the sword, but not a human one; the sword, but not of humankind, will devour them. They will flee from the sword, and their young men will be forced into hard labor. <sup>9</sup> Their rock will pass away in terror, and their officers will panic when they see the signal flag," says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and whose furnace is in Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup> Look, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice. <sup>2</sup> Each of them will be like a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the storm. like streams in the desert, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. <sup>3</sup> The eves of those who see will not be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen. <sup>4</sup> The heart of the rash will be able to discern knowledge, and the tongue of those who stutter will be articulate and speak clearly. <sup>5</sup> The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the rascal considered honorable. <sup>6</sup> For a fool speaks folly, and his heart plots wrongdoing, They practice ungodliness and speak error concerning the LORD, to leave the soul of the hungry unsatisfied, and to deprive the thirsty of water. <sup>7</sup> The rascal's schemes are evil; he devises evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of needy is right. <sup>8</sup> But the noble plans noble actions; by noble actions he stands secure. <sup>9</sup> Get up, you women who are at ease; hear my voice, you complacent daughters: give ear to my speech. <sup>10</sup> For in just about a year you will shudder, you complacent ones; for the grape harvest will fail, the fruit harvest will not come. <sup>11</sup> Tremble, you women who are at ease; shudder, you complacent ones; strip down, and expose yourselves, and put sackcloth on your waists. <sup>12</sup> Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. <sup>13</sup> For the land of my people will be overgrown with thorns and thistles; yes, over all the houses of joy in the city of carousing. <sup>14</sup> For the palace will be forsaken; the populous city deserted; the Ophel and the watchtower will be caves forever, the joy of wild donkeys, and a pasture for flocks; <sup>15</sup> until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field considered a forest. <sup>16</sup> Then justice will dwell in the wilderness; righteousness will reside in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup> The produce of righteousness will be peace; the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. <sup>18</sup> My people will live in peaceable dwellings, in safe homes, and in secure resting places. <sup>19</sup> Even if hail destroys the forest and the city is totally leveled; <sup>20</sup> blessed are you who plant beside every stream, who let the feet of the ox and the donkey graze freely.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to you who destroy, but you have not been destroyed; and you traitor, but they have not betrayed you! When you finish destroying, you yourself will be destroyed. When you have finished betraying, they will betray you. <sup>2</sup> O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for you. Be our strong arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. <sup>3</sup> At the roar of a crowd, the peoples flee; when you rise up the nations scatter. <sup>4</sup> Your spoil is gathered like the caterpillar gathers; like locusts leaping so they will leap on the loot. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high. He fills Zion with justice and righteousness. <sup>6</sup> He will be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the LORD produces this treasure. <sup>7</sup> Look, their heroes cry in the streets; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. <sup>8</sup> The highways are vacant, the travelers are gone. The enemy has broken it treaties, its witnesses are despised, he respects no one. <sup>9</sup> The land mourns and withers; Lebanon withers with shame. The fertile plain of Sharon has become like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel lose their rich foliage. <sup>10</sup> "Now I will rise," says the LORD, "now I will lift up myself, now I will be exalted. <sup>11</sup> You will conceive chaff, you will give birth to stubble;

your breath is a fire that will devour you.

<sup>12</sup> The peoples will be completely burned to lime, like thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire."

<sup>13</sup> Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; vou who are near, acknowledge my might. <sup>14</sup> The sinners in Zion are afraid, trembling has seized the godless, who say: "Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with everlasting burnings?" <sup>15</sup> The one who walks righteously and speaks straight; who despises the profit from oppression, whose hands wave away a bribe, who plugs his ears from murderous plots, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil. <sup>16</sup> This one will dwell on high, his place of refuge will be the fortresses of rocks; his food will be provided; his water guaranteed. <sup>17</sup> Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will survey a land that stretches far away. <sup>18</sup> Your heart will obsess about former terrors: "Where is the sage? Where is the one who weighs the tribute? Where is the one who counts the towers?" <sup>19</sup> You will not see these fierce people, a people whose obscure language you cannot comprehend, whose stammering tongue you cannot understand. <sup>20</sup> Look on Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem. a peaceful home, a tent that will not be removed: its stakes will never be pulled up, neither will any of its ropes be broken. <sup>21</sup> But there the LORD will be with us in splendor. It will be a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley of warships with oars may enter,

nor will splendid ships sail through.

<sup>22</sup> For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. <sup>23</sup> Your rigging is loosed; they could not secure their mast, they could not spread the sail. Then the prey of a great spoil will be divided; even the lame will haul the plunder away. <sup>24</sup> The resident of Zion will not say, "I am sick." The people who live there will have their sin forgiven.

<sup>1</sup> Come near, O nations, to hear; listen, O peoples. Let the earth and everything in it hear, the world and all things that come from it. <sup>2</sup> For the LORD is angry against all the nations, and furious against all their armies. He will totally destroy them, he has delivered them up to slaughter. <sup>3</sup> Their slain will be cast out, and the stench of their corpses will stink; the mountains will flow with their blood. <sup>4</sup> All the host of heaven will be dissolved, and the heavens will be rolled up like a scroll; all their hosts will fall, like a withered leaf from a vine, or like a shriveled fig from a fig tree. <sup>5</sup> For my sword has drunk its fill in heaven; look, it will come down on Edom, and on the people doomed to destruction. <sup>6</sup> The sword of the LORD is filled with blood; it is covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has made a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. <sup>7</sup> The wild oxen will fall with them, and young bulls with the mighty bulls; their land will be soaked with blood, and their soil made fertile with fat. <sup>8</sup> For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of pay back for the cause of Zion. <sup>9</sup> The streams of Edom will be turned into pitch, and its dust into sulfur. and its land will become burning pitch. <sup>10</sup> It will not be extinguished day or night; its smoke will go up forever; from generation to generation it will lie waste; no one will pass through it forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> But the desert owl and the screech owl will possess it;

the owl and the raven will live there. He will stretch over it the measuring line of chaos, and the plum line of emptiness. <sup>12</sup> Her nobles will have nothing to call a kingdom, all its princes will be gone. <sup>13</sup> Thorns will come up in its palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses. It will become a home of jackals, a haunt of owls. <sup>14</sup> The wild beasts of the desert will meet with the hyenas, and the wild goats will bleat to one another; ves, the night creatures will settle there, and find there a place of rest. <sup>15</sup> There the owl will make her nest, and lay eggs, hatch, and protect them; yes, there the buzzards will be gathered, each one with her mate. <sup>16</sup> Seek out and read of the scroll of the LORD: Not one of these animals will be missing, not one will lack a mate, for the mouth of the LORD has commanded it, and his Spirit has gathered them. <sup>17</sup> He has cast the lot for them, and his hand has split it up to them with a measuring line. They will possess it forever; from generation to generation they will settle there.

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land will be glad; the desert will rejoice, and blossom like the crocus. <sup>2</sup> It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Mount Carmel and the Sharon plain. They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and steady the shaky knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not be afraid. Look, your God will come with vengeance, and with the avenging recompense of God; he will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy; for in the wilderness waters will gush forth, and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The scorched land will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. In the lairs of jackals, will be a marsh with grass, reeds and papyrus. <sup>8</sup> A highway will be there, and it will be called "The Way of Holiness;" the unclean will not travel on it; but it will be reserved for those who walk that way; fools will never stray onto it. <sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, nor will any ravenous beast go up on it; they will not be found there; but the redeemed will walk there. <sup>10</sup> Those ransomed by the LORD will return, and come with singing to Zion; everlasting joy will crown their heads. They will find joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

<sup>1</sup> In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

 $^{2}$  The king of Assyria sent his chief commander from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway to the Clothes Washer's field.

<sup>3</sup> Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Tell Hezekiah, This is what the great king, the king of Assyria says, 'What is the basis of your confidence?

<sup>5</sup> I tell you, your strategy and strength for the war are mere empty words. Now in whom are you trusting, that you have rebelled against me?

<sup>6</sup> Look, you are trusting in Egypt that staff is a broken reed, if someone leans on it, it will pierce his hand. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

<sup>7</sup> But if you tell me, "We trust in the LORD our God." Isn't he the one, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has removed, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You must worship before this altar?'

<sup>8</sup> Now therefore, make a bet with my master the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to find enough riders to put on them.

<sup>9</sup> How then can you repulse even one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and horsemen?

