

The Hebrew Corner

November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving, and the author would like to present a special thanks to God for giving us the gift of the Hebrew language with this month's edition. The following is a translation from the original Hebrew into English of the book of Isaiah, which this author has been working on since 2010. There are a few items concerning this translation that the reader should take note of. Whenever an asterisk (*) appears after "the Lord" or "God" in the text, this is referring to the Hebrew name of God, יהוה, also known as the tetragrammaton. In some cases in this translation, Hebrew names have an important meaning, and for the first occurrence of the name in the text, the English translation of the name is presented enclosed in brackets ([]) after the name. Two Hebrew words that have a meaning more broad in scope than an English word can represent are left untranslated; these are the Hebrew words shalom (שלום, shah-LOHM), and Torah (תורה, toh-RAH). The author would also like to acknowledge that the Hebrew lexicon Brown Driver Briggs was used exclusively to determine the meaning of Biblical Hebrew words and many phrases.

Enjoy your reading and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Isaiah (Yeshayahu)

Chapter 1

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

2 Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the Lord* speaks. I have nourished and brought up sons, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows his owner and the donkey his master's trough, but Israel does not understand, nor do my people consider.

4 Oy, sinful nation, the iniquity of the people is heavy, a seed of those who act wickedly, children of destruction. They have forsaken the Lord, they have scorned the Holy One of Israel, they have backslidden.

5 Why should you be stricken any longer as you continue to revolt? All the head is sick, and all the heart is faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head, there is no soundness in him, only bruises, stripes, and festering wounds. They have not been pressed out, nor bound up, nor softened by oil.

7 Your land is desolate. Your cities have been burnt with fire, strangers devouring your ground in front of you, and is a devastation, like that which is overthrown by strangers,

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a hut in a field of cucumbers, as a blockaded city.

9 Unless the Lord* of hosts had left to us a little remnant, we would be as Sodom, and be like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord*, you rulers of Sodom, and listen to the Torah of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

11 What is an abundance of sacrifices to me? says the Lord*. I have had my fill of whole burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fattened beasts, and I have not desired the blood of bulls, nor of lambs, nor of goats.

12 So as you are coming to appear before me, who has required this out of your hand, to trample my courts?

13 You will bring in no more empty offerings. The odor of burning sacrifice, it is an abomination to me.

14 My soul hates you new moons and your sacred seasons. They have become a burden to me that I am weary of carrying,

15 And when you spread out your palms, I will hide my eyes from you. Even though you make a great prayer, I will not be listening, as your hands are full of bloodshed.

16 Wash off, make yourselves clean. Turn aside the evil of your deeds from in front of my eyes. Stop the wickedness.

17 Learn to do good. Seek justice. Correct the ruthless. Vindicate the orphan, and plead the cause of the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord*. Although your sins are like scarlet, they will be made white as the snow. Although they appear red as scarlet fabric, they will become like wool.

19 If you will be willing and obedient, the good of the land you will consume,

20 But if you continue to refuse and rebel, by the sword you will be consumed, for the mouth of the Lord* has spoken.

21 How did the faithful city become a prostitute? It was full of justice, righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers!

22 Your silver has become dross, your liquor weakened with water.

23 Your rulers are rebellious, and companions of thieves, all of them lovers of bribes and pursuers of rewards. They will not vindicate the orphan, and the case of the widow will not come to them.

24 Therefore, the Lord God* of hosts, the strong one of Israel declares, Ah, I will relieve myself of my adversaries, and avenge myself of my enemies!

25 And I will return my hand to you, and I will refine out your dross until pure, and I will remove all of your tin,

26 And I will return your judges as before, and your counselors as at the beginning. Thereafter, they will call you the righteous city, the faithful community.

27 Zion will be ransomed in judgment, and her repentant ones in righteousness,

28 And the crash of the transgressors and sinners will be at the same time, and those who forsake the Lord* will be consumed.

29 Surely you will be ashamed of the terebinths you have delighted in, and you will be ashamed of the groves you have chosen.

30 For you will be as a terebinth fading of leaves, and as a grove that has no water.

31 The strong one will be as flaxen tow, and his work for a spark, and both of them will burn together, and there is no one to extinguish them.

Chapter 2

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

2 It will happen in the last days, that the mountain of the house of the Lord* will be established in the highest of the mountains, when it will be lifted up from the hills, and all the nations will stream to it,

3 And many people will go, and they will say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord*, to the house of the God of Jacob, and we will teach of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For the Torah will go out from Zion, and the word of the Lord* from Jerusalem,

4 And he will judge between the nations, and he will decide among many peoples, then they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-knives. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and they will learn war no longer.

5 O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord*!

6 For you forsook your people, the house of Jacob, because they were filled up from the East, and their eyes became like the Philistines. Even with the offspring of foreigners they would clap hands.

7 His land was also full of silver and gold, and no end to his treasure, and his land was full of horses, and no end to his chariots,

8 And his land was full of worthless idols. They would bow down in worship to the work of his hands, to that which his fingers made.

9 Mankind is prostrate, and each man has become abased, so do not forgive them.

10 Go into the cliff, and hide yourself in the dust, because of the fear of the Lord*, and of the majesty of his exaltation.

11 The proud eyes of mankind become low, and the haughtiness of men will be humbled, but the Lord* alone will be exalted on that day.

12 For the day of the Lord* of hosts is upon everyone who is proud and haughty, and upon everyone who is lifted up, when he will be brought low,

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the lofty hills,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all the pleasant scenery.

17 Then the haughtiness of mankind will be humbled, and the loftiness of men will be brought low, and the Lord* alone will be exalted on that day.

18 For the worthless idols will completely vanish.

19 Yes, they will enter into caves in rocks, and into holes in dry earth, because of the fear of the Lord*, and the majesty of his exaltation, when he rises up to make the earth tremble.

20 On that day, each man will cast away the idols of silver, and idols of gold, that they made for him to bow down to, to search for moles and for bats,

21 Entering into the clefts of the rocks, and the crevices of the cliffs, because of the fear of the Lord*, and the majesty of his exaltation, when he rises up to make the earth tremble.

22 Withdraw yourselves from man, who has breath in his nostrils, for why should he be considered?

Chapter 3

For now the Lord God* of hosts is removing from Jerusalem and Judah, support and sustenance, every provision of bread, and every provision of water,

2 Mighty man, and man of war, judge, and prophet, and false prophet, and elder,

3 Captain of fifty, and prince of honor, and counselor, and magician, and charmer.

4 Then I will place young boys as their governors, and the mischievous will rule over them,

5 And the people will oppress each other, man against man, even man against friend. The young will rage against the old, and the lightly esteemed against the honorable.

6 For a man will take hold of one of his brothers, saying, You have a coat, be a dictator to us. This overthrown mass will be under your control.

7 He will rise up on that day, saying, I cannot be a healer, and there is no bread and clothing in my house. You will not set me as a dictator of the people.

8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, for their speech and their deeds against the Lord*, to rebel in his glorious sight.

9 The expression on their face testifies against them, and their sins, like Sodom, they acknowledge and do not conceal. Woe to their soul, for they have done evil to themselves!

10 Speak to the righteous that it will be well, for the fruit of their deeds they will consume.

11 Woe to the wicked, there will come evil, for the reward of his handiwork will be done to him!

12 My people have children as their taskmasters, and women rule over them. O my people, those who are leading you are misleading you, and have engulfed your pathways.

13 The Lord* takes his stand to plead, and rises up to judge the people.

14 The Lord* will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and his leaders, but you have devoured the vineyard, the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What is it to you, that you crush my people, and grind the faces of the poor, declares the Lord God* of hosts?

16 The Lord* says, on account of this, that the daughters of Zion are haughty, and they walk with neck stretched out and eye ogling, they walk briskly and rattle the bangles on their feet,

17 So the Lord will cause a scab upon the scalp of the daughters of Zion, and God will lay bare their secret parts.

18 On that day, the Lord will remove the beauty of the bangles, and the necklaces, and the crescents,

19 The pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils,

20 The head-dresses, and the armlets, and the sashes, and perfume boxes, and the amulets,

21 The rings and the nose-rings,

22 The robes, and the overtunics, the cloaks, and the purses,

23 And the mirrors, and the linen wrappers, and the turbans, and the large veils.

24 So then instead of perfume there will be rotteness, and instead of a girdle, a rope, and instead of a stylish coiffure, baldness, and instead of a regal robe, a girding of sackcloth, for there will be shame in place of beauty.

25 Your men will fall by the sword, and your warriors in the battle,

26 And her gates will mourn and lament when she is emptied out as she sits on the land.

Chapter 4

On that day, seven women will take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own food, and be clothed with our own clothes, only let your name be endowed upon us, to remove our reproach.