<sup>10</sup> In fact, did I come up against this land to destroy it without the LORD? The LORD told me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'''

<sup>11</sup> Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the Assyrian commander, "Please speak, to your servants in the Aramaic language, for we understand it. Do not speak to us in the Judean language, in the ears of the people who are on the wall."

<sup>12</sup> But the Assyrian commander replied, "Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? Has he not sent me to those on the wall, who, like you, will end up eating their own excrement and drinking their own urine?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the Assyrian commander stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Judean language, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

<sup>14</sup> This is what the king says, 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to rescue you.'

<sup>15</sup> Do not let Hezekiah trick you into trusting in the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will surely rescue us. This city will not fall into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

<sup>16</sup> Do not listen to Hezekiah. For this is what the king of Assyria says, 'Make peace with me and come out to me. Then everyone will eat from his own vine, and everyone from his own fig tree, and everyone will drink waters from his own cistern,

<sup>17</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

<sup>18</sup> Do not let Hezekiah mislead you, saying, "The LORD will rescue us." Has any of the gods of the nations been able to deliver his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

<sup>19</sup> Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Did any of them deliver Samaria out of my hand?

<sup>20</sup> Who among all the gods of these countries, were able to deliver their country out of my hand? So how can the LORD deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

<sup>21</sup> But they remained silent, and did not answer him a word, because the king had commanded, "Do not answer him."

<sup>22</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah who was in charge of the palace, Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Assyrian commander.

<sup>1</sup> When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> He sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, clothed with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

<sup>3</sup> They said to him, "This is what Hezekiah says, 'This day is a day of trouble, insults, and of disgrace. It is like when children are at the point of birth, but there is no strength left to deliver them.

<sup>4</sup> It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of the Assyrian commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. So lift up your prayer for the remnant that is still left here."

<sup>5</sup> So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> Then Isaiah said to them, "This is what you are to tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says, Do not afraid of the words that you have heard, by which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

<sup>7</sup> Look, I will put a spirit in him, he will hear rumors, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."

<sup>8</sup> So the Assyrian commander returned, and found the king of Assyria attacking Libnah, for he heard that he had left Lachish.

<sup>9</sup> He heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He is come out to fight against you." When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

<sup>10</sup> "This is what you will say to Hezekiah king of Judah, "Let not your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, 'Jerusalem will not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

<sup>11</sup> Look, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by totally destroying them, and do you really think that you will be rescued?

<sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my predecessors destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar?

<sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the kings of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Iwah?"

<sup>14</sup> After Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; he went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it out before the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Hezekiah prayed to the LORD,

<sup>16</sup> "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who sits enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made heaven and earth.

<sup>17</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and hear! Open your eyes, O LORD, and see! Hear all the words that Sennacherib has sent to defy the living God.

<sup>18</sup> It is true, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries and their land.

<sup>19</sup> They have thrown their gods into the fire, for they were no gods at all but only the work of human hands, merely wood and stone. Therefore the Assyrians have destroyed them.

<sup>20</sup> Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the LORD."

<sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, <sup>22</sup> this is the word which the LORD has spoken about him: "The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs at you. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head as you flee. <sup>23</sup> Whom have you defied and insulted? Against whom have you lifted your voice and arrogantly lifted up your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>24</sup> By your servants have you defied the Lord, and have said, "With my many chariots I have climbed to the mountains tops, to the remote parts of Lebanon. I cut down its tall cedars, and its choice cypresses. I have penetrated its remotest heights, its thickest forests. <sup>25</sup> I dug and drank water, and with the sole of my feet I dried up all the rivers of Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Have you not heard how I have determined it long ago? I planned it from ancient times. Now I have brought it to pass, that you should crush fortified cities into piles of ruins. <sup>27</sup> Therefore their inhabitants were powerless, they were dismayed and put to shame. They were like the grass of the field, and like green plants, like the grass on the rooftops, scorched before it is grown up. <sup>28</sup> But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against me. <sup>29</sup> Because of your raging against me and your arrogance has reached my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth,

and I will turn you back by the way that you came. <sup>30</sup> This will be a sign for you, Hezekiah: This year you will eat whatever grows by itself, and in the second year whatever springs up from that. In the third year you will sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat its fruit. <sup>31</sup> The remnant that escaped from the house of Judah will again take root below and bear fruit above. <sup>32</sup> For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a group of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. <sup>33</sup> "Therefore this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria: He will not come to this city, or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield. or cast up a siege ramp against it. <sup>34</sup> By the same way that he came, he will leave, and he will not come into this city," says the LORD. <sup>35</sup> "For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for the sake of my servant David."

<sup>36</sup> Then the angel of LORD went out, and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. When they got up early in the morning, there were all dead bodies.
 <sup>37</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria left, and went and returned home, and lived in Nineveh.

<sup>38</sup> As he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, killed him with the sword. They escaped into the land of Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

<sup>1</sup> In those days Hezekiah became sick almost to death. Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "This is what the LORD says, 'Set your house in order; for you will die, and will not live."

<sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> "Remember now, O LORD, I beg you, how I have walked before you faithfully and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." Then Hezekiah wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah,

<sup>5</sup> "Go, and say to Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of David your father says, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Look, I will add fifteen years to your life. <sup>6</sup> I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city."

<sup>7</sup> "This will be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has spoken:

<sup>8</sup> I will cause the shadow on the steps, which is gone down on the dial of Ahaz from the sun, to go backwards ten steps." So the sun went back ten steps on the dial on which it had gone down.

<sup>9</sup> The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, but had recovered from his sickness.

<sup>10</sup> I said, "In the prime of my days I must enter the gates of Sheol,

I am deprived of the rest of my years."

<sup>11</sup> I said, "I will no longer see the LORD in the land of the living.

I will no longer see human beings among the inhabitants of the world.

<sup>12</sup> My dwelling place is removed,

and is carried away from me like a shepherd's tent.

I have rolled up my life like a weaver,

when he cuts me off like cloth from the loom.

Day and night you make an end of me.

<sup>13</sup> I cry out until morning;

he breaks all my bones like a lion.

Day and night you make an end of me.

<sup>14</sup> Like a swallow or a crane, I squawk;

I moan like a dove;

my eyes are weary from looking upward.

O Lord, I am oppressed, help me!

<sup>15</sup> What can I say?

For he has spoken to me,

and he himself has done it.

I will walk slowly all my years

because of the bitterness of my soul.

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, by these things people live;

the life of my spirit is wholly bound up in these.

Restore me,

and let me live.

<sup>17</sup> Look, this great bitterness was for my welfare,

but in love you have rescued my soul

from the pit of corruption;

you have thrown all my sins behind you.

<sup>18</sup> For Sheol cannot thank you,

death cannot praise you.

Those who go down into the pit

cannot hope for your faithfulness.

<sup>19</sup> The living, yes, the living,

they are the ones who praise you,

even as I do this day.

The father of children will make known your faithfulness.

<sup>20</sup> The LORD is ready to save me.

Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take an ointment of figs, and apply it to the boil, and he will recover."

<sup>22</sup> Hezekiah also had asked, "What sign will confirm that I will go up to the house of the LORD?"

<sup>1</sup> At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

 $^{2}$  Hezekiah welcomed the envoys, and showed them the treasury, including the silver, gold, spices, and the precious oil, along with the whole armory, and everything found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his palace, or in his entire kingdom, that Hezekiah did not show them.

<sup>3</sup> Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and asked him, "What did these men say?" Where did they come from?" Hezekiah replied, "They came from a far country to me, from Babylon."

<sup>4</sup> Then Isaiah asked, "What have they seen in your palace?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen everything that is in my palace. There is nothing among my treasuries that I have not showed them."

<sup>5</sup> Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

<sup>6</sup> 'Look, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and everything that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Some of your sons that will be born to you, will be taken away and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

<sup>8</sup> Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days."

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people. says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak kindly to Jerusalem; announce to her that her warfare is over, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying out, "Prepare in the wilderness the way of the LORD; make level in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be made low; the uneven ground will be leveled, and the rough places made smooth. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; the mouth of the LORD has spoken it." <sup>6</sup> A voice said, "Cry out." So I asked, "What should I cry out?" "All people are like grass, and all their beauty fades like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers. the flower fades. because the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely people are like grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." <sup>9</sup> Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, messenger of good tidings. You who announce good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength; do not be afraid. Announce to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> Look, the sovereign LORD will come with might, he will rule with his strong arm; his reward is with him, and his prize goes before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
he will gently lead those sheep with young

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured out heaven with the span of his hand, and measured out the dust of the earth by the basketful, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills on a balance? <sup>13</sup> Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or instructed him as his mentor? <sup>14</sup> With whom did he consult to enlighten him? Who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, or showed to him the way of understanding? <sup>15</sup> Look, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded like dust on the scales; he picks up the islands like fine dust. <sup>16</sup> Lebanon is not enough to burn for sacrificial fire, nor are its animals sufficient for a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and worthless. <sup>18</sup> To whom then will you compare God? What image will you equate him to? <sup>19</sup> An idol? A workman casts it in a mold, and the goldsmith overlays it with gold, and fashions silver chains for it. <sup>20</sup> Or if someone is too poor for such a sacrifice they may choose wood that will not rot and then find a skilful craftsman to set up a carved idol that will not topple. <sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? Have you not been told from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> He sits above the circle of the earth;

its inhabitants are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He reduces rulers to nothing,

and makes the judges of the earth worthless. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely are they sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the whirlwind blows them away like stubble. <sup>25</sup> "To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see. Who has created these? He brings them out in ranks by number; he calls each one of them by name. Because of the greatness of his might, and because of his strong power, not one of them is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and claim, O Israel, "My way is hid from the LORD, and the justice due me is ignored by my God?" <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, He does not faint or get tired; his understanding is unfathomable. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary; to the weak he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and grow weary, and vigorous young men fall exhausted, <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run, and not grow weary; they will walk, and not faint.

<sup>1</sup> "Be silent before me, O islands. Let the peoples renew their strength; let them come near; let them speak; let us come together for judgment. <sup>2</sup> Who has roused up one from the east? Who calls him in righteousness into his service? He gives nations to him, and enables him to subdue kings. He makes them like the dust by his sword, like the windblown stubble by his bow. <sup>3</sup> He pursues them, passing on in safety, by a path that his feet have never traveled. <sup>4</sup> Who has performed and done it, summoning each generation from the beginning? I, the LORD, am the first, and will be with the last of them. I am the one." <sup>5</sup> The coastlands have seen, and fear; the ends of the earth tremble; they draw near and come. <sup>6</sup> They help each other; each says to his brother, "Be strong." <sup>7</sup> So the craftsman encourages the goldsmith, the one who smoothes with the hammer encourages him who strikes the anvil, saving of the welding, "It is good." Then he fastens it down with nails so that it will not tip over. <sup>8</sup> "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen. the seed of Abraham my friend, <sup>9</sup> you whom I am bringing back from the ends of the earth, and summoned you from its remotest corners, and told you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you away.' <sup>10</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be troubled.

for I am your God. I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. <sup>11</sup> Look, all those who are angry with you will be put to shame and disgrace. Those who dispute with you will come to nothing and perish. <sup>12</sup> You will look for your opponents, but not find them. Those who attack you will come to nothing at all. <sup>13</sup> For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Don't be afraid; I will help you. <sup>14</sup> Do not be afraid, O Jacob, you worm. You men of Israel, I will help you," says the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup> "Look, I will make you to be a new sharp threshing instrument having many teeth. You will thresh the mountains, crush them and make the hills like chaff. <sup>16</sup> You will winnow them and the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind will scatter them. Then you will rejoice in the LORD; you will glory in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>17</sup> The poor and needy seek water, but there is none. Their tongue fails for thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them, I, the God of Israel, will not abandon them. <sup>18</sup> I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. <sup>19</sup> I will grow in the wilderness the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive trees. I will set in the desert the cypress,

fir, and pine tree together." <sup>20</sup> This is done so they may see, know, consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. <sup>21</sup> "Present your case," says the LORD. "Put forth your best arguments," says the King of Jacob. <sup>22</sup> Let them bring in their idols. Tell us what is going to happen. Declare what things happened in the past, what they were, so that we may consider them, and check whether they actually happened or tell us what things are to come. <sup>23</sup> Predict the things that are to come in the future, that we may prove that you are gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, so that we may be frightened and be in awe. <sup>24</sup> Look, you are nothing, and your work is nothing at all. The one who chooses you is an abomination. <sup>25</sup> I have stirred up one from the north, and he is coming, from the rising of the sun one who calls on my name. He will trample on rulers like mud, and like the potter treads clay. <sup>26</sup> Who has declared it from the beginning, that we may know? Who has announced ahead of time, that we may say, "This one is right"? Yes, none of them has predicted it, yes, there is none of them who have proclaimed it, yes, there is none of them who heard your words. <sup>27</sup> I first declared to Zion, 'Look, here they are,' I gave Jerusalem a messenger bringing good tidings. <sup>28</sup> I look but there is no one. There is no sage among them, that I might ask them and receive an answer.

<sup>29</sup> Look, all of them are nothing. Their deeds are empty. Their metal images are nothing but an empty wind."

<sup>1</sup> "Look, my servant, whom I support; my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out, or raise his voice. or make his voice heard in the street. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick will he not extinguish. He will bring forth justice with faithfulness. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged until he has established justice on earth; the coastlands will expectantly wait for his teaching." <sup>5</sup> This is what the sovereign LORD says, he who created the heavens, and stretched them out; who spread out the earth and everything that lives on it; who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk in it. <sup>6</sup> "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and protect you. I will give you as a covenant for the people, and a light for the nations,  $^{7}$  to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name; and my glory I will not give to another, or my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Look, the earlier predictions have come to pass, and now I prophesy new things; before they spring forth I tell you about them." <sup>10</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth. You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,

<sup>11</sup> Let the desert and its towns lift up their voices, the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing; let them shout from the mountain tops. <sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastal regions. <sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out like a war hero; he will stir up his zeal like a warrior. He gives the battle cry, yes, he shouts out loud; he shows his might against his enemies. <sup>14</sup> I have held my peace for a long time; I have been still, and restrained myself. Now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation. I will turn rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by a way they do not know; in unknown paths I will guide them. I will turn the darkness into light before them, and level the rough places. These things I will do, and I will not forsake them. <sup>17</sup> Those who trust in carved idols, will be turned back, and be utterly put to shame; those who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup> Listen, you who are deaf; look, you who are blind, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant? Who is deaf but my messenger who I send? Who is blind as my covenant partner, and blind like the LORD's servant? <sup>20</sup> You see many things, but you do not comprehend them; your ears are open, but you do not hear.

the distant coastlands and those who live there.

<sup>21</sup> It pleased the LORD for his righteousness' sake, to magnify the law and make it glorious. <sup>22</sup> But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all trapped in holes, and hid in prisons. They have become plunder with no one to rescue them. carried off as spoil with no one to say, "Bring them back." <sup>23</sup> Who is there among you who will listen to this? Who will pay attention and hear in the time to come? <sup>24</sup> Who gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not the LORD against whom we have sinned? In whose ways they refused to walk, and whose law they would not obey. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he poured on them his fierce anger, and the fierceness of battle. It surrounded them with fire, yet they did not understand; it burned them up, yet they did not take it to heart.

<sup>1</sup> But now this is what the LORD says, the one who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and cross through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, nor will the flame consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in return for you. <sup>4</sup> Since you have been precious and special in my sight, and I love you, therefore I will give other people in return for you, and nations instead of your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west. <sup>6</sup> I will tell the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not keep any of them back;' bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made." <sup>8</sup> Bring out the people who have blind eyes, and those deaf who have ears. <sup>9</sup> Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them reported this? Who foretold us earlier things? Let them bring in their witnesses,

so that they may be proven right. and let them hear and confirm, "It is truth." <sup>10</sup> "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no other God formed. neither will there be after me. <sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the LORD, besides me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> I have declared, delivered, and proclaimed; and there was no foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," says the LORD, "that I am God. <sup>13</sup> Yes, from eternity I am he. There is no one who can deliver out of my hand. I act and who can undo it?" <sup>14</sup> This is what the LORD says, vour Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon, and I will force them to become as fugitives; the Chaldean's shouts of celebration will be turned to mourning. <sup>15</sup> I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King." <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD says, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the warrior. They lie down, they cannot rise. They are extinguished, snuffed out like a wick. <sup>18</sup> "Do not remember the former things, or focus on the past. <sup>19</sup> Look, I will do a new thing. Now it springs forth. Can't vou see it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and streams in the desert

- because I provided waters in the wilderness,
  - and streams in the desert,
    - to give drink to my people, my chosen,

<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise.