2 On that day, there will be growth into the beauty and the glory of the Lord*, and fruit of the earth, majestic and beautiful, for the remnant of Israel,

3 And it will be that the remnant in Zion, yes, those remaining in Jerusalem, will be called holy. All within Jerusalem are written into life,

4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and he will have cleansed away the bloodshed out of Jerusalem, in a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fiery destruction.

5 For the Lord* will create upon the entire area of Zion, and upon the place of sacred assembly, a cloud and smoke by day, and brightness of flaming fire by night, for upon all, glory will be a canopy,

6 And there will be a booth for shade from the heat during the day, and for refuge and a place of shelter from flood and from rain.

Chapter 5

Let me sing, please, for my beloved, a love song about his vineyard. My beloved has a vineyard on a fertile hill,

2 And he dug it carefully about, and he planted a choice type of vine, and he built a watchtower in its midst, and also he hewed out a wine vat in it, and he waited for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3 So now, O dweller of Jerusalem, and man of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more is there to do for my vineyard that I have not done for it? Why do I wait for it to yield grapes, when it yields wild grapes?

5 So now I will let you know what I will do to my vineyard: to take away its hedge so it will be for destruction, and to break through its wall so it will be for trampling on.

6 Yes, I will make a ruin of it, and it will neither be pruned nor hoed, and it will spring up thorns and thorn bushes, and above the clouds I will direct the rain away from raining upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord* of hosts is the house of Israel, and the man of Judah is his desirable plant, yet he waited for justice, but oh, the bloodshed, and for righteousness, but oh, the outcry!

8 Woe to those who set house against house, and join field to field, until space is at an end, and you are made to dwell by yourselves in the middle of the land.

9 In my hearing the Lord of hosts said, Is it not true that many houses will be deserted, the large ones and the good ones without an inhabitant?

10 For a ten-span vineyard will yield one bath, and a homer of seed will yield an ephah.

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning to pursue strong drink, who tarry into the evening so that wine may enflame them.

12 Yes, there will be lyre and lute, timbrel and flute, and wine for their feasts, yet the labor of the Lord* they will not consider, and the work of his hands they do not observe.

13 Therefore, my people go into exile for lack of understanding, and their honored ones are empty from hunger, and their multitude parched with thirst.

14 Therefore, Sheol enlarges itself, and opens wide its mouth without limit, and her splendor, and abundance, and her uproar and jubilation will descend into it.

15 And so mankind is humbled, and a man is brought down, and the eyes of the proud are lowered,

16 But the Lord* of hosts is exalted in judgment, yes, the God of holiness is sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then lambs will feed in their own pasture, and sojourners will eat of the fat ones in the ruins.

18 Woe to those who drag transgression along in worthless bindings, even sin, like cords of the oxcart,

19 Who say, Let him hurry, let him hasten his work, so we may see it, and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel approach and enter, so that we may know it.

20 Woe to those who say good things about evil, and evil things about good, who take darkness for light, and light for darkness, who take bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and intelligent in their own esteem.

22 Woe to those who are mighty at drinking wine, and strong men at mixing strong drink!

23 Who declare righteous the wicked in return for a bribe, and remove the righteousness of the righteous away from him.

24 Therefore, as the devouring of stubble by a tongue of fire, and as flaming chaff sinks down, their root will be as rot, and their bud will be taken away as dust. For they have rejected the Torah of the Lord* of hosts, and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Thus the anger of the Lord* was kindled against his people, and he has laid his hand upon them, and has stricken them, and the mountains have quaked, yes, their corpses are like a butcher's refuse in the middle of the

streets. In all this, his anger has not subsided, but his hand is stretched out still,

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations far away, and he will whistle to him at the end of the earth, and with haste he will swiftly come.

27 There is no weariness and no stumbling in him. He will not be drowsy, and he will not sleep. The girdle of his loins will not be loosened, nor will a thong of his sandals be torn off.

28 Whose arrows are sharpened, and all of his bows are bent. The hooves of his horses are accounted as flint, and his chariot wheels as a storm-wind.

29 He has a roar like a lion, yes, he roars like young lions, and will growl and grasp the prey and secure it, and none will rescue it.

30 For he will growl over it on that day, like the growling of the sea, and one will look to the land and behold, darkness, distress, and light growing dim among the clouds.

Chapter 6

In the year of the death of King Uzziah, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, exalted and lifted up, and his train that was filling the temple.

2 Seraphim were standing above him, six wings, six wings to each one. With two he would cover his face, and with two he would cover his legs, and with two he would fly,

3 And one cried this out to another one, and he was saying, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord* of hosts, all the earth is filled with his glory,

4 And the supports of the window-sills were made to tremble from the sound of the one who cried, and the house was filling up with smoke,

5 And I was saying, Woe to me, for I am ruined, for I am a man of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the king, the Lord* of hosts!

6 Then one from the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that had taken up tongs from the altar,

7 And he touched it on my mouth, and said, See, this touched upon your lips, and your transgression was removed, and your sin was atoned for.

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom will I send, and who will go out for us, and I said, Here am I, send me,

9 And he said, Go forth and say to this people, Listen carefully, but do not understand, and look closely, but do not perceive,

10 And make dull the mind of this people, and make their ears heavy and their eyes blind, lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their mind, and turn back, and they should be healed.

11 And I was saying, Until when, Lord, and he said, Until that time when cities have crashed into ruins without an inhabitant, and houses are without an occupant, and the land will have been ruined to desolation.

12 When the Lord* has sent mankind far away, and desolation has become great in the midst of the land.

13 And still there will be a tenth part in it that will return, yet there must be a burning. Like a terebinth or an oak in the felling has a stump left of them, the holy seed will be a stump.

Chapter 7

It was in the days of Ahaz, son of Uzziah, son of Jotham, king of Judah, that Rezin, king of Syria, and Pekah, son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to the battle against it, but were not able to prevail upon it,

2 And it was reported to the house of David, saying, Syria has met with Ephraim. And his heart, and the heart of his people trembled, like the trembling of trees of the forest from the presence of the wind.

3 Then the Lord* said to Isaiah, Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and Shar-Yashub [a remnant will return], your son, to the end of the conduit of the upper pool, toward the highway of the fuller's field,

4 And you will say to him, Be on guard and remain quiet. Do not fear, and let your heart not be timid, from the two stumps of these smoking firebrands, in the burning anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah.

5 For the reason that Syria has conspired evil against you, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, saying,

6 Let us go up to Judah, and infect it with fear, and let us break into it for ourselves, and enthrone a king in the midst of it, the son of Tabel.

7 Thus says the Lord God*, It will not succeed, and it will not happen.

8 Because the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin, within sixty-five years Ephraim, more than any people, will be shattered.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you don't believe this, you will get no support.

10 Then the Lord* once again spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask for yourself a sign from the Lord* your God. Make it to the depths of Sheol, or make it to the heights of Heaven,

12 And Ahaz said, I will neither ask nor test the Lord*.

13 And he said, Listen now, you of the house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you must also weary my God?

14 Therefore, the Lord himself will give a sign to you. Behold, a young maiden will become pregnant and bear a son, and will call his name Immanuel [God with us].

15 Curds and honey will he eat, for his learning to reject the evil, and choose the good.

16 Indeed, before the young boy knows to reject the evil, and choose the good, the land that you abhor will be left without the presence of both its kings.

17 The Lord* will bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon the house of your fathers, days that have not come since Ephraim turned away from Judah, yes, the king of Assyria!

18 And it will be on that day, the Lord* will hiss to the fly that is at the end of the Nile canals of Egypt, and to the bee that is in the land of Assyria,

19 And they will enter, and they will settle, all of them, in the ravines of the precipices, and in the clefts of the rocks, and in all the thorn bushes, and in all the pastures.

20 On that day, the Lord, by means of a hired razor within the region across the river, by the king of Assyria, will shave the head, and the hair of the legs. She will even sweep away the beard.

21 And it will be on that day, a man will nourish a heifer of the herd, and two sheep,

22 And it will be, due to the abundance of the milk produced, that each one will eat curds, surely all remaining in the midst of the land will eat curds and honey,

23 And it will be on that day, every place where there could have been a thousand vines for a thousand pieces of silver, it will be for thorns and thorn bushes.

24 One must enter in there with arrows and the bow, for all the land will become thorns and thorn bushes,

25 And all the mountains that used to be hoed with the hoe, you will not go up there for fear of thorns, as it will be a place to let loose a bull, and a trampling place of sheep.

Chapter 8

The Lord* said to me, take for yourself a large tablet, and write on it with a common stylus, this: Mahershalhashbaz [swift is spoil, quick is plunder].

2 And I will take as a witness for me, reliable witnesses: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah, son of Jeberechiah.

3 And I became intimate with the prophetess, and she conceived, and gave birth to a son. Then the Lord* said to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

4 For before the young boy knows to cry out, My father or, My mother, there is one who will bear the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria before the king of Assyria.