- <sup>22</sup> But you did not call upon me, O Jacob; you have grown tired of me, O Israel.
- <sup>23</sup> You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices.
  - I have not burdened you with offerings,

or wearied you demanding frankincense.

- <sup>24</sup> You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins,
  - you have wearied me with your iniquities.

<sup>25</sup> I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake;

I will not remember your sins.

<sup>26</sup> Remind me;

let us argue this out in court;

present your case,

so that you may prove your innocence.

<sup>27</sup> Your first father sinned,

and your spokespersons have rebelled against me.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I defiled your princes of the sanctuary;

I delivered Jacob over to destruction,

and Israel to insults.

<sup>1</sup> Now listen, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. <sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD says who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you: "Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. <sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing upon your offspring. <sup>4</sup> They will spring up among the grass, like willows by flowing streams. <sup>5</sup> One will say, 'I am the LORD's; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; vet another will write on his hand 'The LORD's,' and take the name 'Israel' as his own." <sup>6</sup> This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts says, "I am the first. and I am the last; besides me there is no other God. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them announce it, and let them declare it and set it before me, since I established an ancient people. Let them predict future things to come, and let them explain what will come to pass. <sup>8</sup> Do not tremble, or be afraid. Have I not announced and foretold long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? There is no other Rock: I know of none. <sup>9</sup> All those who make idols are nothing; the things that they delight in are worthless; their own witnesses cannot see or know, so they are put to shame. <sup>10</sup> Who has fashioned a god, or cast a metal idol that is of any benefit?

<sup>11</sup> Look, all his companions will be put to shame; its craftsmen are mere humans. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up. They will be terrified and put to shame. <sup>12</sup> The blacksmith makes it with his tools, and shapes it in the coals. He fashions it with hammers, and forges it with his strong arm. He gets hungry and his strength weakens; he drinks no water and he becomes faint. <sup>13</sup> The carpenter stretches out a line; he traces out its form with a pencil. He shapes it with planes, and he marks its outline with a compass. He shapes it in the form of a human, according to human beauty, to dwell in a shrine. <sup>14</sup> He cuts down cedars, or chooses a cypress and an oak. He let it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar. and the rain nourishes it. <sup>15</sup> Then he uses it to make a fire; he takes some of it and warms himself; yes, he kindles a fire with it and bakes bread. Then he makes a god and worships it; he makes it into a carved idol and falls down in worship before it. <sup>16</sup> Half of it he burns in the fire; with this half he cooks meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. He also warms himself, and says, 'Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire.' <sup>17</sup> With the rest he makes a god, even his carved idol; he falls down in worship before it, and prays to it, and says, 'Rescue me, for you are my god.' <sup>18</sup> They do not know or understand, for their eyes are shut, so that they cannot see;

their hearts closed, so that they cannot understand. <sup>19</sup> No one calls to mind, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, 'I have burned half of it in the fire: with its coals I have baked bread and roasted meat and ate it. Should I make an abomination with the rest of it? Should I fall down and worship a block of wood? <sup>20</sup> He feeds on ashes; a deceived mind has led him astray. He cannot save himself. or say, 'Is not this idol I hold in my right hand a lie?' <sup>21</sup> Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant. I have formed you; you are my servant, O Israel, I will not forget you. <sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." <sup>23</sup> Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, you lower parts of the earth. Break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it. For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will reveal his glory in Israel. <sup>24</sup> This is what the LORD says, your Redeemer, he who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, who stretches forth the heavens alone, who by myself spread out the earth, <sup>25</sup> who frustrates the omens of the liars, and makes fools of fortune-tellers. who reverses the advice of the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; <sup>26</sup> who fulfills the prophetic word of his servant, and performs the prediction of his messengers. who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be inhabited,'

and of the towns of Judah, 'They will be rebuilt, and I will raise up her ruins,' <sup>27</sup> who says to the deep, 'Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers,' <sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and will carry out all my plans,' even saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be rebuilt;'

and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid."

<sup>1</sup> "This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and to strip kings of their war belts: to open the doors before him, and the gates will not be shut: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you, and level the rough places. I will break the doors of bronze in pieces, and cut through the bars of iron. <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness, and riches hidden in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, who call you by your name, even the God of Israel. <sup>4</sup> For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name. I am giving you a special title, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no one else; besides me there is no God. I will prepare you for battle, though you do not know me; <sup>6</sup> so that they may know from the rising of the eastern sun, to its setting in the west, that there is no one besides me, I am the LORD, there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create calamity. I am the LORD who does all these things. <sup>8</sup> Rain, O heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, so that salvation and righteousness may sprout up; I, the LORD, have created it." <sup>9</sup> Woe to him who argues with his Maker! He who is a mere potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Does the clay say to the one who shapes it, 'What do you think you are doing?'

'He has no skill in his hands?' <sup>10</sup> Woe to him who says to a father, 'What is it you are trying to father?' or to a woman, 'What is it you are in labor for?'" <sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker. "Ask me about things to come! Will you really question me concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands? <sup>12</sup> I made the earth, and created people on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens, and to all their host I gave orders. <sup>13</sup> I raised him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city, and he will let my exiles go free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup> This is what the LORD says, "The labor of Egypt, and the commerce of Cush, and the Sabeans who are tall of stature, will come over to you, and they will be yours; they will follow you, in chains they will come over, and they will bow down to you. They will plead with you, "Surely God is with you; and there is no other, there is no God besides him." <sup>15</sup> Truly you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, Savior. <sup>16</sup> They will all be put to shame, and humiliated; they who make idols will go away disgraced.

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<sup>18</sup> For this is what the LORD says who created the heavens, the God who formed the earth and made it, who established it and created it not chaotic, who formed it to be inhabited. "I am the LORD; there is no other. <sup>19</sup> I have not spoken in secret, in the land of darkness; I did not tell Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. <sup>20</sup> Assemble yourselves and come; come together, you fugitives of the nations. They have no knowledge those who carry the wood of their carved idols, and pray to a god who cannot save. <sup>21</sup> Declare and present your evidence; let them take counsel together. Who predicted this long ago? Who has declared this in the past? Have not I, the LORD? There is no other God besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. <sup>22</sup> Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> I have solemnly sworn by myself,

the word gone forth from my mouth is righteous, and cannot be revoked.
Every knee will bow before me, every tongue will swear loyalty to me.
<sup>24</sup> 'Only in the LORD,' it is said of me,

'is righteousness and strength."

All who were angry against him will come to him and be put to shame.

<sup>25</sup> In the LORD will all the descendants of Israel be vindicated and will boast in him.

<sup>1</sup> Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are carried on beasts and cattle. The images you carry around are a burden to the weary animals. <sup>2</sup> They stoop, they bow down together. They could not save these burdens, but they themselves are taken into captivity. <sup>3</sup> "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been born by me since birth, I have supported you from your conception. <sup>4</sup> Even to your old age, I am he; even when your hair turns grey I will carry you. I have made you, and I will support you; I will carry you, and will deliver you. <sup>5</sup> To whom will you compare me or make my equal? Who do you think is like me? <sup>6</sup> Those who pour gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the balance scales. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god. Then they fall down, and worship it. <sup>7</sup> They haul it on their shoulders; they carry it. They set it in its place, and there it stays; it does not move from its place. If someone cries out to it, it cannot answer, nor is it able to save anyone out of their trouble. <sup>8</sup> Remember this and be assured; bring it again to mind, O rebels. <sup>9</sup> Remember the former things of old;

for I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is no one like me. <sup>10</sup> I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that have not yet happened; saying, "My purpose will stand, and I will fulfill what I have planned." <sup>11</sup> I call a bird of prey from the east, a person to carry out my plan from a far country. Yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass. I have planned it; I will also accomplish it. <sup>12</sup> Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness. <sup>13</sup> I bring near my righteousness, it is not far off. My salvation will not delay. I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.