5 And the Lord* spoke to me yet again, saying,

6 For the reason that this people have rejected the waters of Shiloh that go gently, and there is exultation about Rezin and the son of Remaliah,

7 So therefore, behold, the Lord will bring upon them, the mighty and the great, the waters of the river, the king of Assyria and all his glory, and it will go up upon all its channels, and will go forth over all its banks.

8 And it will sweep into Judah, it will overflow and pass over, up unto the neck it will reach, and the spreading out of its wings will be filling up your land, O Immanuel.

9 Be broken, you people, and be shattered, yes, listen all you distant lands. Gird yourselves and be shattered, gird yourselves and be shattered.

10 Plan a plan, and it will be frustrated. Speak a word, and it will not succeed. For, O Immanuel,

11 For thus says the Lord* to me, when he admonishes me against walking in the way of this people, saying,

12 You must not speak of conspiracy about all that this people say is conspiracy. You must not fear with their fear, and you must not be in awe.

13 The Lord* of hosts, him you will regard as holy, and he will be your fear, and he will be awe-inspiring to you.

14 And he will be for a sanctuary, but also he will be for a striking stone and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, for a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

15 And many will stumble on them, and they will fall, and be broken, and be ensnared, and be captured.

16 Bind up the testimony. Seal up the Torah among my disciples.

17 And I will wait for the Lord* who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, yet I will wait for him.

18 Now I and the children that the Lord* gave to me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord* of hosts, dwelling in Mount Zion.

19 And if they should say to you, Seek to the necromancers and to the familiar spirits, the chirpings and the mutterings, should not the people inquire of their God, not the dead on behalf of the living?

20 To the Torah and to the testimony, though those who have no light of dawn will not speak according to this word,

21 And he will pass by it hard-pressed and hungry, and it will be because he is hungry, that he will put himself in a rage, and curse against his king and his God, and turn to look upward.

22 Then to the land he will look, and behold, trouble and darkness, the gloom of distress, and the calamity of one who is thrust into darkness.

Chapter 9

Yet there will not be gloom for which they had distress, as in the former time that he brought shame upon the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, but in the latter time, he brings honor in the direction of the sea beyond the Jordan, the Galilee of the Gentiles.

2 The people walking in darkness see a great light. Dwellers in the land of the death-shadow, a light shines upon them.

3 You have increased the nation, yet you have not magnified the joy. They rejoice in front of you, like the joy in the time of harvest, like those who would rejoice in the dividing of the spoil,

4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff on his shoulder, the scepter of the tyrant upon him, you have destroyed, as in the day of Midian,

5 For every soldier's boot that had been tramping and shaking the ground, and mantle rolled in blood, now will be for burning and fuel for fire,

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the dominion is upon his shoulder, and his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Shalom.

7 To the increase of the dominion, and to shalom, there is no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it and support it in judgment and righteousness, now and forever. The zeal of the Lord* of hosts will perform this.

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

9 And all the people of Ephraim will know, yes, the inhabitants of Samaria, who in haughtiness and insolence of heart say,

10 The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with hewn stones. The sycamore trees have been cut down, but we will substitute cedars.

11 So the Lord* has lifted up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and he will spur on his enemies,

12 And Syria from the east and the Philistines from the west have devoured Israel at every end. In all this, his anger has not subsided, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 Yet the people will not turn to the one still sending judgment upon them,
and they have not sought the Lord* of hosts,

14 And so the Lord* cuts off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush in
one day.

15 The old and the honored faces, that is the head, and the prophet who
teaches falsehood, that is the tail,

16 And they were the leaders, who were causing this people to stumble, and
they were destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord will not be happy over their young men, nor will he
have compassion on their orphans and their widows, for all of them are
profane and evildoers, and every mouth speaks profanity. In all this, his
anger has not subsided, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness, like fire, burns, it will devour thorns and thorn bushes,
and will kindle among thickets of the forest, and they will roll and roll,
lifting up a column of smoke.

19 In the fury of the Lord* of hosts, the land is burned by heat, and the
people are as fuel for the fire, man against brother, they will not spare,

20 And one will cut off some of the right hand, and be hungry, and one will
eat on the left hand, and not be satisfied. Everyone will eat the flesh of his
arm.

21 Manasseh with Ephraim, and Ephraim with Manasseh, and together they
will be against Judah. In all this, his anger has not subsided, but his hand is
stretched out still.

Chapter 10

Woe to those who enact statutes of misery, and who decree suffering in that
which they decree,

2 Thrusting aside the cause of the poor, seizing the judgment of the afflicted
of my people, widows becoming their spoil, they will even plunder orphans,

3 So what will you do during the day of visitation, and during the destruction
that will come in from far away? To whom will you flee for assistance, and
where will you leave your riches?

4 Except that one bow down under prisoners, or they might fall beneath the
slain. In all this, his anger has not subsided, but his hand is stretched out
still.

5 Woe to Assyria, the rod of my wrath, yes, that staff in their hand, is my
indignation.

6 Into a godless nation I will send him, and I will command him upon my people in my fury, to take as plunder the plunder, and to take as spoil the spoil, and to set them in a trampling place like the mire of the streets.

7 Yet such he will not imagine, nor will he ponder, for it is in his heart to destroy and to cut off nations, not just a few.

8 For he will say, Are not my princes at the same time kings?

9 Is not Calno as Carchemish, is not Hamath as Arpad, is not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As that which my hand has taken of the kingdoms of gods, and their idols were greater than the idols from Jerusalem and Samaria,

11 Will it not be that, as I have done to Samaria and to their gods, so will I do to Jerusalem and to their idols?

12 And this will happen, when the Lord is completing all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, I will visit upon the fruit of the proud will of the king of Assyria, and the glorying of his lifted up eyes.

13 For he says, By the strength of my hand I have done it, also by my wisdom, for I am clever, and I have rejected the borders of the people, and plundered their stores, and lay the governors prostrate,

14 And my hand found the riches of the people like a nest, and like the gathering of abandoned eggs, I have gathered all the land, and not a wing fluttered, or a mouth opened or chirped.

15 Will the axe glorify itself against the one who chops with it, or will the saw magnify itself against the one who swings it back and forth, like a rod swinging him that lifts it up, like a staff raising up that which is not wood?

16 Therefore the Lord God* will send into his stout ones a wasting disease, and underneath his glory a burning will be kindled, like the burning of a fire,

17 And the light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame and it will burn and consume his thorn bushes and thorns in one day,

18 And the glory of his forest and his garden-land, from the soul and even to the flesh, it will destroy, and it will be like the wasting away of a sick man,

19 And the remainder of the trees of his forest will be few, so that a young boy could record it,

20 And it will be on that day, no longer will the remnant of Israel, and the escaped of the house of Jacob lean upon those who defeated them, but will lean upon the Lord*, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, unto God, the mighty one.

22 For though your people Israel may be as the sand of the sea, a mere remnant will return to it. The annihilation, strictly decided, is overflowing in righteousness.

23 For a destruction that has been strictly determined, the Lord God* of hosts is performing in the midst of the land.

24 And so, thus says the Lord God* of hosts, Do not fear, O my people, inhabitants of Zion, because of Assyria, who will beat you with a rod, and lift up his staff against you in the manner of Egypt,

25 For a very little while, and the indignation will be at an end, and my anger will be upon their destruction,

26 And the Lord* will raise up a whip, like the scourging of Midian at the rock of Oreb, and his rod that is upon the sea, yes, he will lift it up in the manner of Egypt,

27 And it will be that, on that day, his load will be removed from upon your shoulder, and his yoke from off the back of your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of the presence of anointing oil.

28 He came upon Aioth, he passed through into Migron, on to Michmash where he deposited his baggage.

29 They have crossed over the passage, they stay the night in a lodging place, Geba. Ramah is terrified, Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Cry shrilly with your voice, O daughter of Gallim. Pay attention, O Laish. Poor Anathoth.

31 Madmenah has departed. The inhabitants of Gabim take refuge.

32 Until the day, standing in Nob, he brandishes his hand toward the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord God* of hosts shall lop off the crown of the branches with a crash, and the tall of stature will be those cut down, and the haughty will become low,

34 And the thickets of the forest will be struck away with iron, and Lebanon will fall by a majestic one.

Chapter 11

And a branch will come out from the stem of Jesse, and a sprout from his roots will bear fruit,

2 And the Spirit of the Lord* will settle upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of discernment and fear of the Lord*,

3 And he will delight himself in the fear of the Lord*, and will not judge by seeing with his eyes, or decide by hearing with his ears.

4 But he will judge the poor in righteousness, and he will decide for the needy of the earth in uprightness, and he will smite the earth with the scepter of his mouth, and he will put to death the wicked with the breath of his lips,
5 And righteousness will be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the waistcloth of his loins,
6 And a wolf will dwell with a lamb, and a leopard will lie down with a kid, and a calf, a young lion, and a fatling together, and a small boy leading them on,
7 And a cow and a bear will graze. Their young ones will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like cattle,
8 And the babe will sport upon the hole of a cobra, and a weaned child stretches out his hand upon the light-hole of a viper.
9 They will not bring evil, and they will not destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord*, like the waters that give covering to the sea.
10 And on that day it will be, that the root of Jesse will be standing for a standard to the people. Unto him will the nations seek, and glorious will be his resting place,
11 And on that day it will be, the Lord will increase his power a second time to acquire the remnant of his people that remain from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, and the islands of the sea,
12 And he will lift up a standard to the nations, and will gather in the banished of Israel, and will collect the dispersed of Judah from the four wings of the earth,
13 And the jealousy of Ephraim will come to an end, and those who harass Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not harass Ephraim,
14 And they will fly on the shoulder of the Philistines westward, together they will plunder the people of the east. Edom and Moab will be an extension of their hand, and the people of Ammon will be their subjects,
15 And the Lord* will destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt, and will brandish his hand upon the river in the glow of his Spirit, and will strike it into seven streams, and will cause them to march in sandals,
16 And there will be a highway for the remnant of his people that remain from Assyria, like what occurred for Israel in the day of his coming up from the land of Egypt.

Chapter 12

And you will say on that day, I will praise you Lord*. Though you were angry with me, your anger subsides, and you comfort me.

2 Behold, my salvation is God, I will be confident and not be afraid, for my strength and song is Yah, the Lord*, and he has become salvation to me,

3 And you will draw water in exultation from the springs of salvation,

4 And you will say on that day, give thanks to the Lord*, call on his name, make his deeds known among the people, mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing to the Lord*, for he has done majestic things. Let this be made known in all the earth.

6 Cry shrilly, yes, give a ringing cry, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst.

Chapter 13

The oracle of Babylon that Isaiah son of Amoz saw in a vision.

2 Upon a wind-swept mountain, lift up a standard. Lift up a voice to them. Wave a hand, that they may enter the gates of nobility.

3 I gave charge to my dedicated ones, also I called my warriors for my anger, those jubilant for my majesty.

4 The sound is of a multitude in the mountains, the sound of the roar of kingdoms of nations being assembled. The Lord* of hosts is mustering a host for war.

5 Those who enter in are from a distant land, from the end of the heavens, the Lord* and the weapons of his indignation destroying all the land.

6 Give a howl, for the day of the Lord* is near. It will enter in as havoc from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will lose strength, and every heart of man will melt.

8 They will be dismayed, pangs and the pains of travail will seize them.

They will writhe as one who gives birth. They will be looking in astonishment at one another, their faces like faces of flames.

9 Now the day of the Lord* comes, cruel and furious, and also burning with wrath, to set the land to waste, for he will destroy the sinners out of it,

10 For the stars of the heavens, and their Orions will not shine their light.

The sun grows dark when it comes out, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.

11 And I will appoint distress upon the world, and upon all the wicked ones their punishment, and I will cause the exultation of the insolent ones to subside, and the rising up of the terrorists I will lay low.

12 I will make a man more rare than fine gold, and mankind more than the gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will cause the heavens to shake, and the earth to quake out of its place, in the fury of the Lord of hosts*, and in the day of the burning of his wrath,

14 And it will be, like a hunted gazelle, or like sheep that no one gathers, each one will return to his own people, and escape to his own land.

15 Everyone that is discovered will be pierced through, and everyone captured will fall on the sword.

16 And their children will be dashed to pieces in their sight. Their houses will be plundered, and their women will be ravished.

17 Now I am stirring up the Medes upon them, who will not be thinking of silver, even gold, they will not delight in it,

18 And bows will dash in pieces young boys. They will not have compassion upon the fruit of the womb. Their eye will not take pity upon children,

19 And Babylon, the beauty of the kingdoms, the glorious majesty of the Chaldeans, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 She will never be inhabited, and no one will settle in her from generation to generation, and the steppe-dweller will not pitch a tent there, nor will shepherds rest there,

21 But wild animals will make their abode there, and their houses will be filled with jackals, and ostriches will dwell there, even satyrs will dance about there,

22 And howlers will sing in her castles, and jackals in her exquisite palaces, for her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

Chapter 14

For the Lord* will have mercy on Jacob, and will choose Israel still and bring them rest in their land, also the stranger will be joined with them, and they will connect themselves with the house of Jacob,

2 And the people will capture them, and they will bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will take them as a possession in the land of the Lord* for servants and maidservants, and those who were captives will become their captors, and they will rule over those who oppressed them.

3 Yes, one day the Lord* will bring rest to you from your pain, and from your turmoil, and from the hard labor that has been served by you,
4 And you will lift up this proverb upon the king of Babylon, and you will say, How the oppressor has ceased, the raging stopped!
5 The Lord* has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of those who ruled.
6 He who struck people in fury, in conquest without retreat, chastising in anger the nations, is pursued, and no one is restraining it.
7 It is at rest. All the land is at peace. They have broken forth with a joyous cry.
8 Also among the fir trees, they will rejoice about you, even the cedars of Lebanon, From the time you died, no woodcutter will ascend upon us.
9 Sheol beneath is enraged about you, crying out as you go in, who because of you is stirring up all the ghosts, the he-goats of the land. It has raised all the kings of nations up from their thrones.
10 All of them will answer, and they will say to you, You, too, have been made weak like us, you resemble us.
11 Your majesty will be taken down to Sheol, and the music of your harps. The worm will be spread out beneath you, and the maggot will be your covering.
12 How you have fallen from the sky, O shining one, son of dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who brought weakness upon the nations.
13 For you have said in your heart, I will ascend to the heavens. I will exalt my throne above the stars on high, and I will dwell in the mount of assembly, in the remote parts of the north.
14 I will ascend over the heights of a cloud. I will make myself like the Most High.
15 Nevertheless, you will be brought down to Sheol, to the innermost part of the pit.
16 Whoever sees you, they will gaze at you, they will pay attention to you. Is this the man who caused the earth to quake, who caused kingdoms to shake,
17 Who made the world like a wilderness, and tore down its cities, who did not free its prisoners inside?
18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, lie in splendor, each one in his own tomb,
19 But you were cast out of your burial place like a rejected branch, as clothing of the slain, those pierced by the sword who have descended into the tomb of the pit like a trodden-down corpse.

20 You will not be united with them in burial, for you have destroyed your land, you have killed your people. The family of evildoers will never be mentioned.

21 Prepare a slaughtering place for his sons, because of the transgressions of their fathers. They will not rise up and inherit the land, nor will they fill the face of the world with cities.

22 And I will rise up upon them, declares the Lord* of hosts, and I will cut off the name, remnant, offspring, and progeny of Babylon, declares the Lord*,

23 And I will make it as a territory for the porcupine and muddy pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, declares the Lord* of hosts.

24 The Lord* of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely according to what I have planned, so will it be, and according to what I have advised, that is what will stand.

25 To break to pieces the Assyrian on my land, as I will tread them down on my mountains, and to take away his yoke from off them, that his burden would be removed from each one's shoulder.

26 This is the plan that is advised upon all the earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the Lord* of hosts has advised it, and who can nullify it, and his hand is stretched out, and who can bring it back?

28 In the year King Ahaz died came this oracle.

29 Do not rejoice, O Philistia, any of you, that the scepter that struck you is broken, for from the serpent's root will come out a viper, and his fruit will be a flying viper,

30 And the most impoverished will find food, and the needy will lie down securely, but I will cause your family to die in a famine, and it will slay your remnant.

31 Howl, O gate, cry out, O city, Philistia, all of you are melted away, for smoke comes in from the north, and no one is off his appointed times.

32 And what will he answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord* has founded Zion, and the poor of his people will seek refuge in it.

Chapter 15

An oracle of Moab. For in a night, Ar of Moab was devastated, ruined. For in a night, Kir of Moab was devastated, ruined.

2 He goes up to the temple and to Devon to weep in the high places. He will howl over Nebo and Medeba of Moab. Baldness is upon all heads. All the beards are clipped.

3 In his streets, they gird on sackcloth. Upon her rooftops and plazas, all of them are howling, bowing down in weeping.

4 And Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out. Their voice will be heard even to Jahaz. Therefore, the armed warriors of Moab will cry out. His life will be unpleasant for him.

5 My heart cries out to Moab. His fugitives will be as far as Zoar, even the third Eglath, for as he is ascending up to Luhite, he will ascend to it with weeping, for along the road to Horonaim, they will raise up a cry at the destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim, will be a devastation, for the green grass is withered, the grass has faded away. Nothing green is there.