<sup>1</sup> Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans. For you will no more be called tender and delicate. <sup>2</sup> Take the millstones, and grind grain; remove your veil, strip off your robe; uncover your legs, pass through the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Your nakedness will be uncovered, yes, your shame will be exposed. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no one. <sup>4</sup> Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Sit silent, and hide in the darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans. For you will no longer be called "The Oueen of Kingdoms." <sup>6</sup> I was angry with my people, I defiled my inheritance, and gave them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; even on the elderly you laid your heavy yoke. <sup>7</sup> You claimed, "I will be Queen forever." So you did not think about these things in your heart, nor did you reflect on the consequences. <sup>8</sup> Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who says in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me. I will never sit as a widow. nor will I experience the loss of children.' <sup>9</sup> But these two things will come on you in a moment in one day: the loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you with full force,

in spite of your many sorceries, and your numerous spells. <sup>10</sup> For you have trusted in your wickedness; you thought, 'No one can see me.' Your wisdom and knowledge have misled you, and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.' <sup>11</sup> Therefore evil will come on you; you will not know how to charm it away. Disaster will fall on you; you will not be able to get rid of it for a price. Calamity will come on you suddenly, which you know nothing about. <sup>12</sup> Stand firm trusting your enchantments, and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth. Maybe you will succeed, maybe you will scare someone. <sup>13</sup> You are tired out from all the advice; let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up and save you from the things that will come on you. <sup>14</sup> Look, they will be as stubble; the fire will burn them up. They will not be able to save themselves from the heat of the flames. It will not be a mere coal to warm by, or a bond fire to sit by. <sup>15</sup> Such will be those with whom you have labored, and have dealt with you since your youth. They will wander off everyone in his own direction; there is no one who can save you.

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and born from the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the LORD, and invoke the God of Israel, but not in truth or righteousness. <sup>2</sup> For they call themselves after the holy city, and depend on the God of Israel. The LORD of hosts is his name. <sup>3</sup> I have predicted things beforehand from long ago; yes, they went out of my mouth, and I proclaimed them. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. <sup>4</sup> I know how obstinate you are; and your neck muscles are like iron, and your forehead like bronze. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I predicted it to you long ago; I announced it to you before it came to pass; so you could not say, 'My idol did this, and my carved image, and my metal idol commanded them.' <sup>6</sup> You have heard my predictions: now look at all this. Will you not acknowledge it? From now on I am showing you new things, hidden things which you have not previously known. <sup>7</sup> They are happening now, not in the past; before today you never heard of them; so you cannot boast, 'Look, I knew them already.' <sup>8</sup> You never heard; yes, you never knew; yes, from long ago your ear was not opened to it; for I knew that you would act treacherously, and that from birth you were called a rebel. <sup>9</sup> For my name's sake I will defer my anger, and for my praise I will restrain it for you, so that I do not destroy you.

<sup>10</sup> Look, I have refined you, but not like silver; I chose to refine you in the furnace of affliction. <sup>11</sup> For my own sake, for my own sake, I will do it. For how can I allow my name to be profaned? My glory I will not give to another. <sup>12</sup> Listen to me, Jacob, and Israel, my called ones: I am he; I am the first. and I am the last. <sup>13</sup> Yes, my hands laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens: when I call to them, they stand up together. <sup>14</sup> Assemble yourselves, all you, and listen. Who among them has predicted these things? He whom the LORD loves will perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm will be against the Chaldeans. <sup>15</sup> I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I brought him, and his course of action will be successful. <sup>16</sup> Come near to me, listen to this. "From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; when it happens I am there." So now the sovereign LORD has sent me, along with his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> This is what the LORD says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good, who leads you in the way you should go. <sup>18</sup> O that you had obeyed my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea. <sup>19</sup> Your descendants would have been like the sand, and your offspring like grains of sand. Their name would not be cut off

or destroyed from before me."

<sup>20</sup> Leave Babylon,

flee from the Chaldeans.

Announce it with a shout for joy,

proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

Say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob."

<sup>21</sup> They were not thirsty when he led them through the deserts; he caused waters to flow out of the rock for them; he even split the rock and water gushed out.

<sup>22</sup> "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and pay attention, O distant nations; the LORD has called me from the womb; from the belly of my mother he has mentioned my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; he hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow: he has tucked me away in his quiver. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing, only futility. vet surely the justice due me is with the LORD, and my reward is with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD speaks who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, that Israel might be regathered to him for I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, my God is my strength. <sup>6</sup> He said, "It is too insignificant that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel. I will also make you a light to the nations, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." <sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one who is despised, to one whom the nations abhor. to one who is a servant of rulers: "Kings will see and rise up in respect. Princes will bow down because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, has chosen you." <sup>8</sup> This is what the LORD says, "In the time of my favor, I answered you; and in a day of salvation, I helped you. I will protect you,

I will give you as a covenant for the people, to restore the land. to reestablish their desolate inheritances. <sup>9</sup> I will say to the prisoners, 'You're free:' to those hidden in the darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They will feed along the road ways, and all bare heights will be their pasture. <sup>10</sup> They will not hunger or thirst, neither will the heat or sun strike them down; for he who has mercy on them will lead them; he will lead them beside springs of water. <sup>11</sup> I will make all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. <sup>12</sup> Look, these will come from far away. Look, these come from the north and from the west; these from the southern land of Syene." <sup>13</sup> Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth. Break out into singing, O mountains: for the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted. <sup>14</sup> But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me. <sup>15</sup> Can a woman forget her nursing child? Will she have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even if these might forget, I could never forget you. <sup>16</sup> Look, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. <sup>17</sup> Your children hurry to return; those who destroyed and laid you waste will leave you. <sup>18</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; all these gather themselves together and come home to you. "As I live," says the LORD, "you will surely wear all of them like jewelry,

and adorn yourself with them, like a bride.

<sup>19</sup> For though your waste and your desolate places, and your land has been destroyed, but now you will be too crowded for your inhabitants. and they who swallowed you up will be far away. <sup>20</sup> The children of your bereavement will yet say in your ears, 'This place is too cramped for me; give me more room where I can live.' <sup>21</sup> Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has given birth to all these for me? For I have been bereaved of my children and barren, exiled and divorced, so who has reared these children? Look. I was left all alone. so where did these come from?" <sup>22</sup> This is what the sovereign LORD says, "Look, I will raise up my hand to signal the nations. and set up my signal flag to the peoples. They will bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. <sup>23</sup> Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow their faces to the ground before you, and lick the dust of your feet. You will know that I am the LORD, and they who expectantly wait for me will not be put to shame." <sup>24</sup> Can plunder be taken away from a warrior, or captives be rescued from a tyrant? <sup>25</sup> But this is what the LORD says, "Even the captives will be taken away from the mighty, and the plunder of the tyrant will be rescued. I will attack those who attack you, and I will save your children. <sup>26</sup> I will force those who oppress you to eat their own flesh; they will get drunk with their own blood, as with wine. Then everyone will know that I am the LORD, your Savior and your Redeemer,

the Mighty One of Jacob."

<sup>1</sup> This is what the LORD says, "Where is your mother's divorce certificate, by which I have put her away? Or to which of my creditors have I sold you? Look, you were sold because of your sins, and for your transgressions your mother was put away. <sup>2</sup> Why was no one there when I came? Why did no one answer when I called? Is my hand so weak that it cannot redeem? Do I have no power to deliver? Look, at my rebuke I can dry up the sea, I can make the rivers into a desert; their dead fish stink because there is no water, and they die of thirst. <sup>3</sup> I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering." <sup>4</sup> The sovereign LORD has given me the tongue of a teacher, so that I may know how to sustain those who are weary with words. Morning by morning he wakes me up, he wakens my ear to hear like those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The sovereign LORD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn back. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who ripped out my beard; I did not hide my face from insults and spitting. <sup>7</sup> For the sovereign LORD will help me; I will not be disgraced. Therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be put to shame. 8 The one who vindicates me is near. Who will make accusations against me? Let us confront each other. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to challenge me. <sup>9</sup> The sovereign LORD helps me. Who is he who will condemn me? Look, they all will wear out like a garment, the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of his servant? Anyone who walks in darkness, and has no light, let them trust in the name of the LORD, and rely upon his God.
<sup>11</sup> Look, all you who light a fire, that equip yourselves with burning torches; walk in the light of your fire, and among the torches that you have ignited. This is what you will have from my hand; you will lie down in torment.

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock you were chiseled out of, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for he was only one person when I called him, but I blessed him, and made him many. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion, he will comfort all her ruins. He will make her wilderness like Eden. and her desert like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of music. <sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation; for a law will be issued from me, and I will establish my justice as a light of the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples. The coastlands will expectantly wait for me, and they will hope on my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish away like smoke, and the earth wear out like an old garment. They who live there will die like gnats; but my salvation will last forever; and my righteousness will never end. <sup>7</sup> Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people who have my law in their heart. Do not be afraid of the insults of men, nor fear their mocking. <sup>8</sup> For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, and my salvation to all generations.