7 Thus the riches he has acquired, and their stock, he will carry them along the Brook of the Poplars,

8 For the cry has encircled the border of Moab. There is howling up to Eglaim, and howling at Beerelim,

9 For the waters of Dibon are full of blood, because I will place upon Dibon additional calamities. There will be a lion for the fugitives of Moab, and all the remnant in the land.

Chapter 16

Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 As a fleeing bird that is driven from the nest, so the daughters of Moab will be at the fords of Arnon.

3 Bring in counsel. Perform the office of judge. Place a shadow like the night during midday. Carefully hide the outcasts. Do not expose a fugitive.

4 Let my outcasts of Moab sojourn among you. Become a shelter to them from the face of the destroyer. For the oppressor has ceased, the violence has come to an end. Those that devastate are consumed from the land,

5 And a throne will be established in mercy, and one will sit upon it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking out justice, and prompt in righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, the very proud, of his majesty, and his exultation, and his arrogance, whose boastings are not so.

7 Therefore there will be howling all over Moab, all of them howling. For the foundations of Kirharaseth you will moan, for surely they are smitten.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish. The rulers of nations have struck down the tendrils of the vine of Sibma, that reached even to Jazer, that meandered through the wilderness. Her branches spread out, they crossed the sea.
9 Therefore I will weep for Jazer, and the vine of Sibma. I will drink my fill of tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh, because shouting has declined concerning your summer fruit, and your harvest.
10 The joy and rejoicing will be taken away from the garden-land, and in the vineyards there will be no crying for joy, no shout of triumph will be raised. Those who tread will tread no wine into the wine vats. I will have made the shouting to end.
11 Therefore my heart will murmur like a lyre for Moab, and my inner depths for Kirhareseth.
12 For it will be observed that a Moabite is weary upon the high places, and will enter into his sanctuary to pray, but will not be able.
13 This is the word that the Lord* spoke to Moab from times past.
14 But now the Lord* speaks, saying, In three years, as the years of a hired servant, the glory of Moab will be lightly esteemed in all the roar of the multitude, and the small remnant remaining will be weak.

Chapter 17

The oracle of Damascus. Damascus is now removed from being a city, and it will become a heap of ruins.
2 Abandoned are the cities of Aroer. They will be for flocks, and they will lie down and none will terrify.
3 And the fortress will cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, but the remnant of Syria will be as the glory of the sons of Israel, declares the Lord* of hosts.
4 And on that day, it will be that the glory of Jacob will be laid low, and the fatness of his flesh will be made lean,
5 And it will be as the gathering of standing grain in the harvest, that his arm will reap the ears of grain. And he will be as the reaper of the ears of grain in the valley of Rephaim.
6 Still a gleaning will be left in it, like the striking off of an olive tree, two or three berries in the very top, four or five in its boughs, declares the Lord* God of Israel.

7 On that day, mankind will gaze upon his maker, and his eyes will feast upon the Holy One of Israel,
8 And he will not gaze at the altars that his hands have made, nor regard that which his fingers have made, such as the Ashera poles and the sun-pillars.
9 On that day, your cities of safe harbor will be as the forsaken places of the wooden heights and the summit, which they abandoned from the presence of the sons of Israel, and there will be desolation.
10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and you have not remembered the rock of your refuge, therefore you may plant Adonis-gardens, and twigs unto a foreign god you may sow.
11 In the day, you carefully fence about your plantings, and in the morning you may bring your seed to bud, but the harvest will become a ruin, in the day of disease and incurable anguish.
12 Woe to the crowd of many people that will be bustling about like the roaring of the seas. Yes, the roar of peoples will be like the roar of mighty waters that are in an uproar.
13 The peoples may be in an uproar like the roar of waters, but he rebukes it, and they flee far away, and are pursued like the chaff of mountains in front of a wind, and like the whirling debris in front of the storm-wind.
14 The time is evening, and behold, the calamity! By morning it will be gone. This is the share for our plunderers, and the portion for our spoilers.

Chapter 18

Woe to the land of whirring locusts, which is across the rivers of Ethiopia!
2 Those who send out envoys into the sea, in vessels of papyrus upon the surface of the water. Go forth, swift messengers, to a nation tall and scoured, to a people who were feared from that time and onwards, a nation of might and subjugation, whose rivers cut through the land.
3 All you inhabitants of the world, and you who dwell on the earth, when he lifts up a sign, you will see it, and when he blows the shofar, you will hear it.
4 For thus says the Lord* to me, I will be quiet and observe in my established place, as the glowing heat of sunshine, as a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For before the harvest, when the bud is complete, and unripe grapes become ripe in the blossom, then he will cut the tendrils with a pruning knife, and he takes away the twigs that he has struck off.

6 And he will leave it both for the birds of the mountains, and the beasts of the land, for the birds will be upon it in the summer fruit harvest, and all the beasts will remain upon it in the autumn harvest.

7 In that time, a gift will be borne along for the Lord* of hosts, from a people tall and scoured, and from a people who were feared from that time and onwards, a nation of might and subjugation, whose rivers cut through its land, to the place with the name of the Lord* of hosts, Mount Zion.

Chapter 19

The oracle of Egypt. Now the Lord* is riding upon a swift rain cloud, and he will enter into Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble from his presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt into his own body,

2 And I will place a hedge dividing Egyptians against Egyptians, and they will fight each other, man against his brother, and man against his friend, city against city, and dominion against dominion,

3 And Egypt will be emptied of spirit within, as I have confounded his advice, and they will resort to the idols, and to the mutterers, and to the necromancers, and to the familiar spirits,

4 And I will deliver Egypt into the hand of lords, even a severe one, that a fierce king may rule over them, declares the Lord God* of hosts.

5 And water will be taken away from the sea, and a river will be dried up and withered.

6 And the rivers will stink. The streams of the Nile in Egypt are low and dried up. The reeds and rushes are decayed.

7 Barrenness will be upon the streams by the mouth of the Nile, and every seedland of the streams of the Nile will wither. They are driven away, and they will be gone,

8 And the fishermen will mourn, and all those who cast fish-hooks out into the streams of the Nile will lament, and those who spread out the fishing net upon the surface of the waters will languish.

9 And the workers of carded flax, and the weavers of white fabric will feel shame,

10 And its foundations will be shattered. All the hired workers will be forlorn of soul.

11 Surely the princes of Zoan are foolish. The advice of the wise ones who are counselors of Pharaoh will be stupid. How can you say to Pharaoh, I am a son of wise men, a son of ancient kings?

12 Where are they, your wise ones, then, and can they declare to you now, or do they know, what the Lord* of hosts has planned against Egypt?

13 The princes of Zoan have acted foolishly. The princes of Memphis have been deceived. The rulers of her tribes have caused Egypt to err.

14 The Lord* has poured out within her a distorted judgment. It causes Egyptians to err in all their deeds, like one who wanders about drunk in his own vomit,

15 And the result will not be for the Egyptians, neither head nor tail, branch nor rush.

16 On that day, the Egyptian will be like women, and will tremble and be in dread because of the brandishing of the hand of the Lord* of hosts that he will shake over him,

17 And the land of Judah will be a source of trembling to the Egyptian. Every one that he will bring her to remembrance against will be in dread because of the plan of the Lord* of hosts that he has planned against him.

18 On that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt speaking the land of Canaan, and swearing an oath of allegiance to the Lord* of hosts. One may be called the City of the Sun.

19 On that day, there will be an altar to the Lord* in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord* close to its border,

20 And it will be for a sign and for a testimony to the Lord* of hosts in the land of Egypt. They will cry out to the Lord* because of the oppressors, and he will send to them a savior, even a great one, and he will rescue them,

21 And the Lord* will be known to Egypt, and Egypt will know the Lord* on that day, and they will prepare a sacrifice and an offering, and they will swear an oath to the Lord*, and they will make it good.

22 And the Lord* will strike Egypt, healing as he strikes, and they will turn to the Lord*, and he will be entreated of them, and will heal them.

23 On that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyrians will enter into Egypt, and Egyptians into Assyria, and Egyptians will serve with Assyrians.

24 On that day, Israel will be a third party to Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land,

25 Whom the Lord* of hosts blesses, saying, blessed are my people Egypt, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel, my inheritance.

Chapter 20

In the year that the field marshal entered into Ashdod, when Sargon, king of Assyria, sent him, and he fought against Ashdod, and he captured it.

2 At that time, the Lord* spoke through Isaiah, son of Amoz, saying, Go and loosen the sackcloth off of your loins and remove your sandals from off your feet, and he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3 Then the Lord* said, in like manner as my servant Isaiah has walked barefoot and naked for three years, a sign and a portent upon Egypt and Ethiopia,

4 So will the king of Assyria lead along the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young boys and old men naked and barefoot, buttocks exposed, to the shame of Egypt,

5 And they will be dismayed and ashamed of Ethiopia, their hope, and Egypt, their glory,

6 And those who dwell on this coast will say on that day, Now this was our confidence, that we fled there for help to be delivered from the presence of the king of Assyria. How, then, will we escape?