<sup>9</sup> Wake up, wake up, put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the sea monster? <sup>10</sup> Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? <sup>11</sup> The ransomed of the LORD will return, and come with singing to Zion. Everlasting joy will be upon their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. <sup>12</sup> I. even I. am he who comforts you. So why are you afraid of mere mortals, and of the son of man who is as fleeting as grass? <sup>13</sup> You have forgotten the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. Why are you continually afraid because of the fury of the oppressor, who is determined to destroy? Where is the fury of the oppressor? <sup>14</sup> The captive exiles will soon be released; he will not die and go down into the pit, neither will he lack bread. <sup>15</sup> For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar. The LORD of hosts is his name. <sup>16</sup> I have put my words in your mouth, and have covered you in the shadow of my hand. I am the one who established the heavens, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who says to Zion, "You are my people." <sup>17</sup> Wake up, wake up, stand up, O Jerusalem, vou who drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath;

you have drunk dry the bowl that causes staggering.

<sup>18</sup> There is no one to guide her among all the children she has borne; neither is there any who takes her by the hand among all the children she has brought up. <sup>19</sup> These two things have happened to you: desolation and destruction. famine and the sword. Who will grieve with you? Who will comfort you? <sup>20</sup> Your children have fainted; they lie at the head of every street. like an antelope caught in a net; they are full of the wrath of the LORD, the rebuke of your God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore hear this, you afflicted, you who are drunk, but not from wine. <sup>22</sup> This is what your sovereign LORD says, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, "Look, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, the bowl of my wrath; you will never drink it again. <sup>23</sup> Instead I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have told you, 'Bow down, that we may walk over you.' You have laid your back like the ground, and like the street for them to walk over."

<sup>1</sup> Wake up, wake up, clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; no longer will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter you. <sup>2</sup> Shake off the dust from yourself; get up, sit on your throne, O Jerusalem. Lose yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. <sup>3</sup> For this is what the LORD says, "You were sold for nothing; you will be redeemed without money." <sup>4</sup> For this is what the sovereign LORD says, "At first my people went down into Egypt to live there, recently Assyria has oppressed them for no reason." <sup>5</sup> "Now therefore, what do I have here," says the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them shout a taunt at them," says the LORD, "and my name is continually blasphemed. <sup>6</sup> Therefore my people will know my name; in that day then they will know that I am the one who speaks; look, it is I." <sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, who announces peace, who brings good news, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Your watchmen lift their voices, together they shout for joy; they will see with their own eyes, when LORD returns to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break out into joyful singing, vou ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth

will see the salvation of our God.
<sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, get out of here,
touch nothing unclean.
Get out of the midst of her;
purify yourselves,
you who bear the sacred vessels of the LORD.
<sup>12</sup> For you will not leave quickly,
nor will you go fleeing for your lives;
for the LORD will go before you;
the God of Israel will watch your back.
<sup>13</sup> Look, my servant will deal wisely;
he will be exalted and lifted up,
and will be greatly exalted.
<sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at him,
his disfigured face was marred more than any other,
and his form beyond other human beings.
<sup>15</sup> So he will sprinkle many nations;
kings will shut their mouths before him.
For that which they had not been told,
they will see;
and that which they had not heard,
they will understand.

To whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a tender plant, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no impressive form or beauty to attract us to him; there was nothing about his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Like one from whom people hide their face he was despised, and we thought nothing of him. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we thought he was being punished, smitten by God and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that made us whole was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way: and the LORD has laid on him the sin of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, yet when he was treated harshly he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. But from his generation who even cared? He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the rebellion of my people he was struck down. <sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; although he had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's good pleasure to bruise him

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message?

and to cause him grief.
When his life is made an offering for sin, he will see his offspring.
He will prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD will be successful in his hand.
<sup>11</sup> As a result of the anguish of his soul, he will see and be satisfied.
By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their sins.
<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will assign him a portion with the great, and he will divide the spoil with the strong,

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors.

Yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

<sup>1</sup> "Sing, O barren one who has never given birth. Break out into singing and shouts of joy, vou who have never been in labor. For there are more children from the desolate than there are children from the married woman," says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent, and stretch out the tent curtains of your dwellings. Spare nothing. lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will possess the nations and resettle the deserted cities. <sup>4</sup> Do not be afraid, for you will not be put to shame. Do not be embarrassed, for you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and will no longer remember the disgrace of your widowhood. <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of hosts is his name. The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He will be called 'the God of the entire earth.' <sup>6</sup> For the LORD has called you back as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a wife who married young and was rejected," says your God. <sup>7</sup> "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will regather you. <sup>8</sup> In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting love I will have mercy on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. <sup>9</sup> "For this is like in the days of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would never flood the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you. <sup>10</sup> For the mountains may be moved, and the hills shaken, but my loyal love will never leave you,

nor will my covenant of peace ever be broken," says the LORD who has compassion on you.

<sup>11</sup> "O afflicted one, tossed by storm and not comforted, look, I will rebuild your stones with jewels, and lay your foundations with lapis lazuli. <sup>12</sup> I will make your pinnacles of rubies, and your gates of sparkling gems, and all your walls of precious stones. <sup>13</sup> All your children will be taught by the LORD, and your children will enjoy prosperity. <sup>14</sup> In righteousness you will be established; you will be far from oppression, for you will not fear, for terror will not come near you. <sup>15</sup> If anyone attacks you, it will not be from me: whoever will assemble against you will be defeated because of you. <sup>16</sup> Look, I have created the blacksmith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon perfect for its work. I have created the destroyer to bring destruction. <sup>17</sup> No weapon that is formed against you will be successful. You will refute every tongue that makes accusations against you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from me," says the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> "Everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and free of charge. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your wages for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in the finest cuisine. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear and come to me; listen, so vou may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, just like my loyal covenant made to David. <sup>4</sup> Look, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Look, you will summon nations you did not know; nations that did not know you will run to you, because of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous his thoughts. Let them return to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven, and does not return there without watering the earth, making it produce and sprout, giving seed to the sower. and bread to the eater; <sup>11</sup> so will my word be that goes forth out of my mouth;

it will not return to me empty, but it will accomplish what I desire it to, and it will succeed in the matter for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you will go out with joy,

and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break out in singing before you,

and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of thorns, cypress trees will grow,

and instead of briers, myrtle trees will sprout up.

It will be a memorial for the LORD,

for an everlasting sign that will never be cut off.

<sup>1</sup> This is what the LORD says, "Be just, and do what is right, for my salvation will come soon, and my righteousness is ready to be revealed. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one who does this, the one who holds it tight, who keeps the Sabbath and does not defile it. and keeps his hand from doing any evil." <sup>3</sup> Do not let a foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD, say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from his people," nor let the eunuch say, "Look, I am just a withered tree." <sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold on tight to my covenant, <sup>5</sup> to them I will give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. <sup>6</sup> Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants. everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not defile it, and holds on tight to my covenant; <sup>7</sup> I will bring them to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." <sup>8</sup> The sovereign LORD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, says, "I will gather others to them, besides those who are already gathered." <sup>9</sup> All you animals of the field, come to devour, yes, all you beasts in the forest. <sup>10</sup> Their watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all silent watchdogs, who cannot bark: dreaming and lying down, how they love to sleep.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, the dogs have big appetites; they can never get enough.
These are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, every last one of them is out for his own personal gain.
<sup>12</sup> "Come," they say, "I will get some wine. Let's get drunk with strong drink;

Tomorrow will be just like today,

only better."

<sup>1</sup> "The righteous perishes, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, with no one giving it a thought; the righteous are taken away sparing them from the evil to come. <sup>2</sup> Such a one enters into peace; those who walk in uprightness rest on their death beds. <sup>3</sup> But come here, you sons of a sorceress, the offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute. <sup>4</sup> At whom are you making fun? At whom are you making faces, and sticking out your tongue? Are you not children of sin, an offspring of liars, <sup>5</sup> you who are inflamed with lust among the oaks, under every green tree; who slay children in the valleys under the rocky cliffs? <sup>6</sup> Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they are the gods you have chosen. To them you have poured out a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Should I be appeased with these things going on? <sup>7</sup> Upon a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed; that's where you went up to offer sacrifices. <sup>8</sup> Behind the doors and the posts you have set up your memorial; deserting me you have exposed yourself and jumped into bed with them. You have expanded your bed, and made a covenant with them; you loved their bed and to gaze on their nakedness. <sup>9</sup> You went to Molech with olive oil, and increased your perfumes. You sent your ambassadors far off, and sent them even down into Sheol. <sup>10</sup> You were wearied by the length of your journey; yet you never said, "It is worthless." Instead you are energized; therefore you do not faint.