Chapter 21

The oracle of the desert by the sea. Like the storm winds of the south passing through, it comes in from the desert, from a fearful land.

2 A severe vision was reported to me. The treacherous ones will act treacherously, and the destroyers will destroy. Go up, O Elam. Lay siege, O Media. All her groaning I have brought to an end.

3 Therefore my loins are filled with anguish. Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of child-bearing. I am bent over from the hearing. I am dismayed from watching.

4 My heart falters, shuddering overwhelms me. With the evening twilight of my pleasure, it makes me to tremble.

5 Set the table. Lay out the rug. Eat. Drink. Arise, you princes. Anoint the shield.

6 For thus says the Lord to me, Go, set a watchman. Let him who observes, make a report.

7 For he will see riders: a pair of horsemen, the donkey rider, the camel rider, and he must pay attention, close attention.

8 The observer cries out, My Lord, upon the watchtower I am standing continually by day, and on my watch I take my stand every night.
9 And now this happens. A chariot of one man, two horses comes. And he answered and said, She has fallen, Babylon has fallen, and he has broken all the idols of gods to the earth!
10 O, my threshing, and the grain of my threshing floor, that which I have heard from the Lord* of hosts, God of Israel, I have declared to you.
11 The oracle of Dumah. Someone is calling me from Seir, Watchman, what about the night? Watchman, what about the night?
12 The watchman says, The morning has come, and also the night. If you wish to inquire, inquire. Return. Come back.
13 The oracle of Arabia. In the bushes in Arabia you will lodge, O caravans of Dedanim.
14 Bring water to greet the thirsty one. You inhabitants of Tema, meet the fugitive with his food.
15 For from the presence of swords they will flee, from the presence of the sharpened sword, the bent bow, and the heaviness of war.
16 For thus says the Lord unto me, Within a year, like the years of a hired laborer, and all the glory of Kedar will be ended.
17 And the remaining number of archers, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be few, for the Lord* God of Israel has spoken.

Chapter 22

The oracle of the Valley of the Vision. What is it with you then, that all of you have gone up to the rooftops?
2 It is full of noise. O city of uproar, O town of jubilation, your slain ones are not slain by the sword, nor dead from war.
3 All of your leaders have fled in unison. They have been taken prisoner without the bow. All of you that were discovered, that fled away, have been taken prisoner together.
4 Therefore, I have said, Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Do not come forth to console me over the devastation of the daughter of my people.
5 For it is to the Lord God* of hosts, a day of anxiety, and subjugation, and confusion in the Valley of the Vision. There is a tearing down of the wall, and a cry for help into the mountain.
6 And Elam bears a quiver of chariot drivers and horsemen, and Kir lays bear the shield.

7 And the best of your valleys have filled with chariots, and the horsemen have taken their stand at the gate,
8 And he has removed the protection from Judah. Surely on that day you gave attention to the weapons in the House of the Forest.
9 And near to the breaches of the city of David, you have seen that there are many, and you have collected the water in the lowest pool.
10 And the houses of Jerusalem you have counted, and you have broken down the houses to fortify the wall,
11 And a reservoir you have made between the walls for the stored water of the pool, but you have not looked to its maker, nor have you considered the one who planned it from long ago.
12 For the Lord God* of hosts called out on that day for weeping, and for wailing, and for baldness, and for girding on of sackcloth,
13 But now there is rejoicing and celebration, slaying cattle and slaughtering sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine, Eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die,
14 But the Lord of hosts made himself clear in my hearing. This iniquity will not be masked over for you, until you die, says the Lord God* of hosts.
15 Thus says the Lord* God of hosts, Go enter in to this steward, up to Shebna, who is over the house,
16 What is here for you, and who is here for you, that you have dug out here a grave for yourself, one who hews out his grave in a high place, cutting a resting place for himself in a cliff.
17 Behold, the Lord* will hurl you violently, O strong man, and he will grasp you forcibly.
18 He will surely wind you up, in the winding of a ball, on into the ground, deep on all sides. There you will die, and there your glorious chariots will disgrace the house of your lord,
19 And I will depose you from your office, then he will cast you down from your position,
20 And it will be on that day, that I will call for my servant, for Eliakim, son of Hilkiah,
21 And I will clothe him in your tunic, and I will make secure your sash around him, and I will give your authority into his hand, and he will be for a father to the inhabitant of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah,
22 And I will place the key to the house of David upon his shoulder, and he will open it, and no one can close it, and he will close it and no one can open it.
23 And I will drive him as a peg into a place made sure, and he will be for a throne of glory to the house of his father,

24 And they will hang upon him all the glory of the house of his father, the offspring and the offshoots, all the vessels of small size, from the bowls even to all the earthen jars.

25 On that day, declares the Lord* of hosts, the peg that was driven into a place made sure will be removed, for it will be chopped off, and it will fall, and the load that is upon it will be cut off, for the Lord* has spoken.

Chapter 23

An oracle of Tyre. Howl, O ships of Tarshish, for he is ruined, without a house, without an entrance. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to him.

2 Wail, O dwellers of the coast, O traders of Sidon, you whom the seafarers have filled,

3 For in great waters is the corn crop of Shihor. The grain of the Nile was her revenue, and she was a trader to the nations.

4 Be ashamed, Sidon, for the sea has spoken. The harbor of the sea has said, I have not travailed, nor have I borne, nor have I reared young men that I have brought up as virgins.

5 Like that of the tidings about Egypt, they will be in anguish concerning the report about Tyre.

6 Pass through to Tarshish. Howl, you dwellers on the coast.

7 Was this your jubilant city, whose beginning was from long ago? Her feet used to carry her far away to sojourn.

8 Who has advised this upon Tyre, the crown-wearer, whose merchants are princes, her traders honorable men of the land?

9 The Lord* of hosts has given counsel to dishonor the majesty of all the splendor, to make light of all the honorable men of the land.

10 Cross over your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish. There is no longer any restraint.

11 His hand is stretched out over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. The Lord* has given command against Phoenicia to destroy her harbors,

12 And he said, You will rejoice no longer, O vanquished virgin daughter of Sidon. Cross over to Kittim, even there you will have no rest.

13 Observe this, the land of the Chaldeans. There are no people. Assyria has appointed her for wild beasts. They have raised up their siege-towers, they have laid bare her palaces. She is placed in ruin.

14 Howl, O ships of Tarshish, for your safe harbor is destroyed,

15 And it will be on that day, that Tyre will be forgotten, being under one ruler. At the end of seventy years it will be for Tyre like the song of the prostitute.

16 Take a lyre. Go around the city, O forgotten prostitute. Play nimbly on the stringed instrument, sing many songs, so that you may be remembered,

17 And it will be at the end of seventy years the Lord* will visit Tyre, and she will return for a prostitute's hire, and she will commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the land upon the face of the earth,

18 And her gain and her hire will be set apart for the Lord*. It will not be stored up or bound up, so that for those dwelling in the presence of the Lord*, it may be profit for eating to satisfaction and proper attire.

Chapter 24

Now the Lord* empties the earth, and lays waste to her, and distorts her surface, and scatters her inhabitants.

2 And it will happen, that as the people, so will the priest be, as a servant so will his lord be, as a maidservant so will her mistress be, as the buyer so will the seller be, as the lender so will the borrower be, as the creditor so will he who has a creditor against him be.

3 The earth will be fully emptied out, and fully plundered, for the Lord* has spoken this word.

4 The earth laments, she has faded. The world languishes, she has faded. The nobility of the earth languishes.

5 And the earth is polluted under her inhabitants, for they have overlooked the Torah, they have transgressed the law, they have broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore a curse has consumed the earth, and the inhabitants within her bear the guilt. Thus the inhabitants of the earth have burned, and the men remaining are few.

7 The new wine dissipates, the vine languishes. All the joyful of heart sigh.

8 The exultation of timbrels has stopped. The uproar of the jubilant has ceased. Rejoicing with the lyre has come to an end.

9 They will not be drinking wine in song. Strong drink will be bitter for one to drink.

10 The city of chaos is shattered. Every house is barred from entry.

11 There is an outcry over the wine in the streets. All the joy has faded into twilight. Exultation has been stripped from the earth.

12 The city is left as waste. The gate is struck down in ruins.

13 For so it will be in the middle of the land, in the midst of the people, as the striking off of the olive tree, as the gleaning when the vintage is complete.

14 They will lift up their voices. They will give a joyous shout. In exultation of the Lord*, they cry shrilly from the sea.

15 Therefore glorify the Lord* on the coasts, the name of the Lord* God of Israel in the islands of the sea.

16 From the ends of the earth we have heard singing, Honor to the righteous one, but I said, I waste away, I waste away, woe to me! The treacherous have acted treacherously, even in treachery the treacherous have acted treacherously!

17 Terror, and a trough, and a trap are upon you, O dweller of the earth,

18 And it will be that he who flees away from the sound of terror, will fall down in a trough, and he who ascends from the midst of the trough will be captured in the trap. For the windows of the high places are open, and the bindings of the earth shake.

19 The earth is broken apart. The earth is cracked through. The earth is greatly shaken.

20 The earth will stagger about like a drunkard, and it will sway to and fro like a hut, and the guilt of her transgression will be heavy upon her, and she will fall, and never rise again.

21 And it will be on that day, the Lord* will punish on high, the army of the heights, and on the ground, the kings over the land.

22 And they will be gathered as a gathering of prisoners into a pit, and they will be shut up within a dungeon. After a multitude of days they will be attended to.

23 Yes, the moon will blush, and the sun will be ashamed, for the Lord* of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders in glory.

Chapter 25

O Lord*, you are my God. I will lift you up, I will exalt your name, for you have performed a wonder. The counsels from long ago have been truly faithful.

2 You have made her from a city into a heap, a fortified town into a ruin, a citadel of foreigners that is no longer a city. She will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore, mighty people will glorify you. Cities of terrorist nations will fear you.

4 For you are protection for the weak, protection for the afflicted, to him a fortress. You are shelter from the downpour, shade from the heat. For the wind of the ruthless is like the front of a storm.

5 As the heat of parched ground, you will subdue the uproar of strangers. As the heat in the shade of the dark cloud, the song of the ruthless will be silenced.

6 And the Lord* of hosts will prepare for all the people on this mountain a feast of rich food, a banquet of mature wine, rich food from the fatlings, a fine, mature wine.

7 And on this mountain, he will swallow up the surface of covering that covers over all the peoples, and the web that is woven over all the nations.

8 Yes, he will swallow up death forever. And the Lord God* will wipe tears from off of all faces, and he will remove the reproach of his people away from all the earth, for the Lord* has spoken.

9 And one will say on that day, Behold, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us. The Lord*, we have waited for him, we will be joyful and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For the hand of the Lord* will rest on this mountain, and Moab will be trampled down underneath him, like the trampling down of the straw-heap in the dung-pit,

11 And he will stretch out his hands within it, like the swimmer stretches out his hands to swim, but he will bring down his pride along with the trickery of his hands.

12 And the fortress of your high walls, he has laid prostrate, he has laid it low, he has brought it to the ground, even to the dust.

Chapter 26

On that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah. We have a strong city. He will place salvation as walls and a rampart.

2 Open up the gates and let the righteous nation that maintains faithfulness enter in.

3 You will keep in complete shalom the one whose purpose is firm, because he is confident in you.

4 Trust in the Lord* forever, for in Yah, the Lord*, is the rock of ages.

5 For he lays prostrate the dwellers on high, even the city inaccessibly high, he will lay low. He will bring her down to the earth. He will cast her down into the dust.

6 A foot will trample her down, the feet of the poor, the footsteps of the helpless.

7 The path of the righteous is level. O upright one, you will make the pathway of life of the righteous smooth.

8 Also in the way of your judgments, O Lord*, we have waited for you. For your name and for your remembrance is the desire of life.

9 In my soul, I desire you in the night, also in my spirit, in my inner being, I long for you. For when your judgments are upon the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

10 It should be considered, that the wicked has not learned righteousness, in a land of integrity, he will act wrongfully, and he will not fear the majesty of the Lord*.

11 O Lord*, your hand is raised, though they will not perceive it. Let them see and be ashamed of the zeal of the people, even let the anger of your adversaries consume them.

12 O Lord*, you will establish shalom for us, for even all our deeds, you did them for us.

13 O Lord*, our God, lords other than you have ruled over us. For you alone, will we keep your name in remembrance.

14 They are dead, they will not live. Those in Sheol will not arise. Therefore, you have appointed punishment, and you have annihilated them, and you have blotted out all memory of them.

15 You have added to the nation, O Lord*, you have added to the nation. You have gotten glory for yourself. You have far extended all the borders of the land.

16 O Lord*, in distress they have visited you. They have poured out a whisper of prayer as your chastening was upon them.

17 Like a pregnant woman that draws near to the time to bring forth, she will writhe in pain, she will cry out in her pains of travail. Thus have we been in your presence, O Lord*.

18 We have conceived, we have become sick. It is like we have brought forth air. We will not bring about deliverance in the land, yet the inhabitants of the world will not fall.

19 Your dead will live, their corpses will arise. Wake up, give a cry of joy, you dwellers of the dust, for the night mist that becomes light will be your dew, and the earth will bring ghosts to life.

20 Go, my people, enter into your bedrooms, and shut your doors behind you, hide for a moment until the indignation passes over.

21 For behold, the Lord* will go out from his place, punishing the transgressions of the inhabitants of the earth, and the earth will reveal her bloodshed, and will no longer cover over her slain.

Chapter 27

On that day, the Lord* will appoint for his sword, the fierce, the great, and the strong, upon leviathan the fleeing serpent, yes upon leviathan, the crooked serpent, and he will kill the monster that is in the sea.

2 On that day, there will be a delightful vineyard, sing sweetly for her.

3 I, the Lord*, am guarding her. I will water her every moment. I will keep her night and day lest someone should visit her.

4 I have no rage. Who would put thorns and thorn bushes against me in battle? I would march across her. I would set them on fire together.

5 Or let him lay hold of my protection, that he may make shalom with me, shalom will he make with me.

6 In days to come Jacob will take root, and Israel will blossom and sprout up, and they will fill the surface of the world with fruit.

7 Has he chastised him, as those that he struck were beaten, is he slain, as the slaughter of those whom he slew?

8 By driving her away, by sending her off, you make your case against her. He thrusts her out, with his fierce wind in the day of the east wind.

9 Therefore, by this the transgression of Jacob will be covered over, and this is all the fruit from the turning away from his sin: when he makes all the stones of the altar into pulverized chalk-stones, the Ashera poles and the sun-pillars will not arise.

10 For the fortified city is isolated, the abode of a shepherd driven off, and left as a wilderness. A calf will graze there, and he will stretch out and break down her branches.

11 When dry, the branches will be broken off, women coming in set them on fire. It is not a people of understanding, therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will not show favor to them,

12 And it will be on that day, the Lord* will beat out from a flowing stream of the river to a stream bed of Egypt, and you will be picked up one by one, you sons of Israel!

13 And on that day, a blast will be sounded on a great shofar, and those who are perishing in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts of the land of Egypt

will come in, and they will worship the Lord* on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Chapter 28

Oy, a crown of pride to the drunkards of Ephraim, yes, the beauty of his glory is a blossom that fell off. Over the chief of the fertile valleys is one who is hammered with wine.

2 Now the Lord has a strong and mighty one, like a torrent of hail, a storm of destruction, like a great downpour of mighty waters that overflow, he thrusts them down to the earth with his hand.

3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trampled by a pair of feet,

4 And the blossom that fell off, the beauty of his glory who is over the chief of the fertile valleys, will be like the early fig before the summer fruit harvest. The observant one will see it, while yet in the palm of his hand he will swallow it down.

5 On that day the Lord* of hosts will be for a crown of beauty and a diadem of glory to the remnant of his people.

6 And for a spirit of judgment to the one who sits upon the judgment seat, and for strength to those who return to the battle at the gate.

7 But even these reel in wine and stagger in strong drink, they are engulfed from the wine, from the strong drink they stagger. They err in vision, they totter as they give a decision.

8 For all the tables are filled with vomit and excrement. There is no space left alone.

9 With whom can he teach knowledge, and with whom can he make understand a report? Those weaned from milk? Those removed from the breasts?

10 For it is bark-bark, bark-bark, mark-mark, mark-mark, here a little, there a little.

11 For in stammerings of the lip, and a strange language, will he speak to this people.

12 What he said to them is, This is the resting place, give rest to the weary, and this is the rest, but they were not willing to listen.

13 So the word of the Lord* will come to them, Bark-bark, bark-bark, mark-mark, mark-mark, here a little, there a little, to the end that they will be walking along, and stumble backwards, and be broken, and be trapped, and be captured.

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

15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have appointed a seer. As to the overflowing scourge, it will pass through, but it will not come upon us, for we have made falsehood our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves in deceit.

16 Therefore, thus says the Lord God*, Here I am, he who established the rock in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone of a secure foundation. The one who believes will not act hastily.

17 And I will set judgment for a measuring line, and righteousness for a level, and hail will sweep away the refuge of falsehood, and water will overflow the hiding place.

18 But your covenant with death will be broken, and your seer into Sheol will not arise. The overflowing scourge, surely it will pass through and you will be a trampling place for it.

19 As often as it passes through, it will take you away, for in the morning, in the morning it will pass through, in the day and in the night, and there will be nothing but terror in the understanding of the report.