<sup>11</sup> Whom were you afraid of and in fear of so that you lied, and have not remembered me, or give me a thought? Was it because I held my peace for a long time that you do not fear me? <sup>12</sup> I will expose your "righteousness;" as for your works, they will not help you. <sup>13</sup> When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you; but the wind will blow them away, a breath will carry them all away. But the one who takes refuge in me will possess the land, and will inherit my holy mountain. <sup>14</sup> He will say, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove the stumbling blocks out of the way of my people." <sup>15</sup> For this is what the high and lofty One says, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I live in the high and holy place, with the contrite and humble of spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. <sup>16</sup> For I will not make accusations forever, nor will I always be angry; for then they would expire before me, even the breath of life that I have made. <sup>17</sup> I was angry because of their unjust greed, and struck them; I hid my face in anger, yet they kept turning back to the way of their own hearts. <sup>18</sup> I have seen their ways, but I will heal. I will lead him, and restore comfort to those who mourn, 19 creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those who are far off and to those who are near," says the LORD. "and I will heal them." <sup>20</sup> But the wicked are like the raging sea;

for it cannot rest, and its waters churn up muck and mire. <sup>21</sup> "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

<sup>1</sup> Shout out loud, do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet, declare to my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness, and has not rejected the ordinance of their God. They ask me for righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted,' they complain, 'but you did not see it? Why have we humbled ourselves, but you take no knowledge of it?' In the day of your fast you pursue your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Your fasting leads to quarreling and arguments, and to wicked fistfights. The fasting you do this day will not result in your voice being heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is this really the fast that I have chosen? Is it a day just for a person to humble themselves? Is it merely to bow down one's head like a reed, or to lie on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to tear off the ropes of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and provide shelter for the homeless? Is it not when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own relatives? <sup>8</sup> Then will your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly spring up; your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will guard your back.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am. If you remove from the midst of you the yoke of oppression, the pointing fingers, and speaking wickedly, <sup>10</sup> and if you give yourself to help the hungry, and to satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in darkness, and your darkness will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire even in parched places and make your bones strong. You will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> They who will be from you will rebuild the old ruins; you will raise up the foundations of many generations; you will be called "The Repairer of the Broken Walls," "The Restorer of Streets to Live in." <sup>13</sup> If you keep your foot from violating the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; but call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the LORD honorable. and if you honor it, not going your own ways, or pursuing your own pleasure, or speaking your own idle words, <sup>14</sup> then you will delight yourself in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father." for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.

<sup>1</sup> Look, the LORD's hand is not too short, that it cannot save, nor is his ear so deaf, that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. <sup>4</sup> No one cares about justice, or pleads their case with honesty. They trust in empty words, and speak lies; they conceive trouble, and give birth to sin. <sup>5</sup> They hatch the eggs of deadly snakes, and weave the spider's web. Whoever eats their eggs dies; and if one is crushed. it hatches into a viper. <sup>6</sup> Their webs cannot be used as clothes, nor will they cover themselves with their works. Their works are works of iniquity, and the acts of violence are in their hands. <sup>7</sup> Their feet run to do evil, and they are quick to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; devastation and destruction follow in their tracks. <sup>8</sup> The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have made their paths crooked; whoever walks in them does not know peace. <sup>9</sup> Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us. We look for light, but see only darkness, for brightness, but we walk in utter darkness. <sup>10</sup> We grope along the wall like the blind; we grope as those who have no eyes. We stumble at noonday just like it was twilight; among the living we are like dead men. <sup>11</sup> We all growl like bears,

and moan sadly like doves. We look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. <sup>12</sup> For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us. Our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we are well aware of them: <sup>13</sup> rebelling and denying the LORD, turning away from following our God, talking about oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering lies from the heart. <sup>14</sup> Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far off; truth has stumbled in the street, and uprightness cannot even enter. <sup>15</sup> Truth is lacking; anyone who rejects evil makes themselves a target. The LORD saw it. and the fact that there was no justice displeased him. <sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no vindicator, and was amazed that there was no one to intervene. Therefore his own arm brought salvation to him; his righteousness supported him. <sup>17</sup> He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head. He put on garments of vengeance, and was clothed with zeal as a robe. <sup>18</sup> According to their deeds, so he will repay; wrath to his adversaries. and punishment to his enemies; even to the distant coastlands he will repay them. <sup>19</sup> So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west, and revere his glory from the rising of the sun. For he will come like a rushing stream, that the wind of the LORD drives on. <sup>20</sup> "A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those in Jacob who turn from their sin," says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD,

"my Spirit that is on you,

and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouths of your children,

nor out of the mouth of your children's children,"

says the LORD, "from now to forever."

<sup>1</sup> "Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For, look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness the peoples. but the LORD arises on you and his glory is seen over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your radiance. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together and come to you; your sons will come from far away, and your daughters will be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup> Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice: because the abundance of the sea will be brought to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you. <sup>6</sup> The multitude of camels will cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will proclaim the praises of the LORD. <sup>7</sup> All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will be brought to you for sacrifices. They will go up as acceptable on my altar, and I will beautify my glorious temple. <sup>8</sup> Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? <sup>9</sup> For the coastlands will expectantly wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish will arrive first, to bring your children from afar, along with their silver and their gold. They will honor the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. <sup>10</sup> Foreigners will rebuild your walls,

and their kings will serve you. For though in my wrath I struck you, yet in my favor I have had mercy on you. <sup>11</sup> Your gates also will be open continually; they will never be shut day or night, so that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings leading the procession. <sup>12</sup> For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish; those nations will be totally destroyed. <sup>13</sup> "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress, fir, and pine trees, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. <sup>14</sup> The descendants of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all those who despised you will bow down at your feet. and they will call you 'The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holv One of Israel.' <sup>15</sup> Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through you, I will make you majestic forever, a joy for many generations. <sup>16</sup> You will also suck the milk of the nations, and will suck at regal breasts. You will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. <sup>17</sup> Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver, and instead wood, bronze; and instead stones, iron. I will also make peace your overseer, and righteousness your ruler. <sup>18</sup> Violence will no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls 'Salvation,' and your gates 'Praise.' <sup>19</sup> The sun will no longer be your light by day; nor for brightness will the moon give light to you; for the LORD will be an everlasting light for you, and your God will be your glory. <sup>20</sup> Your sun will no more go down, or your moon withdraw; for the LORD will be your everlasting light,

and the days of your mourning will be over.

<sup>21</sup> Your people also will all be righteous;

they will possess the land forever.

I will plant them like a shoot,

the work of my hands,

that I may be glorified.

<sup>22</sup> The little one will become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation.

I, the LORD, will, in its time, accomplish this quickly."

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me. He sent me to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to prisoners. 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 to support those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of the spirit of despondency. They may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD to glorify him. <sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore what was formerly destroyed; and they will repair the wrecked cities, devastated for many generations. <sup>5</sup> Foreigners will stand and feed your flocks, and strangers will be your farmers and your vinedressers. <sup>6</sup> But you will be called 'the priests of the LORD;' people will call you 'the ministers of our God.' You will eat the wealth of the nations. and in their glory you will boast. <sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame, you will receive a double portion; and instead of dishonor, they will rejoice in their land inheritance. Therefore in their land they will possess double, and have everlasting joy. <sup>8</sup> "For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully repay them, and make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> Their descendants will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them will realize, that they are the people the LORD has blessed."

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my soul will be joyful in my God.

For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom wears a turban like a priest,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as the garden causes things planted to sprout,

so the sovereign LORD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not stay silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, until her vindication brightly shines forth, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, that the mouth of LORD will give you. <sup>3</sup> You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You will no longer be called "Forsaken;" neither will your land any more be labeled "Desolate." Instead you will be called Hephzibah [My delight is in her], and your land Beulah [Married]; for the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup> For like a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you: and like the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so will your God rejoice over you. <sup>6</sup> I have put watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who remind the LORD, take no rest. <sup>7</sup> Give him no rest, until he reestablishes Jerusalem, and makes her a praise in the earth. <sup>8</sup> The LORD has sworn by his right hand, and by his mighty arm, "I will never give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners will not drink your new wine for which you have labored. <sup>9</sup> But those who harvest it will eat it, and praise the LORD, and those who gather it will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." <sup>10</sup> Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people. Build it, build the highway: remove the stones; lift up the signal flag for the peoples.

<sup>11</sup> Look, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your salvation comes; look, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."
<sup>12</sup> They will call them, "The holy people," "The Redeemed of the LORD," and you will be called "Sought After, A City Not Forsaken."

<sup>1</sup> Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah with stained red garments? Who is this wearing splendid apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, who announces vindication, mighty to save." <sup>2</sup> Why are your clothes red, and your garments like one who treads grapes in the wine press? <sup>3</sup> I have stomped in the winepress alone; and none of the peoples joined with me. I stomped them in my anger, and trampled them in my wrath. Their juice splattered on my garments, and all my clothes are stained. <sup>4</sup> For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come. <sup>5</sup> I looked, but there was no one to help; I was shocked that there was no one to lend support. Therefore my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath sustained me. <sup>6</sup> I trampled down the peoples in my anger, and made them drunk with my wrath, and I spilled their lifeblood on the ground." <sup>7</sup> I will recall the loyal love of the LORD, and the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, because of all the LORD has done for us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, that he did for them according to his mercies, and according to his great loval love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely, they are my people, children that will not betray me." So he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their suffering, he also suffered, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he picked them up, and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup> But they rebelled, and grieved his Holy Spirit.

Therefore he turned into their enemy,
and he himself fought against them.
<sup>11</sup> Then they remembered the days of old,
Moses and his people,
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put his Holy Spirit among them,
who caused his glorious arm to be at the right hand of Moses?
Where is he who divided the waters before them,
to make himself an everlasting name?
<sup>13</sup> Where is he who led them through the watery depths?
Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.
<sup>14</sup> Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD provided them rest.
This is the way you led your people,
to make your name glorious.
<sup>15</sup> Look down from heaven,
and look down from your holy and glorious home.
Where is your zeal and your mighty acts?
The yearning of your heart and compassion
are withheld from me.
<sup>16</sup> For you are our Father,
though Abraham does not know us,
and Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, are our Father;
our Redeemer, your reputation is from ancient times.
<sup>17</sup> Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways,
and harden our heart so we do not fear you?
Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance
the tribes of your inheritance. <sup>18</sup> Your holy people possessed for a little while,
but now our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. <sup>19</sup> We have long been like these over whom you never ruled
<sup>19</sup> We have long been like those over whom you never ruled,
like those who were not called by your name.

<sup>1</sup> O that you would rip open the heavens and come down! The mountains would quake at your presence.  $^{2}$  As when fire burns the brushwood, and fire causes water to boil; may your adversaries know your name, may the nations tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we were not expecting, you came down and the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> For from of old no one has ever heard, or ear perceived, neither has any eye seen a God besides you, who works on behalf of the one who waits for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do what is right, those who remember you in your ways. Look, you were angry because we sinned; we have persisted in our sins a long time. Can we really be saved? <sup>6</sup> For we are all like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. We all wither like a leaf, and our sins carry us away like the wind. <sup>7</sup> Yet there is no one who calls on your name, or endeavors to take hold of you; for you have hid your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are the potter; and we all are the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be furious, O LORD, neither remember our iniquity forever. Please look at us, we are all your people. <sup>10</sup> Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. <sup>11</sup> Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised you, is burned with fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. <sup>12</sup> After all this, how can you restrain yourself, O LORD?

How can you keep silent and punish us so severely?

<sup>1</sup> "I made myself available to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup> I have spread out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own imaginations. <sup>3</sup> These people provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon pagan brick altars; <sup>4</sup> who sit among the tombs, and spend their night in the secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth made from abominable things in their pots. <sup>5</sup> They say, 'Keep your distance. Do not come near me, for I am holier than you are.' These are smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup> "Look, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but will repay, yes, I will repay dropping it right into their laps <sup>7</sup> both your own sins and the sins of your fathers," says the LORD, "Because they have burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed me on the hills; therefore I will pay them back in full dropping it right into their laps." <sup>8</sup> This is what the LORD says, "When juice is found in a grape cluster, people say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake; I will not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> But I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will inherit my mountains; and my chosen will inherit it, and my servants will live there. <sup>10</sup> The plain of Sharon will be a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me. <sup>11</sup> But you who forsake the LORD,

who forget my holy mountain,
who prepare a table for Fortune,
and who fill up mixed wine for Destiny;
<sup>12</sup> I will destine you to the sword,
and you will all kneel down to be slaughtered;
because when I called, you did not answer,
when I spoke, you did not listen;
you did that which was evil in my eyes,
and chose what I did not delight in."
<sup>13</sup> Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says,
"My servants will eat,
but you will be hungry;
my servants will drink,
but you will be thirsty;
my servants will rejoice,
but you will be put to shame;
<sup>14</sup> my servants will sing for joy of heart,
but you will cry for sorrow of heart,
and will wail from a broken spirit.
<sup>15</sup> You will leave your name for a curse for my chosen to use;
and the sovereign LORD will slay you;
but he will give his servants another name.
<sup>16</sup> Whoever blesses himself in the earth
will bless himself by the God of truth.
For one who takes an oath in the earth
will swear by the God of truth;
The former troubles will be forgotten,
and they will be hidden from my eyes.
<sup>17</sup> For, look, I will create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered,
or even come to mind.
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am about to create.
For, look, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing,
and her people as a delight.
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
there will no longer be heard in her the sound of weeping
or the sound of crying.

<sup>20</sup> There will no longer be an infant who lives just a few days, or an old person who does not live out their full days;

for the child will die at hundred years old, and anyone failing to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They will build houses, and inhabit them; they will plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They will not build and another inhabit it; they will not plant and another eat it; for as the days of a tree so will be the days of my people, and my chosen will live long enough to enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They will not labor in vain, or bring forth children destined for disaster. For they are the offspring blessed by the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; dust will be the serpent's food. They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> This is what the LORD says, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house could you build for me? Where is the place that I may rest? <sup>2</sup> For all these things my hand has made, that is how all these things came to be," says the LORD. "But this is the one to whom I will look, even to the one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at my word. <sup>3</sup> To them the one who kills an ox is just like one who kills a human for sacrifice; one who sacrifices a lamb is like one who breaks a dog's neck; one who offers a grain offering is like one who offers pig's blood; one who burns frankincense is like one who blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. <sup>4</sup> I also will choose their punishment, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called. no one answered; when I spoke, they did not hear; they did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose what did not please me." <sup>5</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your own countrymen who hate you, and throw you out for my name's sake, mock, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy;' but it is they who will be put to shame. <sup>6</sup> Listen, a sound of uproar from the city, a sound from the temple! It is the voice of the LORD, rendering to his enemies what they deserve. <sup>7</sup> Before her labor pains began, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a boy.

<sup>8</sup> Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a country be born in a single day? Will a nation be born in a second? Yet as soon as Zion went into labor. she gave birth to her children. <sup>9</sup> Would I ever bring a baby to the point of birth and not deliver it?" says the LORD. Would I who deliver ever force the womb shut?" says your God. <sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her. Rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her. <sup>11</sup> For you will nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breasts; you will suck and be delighted with her bountiful breasts. <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says, "Look, I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream. You will nurse and be carried on her side, and will be dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem." <sup>14</sup> You will see it, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will flourish like the fresh grass. The hand of the LORD will be known to his servants, and his fury to his enemies. <sup>15</sup> For, look, the LORD will come with fire, and his chariots will be like a whirlwind. He will manifest his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup> For by fire and his sword the LORD will execute judgment on all flesh, and many will be slain by the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves by going into the pagan gardens, as followers of the idolatrous one in their midst, eating the flesh of pigs, disgusting creatures, and rats, they will perish together," says the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming when I will gather all nations and languages; and they will come and see my glory.

<sup>19</sup> I will perform a sign among them, and I will send their survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, famous for drawing the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have never heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will declare my glory among the nations.

<sup>20</sup> They will bring all your kindred out of all the nations for an offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots and wagons, on mules and camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the Israelites bring their offerings in clean containers into the house of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Some of them I will select for priests and Levites," says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, will remain before me," says the LORD, "so your descendants and name will remain.

<sup>23</sup> From one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all humanity will come to worship before me," says the LORD.

<sup>24</sup> "They will go out, and look on the corpses of those who have rebelled against me; for their worms will not die, neither will their fire be extinguished. They will be abhorred by all humanity."