20 For the bed is too short for one to stretch himself out on, and the bed covering too scant when he gathers himself together in it.

21 For like Mount Perasim, the Lord* will arise. As in the Valley of Gibeon, he will be enraged, as he does his work, his strange work, and performs his task, his alien task.

22 But now, do not show yourselves to be scornful, lest your chastenings grow strong, for there will be complete destruction and a strict decision, that I have heard from being close to the Lord God* of hosts, upon all the earth.

23 Listen and hear my voice. Pay attention and hear what I say.

24 Will the ploughman plow all the day long for sowing? Will he continue loosening and harrowing his ground?

25 When has he not leveled its surface, and scattered black cumin seed, and tossed cummin, and set wheat in rows, and barley in its proper place, and spelt along the boundary?

26 But his God will correct him, he will teach him the proper way,

27 For the black cumin must not be threshed by a sharp tool, nor should a wheel of a cart be turned over the cummin. For black cumin must be beaten out by the staff, also cummin by the rod.

28 The bread corn must be crushed, but he will surely not thresh it forever, for the wheel of his cart would creak, and his horses would stop crushing it.

29 Even this comes from the Lord* of hosts. He brings something wonderful as advice, he brings out greatness with sound wisdom.

Chapter 29

Woe to Ariel, Ariel a city where David camped! Year after year, add to the feasts that come around.

2 Yet, I will bring Ariel into distress, and she will be to me as an altar-hearth,

3 And I will encamp against you as a cordon, and I will secure a palisade above you, and I will raise a rampart against you,

4 And you will be brought low, from the ground you will speak, and from the dust your speech will become faint. Yes, your voice will be like a ghost from the ground, and out of the dust your speech will chirp.

5 Then the multitude of your enemies will be as fine dust, and the multitude of terrorists as chaff passing away, and it will happen at an instant, suddenly.

6 You will be visited by the Lord* of hosts with thunder, and quaking, and loud sounds, a storm-wind, and a tempest, and a flame of consuming fire,

7 And it will be like a dream, a night vision, for the multitude of all the nations waging war upon Ariel, and all those who fight against her and her stronghold, and those who oppress her,

8 Yes, it will be like when the hungry one will dream, and look, he is eating, but will awaken and his soul is empty, or like when the thirsty one will dream, and look, he is drinking, but will awaken faint, and his soul longing for water. So will the multitude of nations waging war on Mount Zion be.

9 Confuse yourselves and be confused. Blind yourselves and be blind. They have become drunken but not from wine, they stagger but not from strong drink.

10 For the Lord* has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and he has tightly shut your eyes, and the prophets, even the chief ones, the seers, has he hidden.

11 And the whole vision is for you as the text of a sealed up scroll, that they will give to someone who can read the scroll, saying, Read this aloud, and he will say, I cannot, for that one is sealed up.

12 Then the scroll will be given to someone who cannot read a scroll, saying, Read this aloud, and he will say, I cannot read a scroll.

13 And the Lord said, Because this people are drawing near with their mouth, and with their lips they glorify me, yet their hearts are far from me, and their reverence for me has become an instructed commandment of men,

14 Therefore I will now do more wonderful works for this people, performing an extraordinary work and a wonder, but the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the intelligence of their intellectuals will become hidden.

15 Woe to those who go into the depths to hide a plan from the Lord*! Yes, their deeds will happen in a dark place, and they say, who sees us, and who recognizes us?

16 O, your perversity, as if the clay should be esteemed as the potter, for will the work say to its maker, He did not make me, or will the pottery say about their potter, He has no understanding?

17 Will it not be a little while longer, and Lebanon will turn into a garden-land, and the garden-land will be considered a forest?

18 And on that day, the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and from gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind will see them,

19 And the afflicted will increase in joy in the Lord*, and the poor of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrorist has come to an end, and the scorner is destroyed, and all who oversee transgression have been cut off,

21 Those who bring condemnation upon a man by a word, and those who lay a trap for the one pleading a cause in the gate, and those who would turn aside a righteous man into confusion.

22 Therefore, so says the Lord* who redeemed Abraham as to the house of Jacob, Jacob will no longer be ashamed, and his face will no longer grow pale,

23 For when he sees his descendants, the work of my hands, in amongst him, they will sanctify my name, and they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and they will regard the God of Israel with awe,

24 And those that erred in spirit will know discernment, and those who murmured will learn instruction.

Chapter 30

Woe to the rebellious sons, declares the Lord*, for making counsel but not with me, and for weaving a web but not by my Spirit, in order to add sin upon sin,

2 Those who go down to Egypt and do not ask for my counsel, taking refuge in the protection of Pharaoh, and seeking refuge in the shadow of Egypt,

3 And you will have shame in the protection of Pharaoh, and refuge in the shadow of Egypt will be for a reproach,

4 For his officials are in Zoan, and his messengers have arrived in Hanes,

5 All bring shame upon the people. They will not benefit them, not for help, and not for profit, but for shame and disgrace.

6 An oracle of the beasts of the Negev. In a land of anxiety and distress, a lioness and a lion are among them, a viper and a flying seraph. They will lift up their wealth upon the shoulders of young donkey colts, and their treasure upon the humps of camels, upon a people who will not benefit,

7 Yes, Egypt is vanity and emptiness, they will not help. Therefore, I will call this one Rahab-Hem-Shebet [arrogance of those sitting idle].

8 Now go write upon a tablet about them, and inscribe it upon a scroll, and let it be for a day to come, forever and ever,

9 That this is a people of rebellion, lying children, children who have not consented to obey the Torah of the Lord*,

10 Who have said to the seers, You must not see, and to the prophets, You must not prophesy the truth to us. Speak flattering things to us. Prophecy deceptions.

11 Depart from the way, turn aside out of the path. Remove from our presence the Holy One of Israel.

12 Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel. Because of your rejecting of this word, and that you have trusted in the gain of extortion and craftiness, and you have supported yourselves on it.

13 Therefore this transgression will be upon you, like a breach which may fall, a swelling in a high wall, whose shattering may come suddenly, at an instant.

14 And its shattering will be like the breaking of a pitcher of pottery crushed fine. He will not spare, and there will not be found in its crushed fragments a shard to snatch up fire from a hearth, or to draw water from a cistern.

15 For thus says the Lord God*, the Holy One of Israel, in retirement and rest, you might have been saved. Keeping quiet and trusting, they could have become your strength, but you were not willing,

16 And you will say, not so, upon a horse we will flee, and so you will flee, and upon a swift one we will ride, therefore, your pursuers will show themselves to be swift.

17 One thousand away from the rebuke of one, of five, will you flee, until you are left as a mast on a mountain, or as a standard on a hill.

18 And so the Lord* will wait to be gracious unto you, and so he rises to have compassion on you, for the God of justice is the Lord*. Blessed are all who wait for him.

19 For the people of Zion who are dwelling in Jerusalem, you should not ever weep, he will certainly give you favor at the sound of your crying out. When he hears it, he answers you.

20 Yet the Lord must give to you the bread of distress and the water of oppression, but your teachers will no longer be thrust into a corner, and your eyes will see your teachers.

21 And your ears will hear a word from behind you, saying, This is the way, walk along it, when you are veering to the right or to the left.

22 And you will destroy the metal plating of your idols of silver, and the ephod of your molten images of gold. You will scatter them, as someone who is diseased, you would say to him, Go away,

23 And he will give rain upon your seed that you will sow in the ground, and bread of the produce of the land, and there will be abundance and richness.

On that day, your cattle will feed in a wide pasture,

24 And oxen and donkeys that work the land will eat seasoned fodder that is winnowed by shovel and by pitch-fork,

25 And channels, streams of water will be upon every high mountain, and upon every hill that is lifted up, on a day of many slain when the towers fall.

26 And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, on the day that the Lord* binds up the fracture of his people, and he will heal the severe wound of his scourging.

27 Behold, he whose name is the Lord* enters in from a distance, the burning of his anger, and the heaviness of uplifted clouds. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a consuming fire.

28 And his breath is like an overflowing torrent that will part unto the back of the neck, swinging nations back and forth in a sieve of futility, and is a halter upon the jaws of peoples that lead them to wander about.

29 You will have a song, as in the night of a holy procession, and the joy of heart when one walks with a flute to go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the rock of Israel,

30 And the Lord* will make the majesty of his voice to be heard, and he will show the descent of his arm, in a rage of anger, and a flame of consuming fire, a driving storm, and a flood of rain, and hailstones.

31 Surely from the voice of the Lord*, Assyria will be shattered. He will strike with a rod.

32 And every sweep of the appointed rod that the Lord* will lay upon him will be with timbrels and lyres. He fights against him, swinging.

33 For Tophet was arranged long ago, indeed it was prepared for the king. He made it deep and wide. There is a pyre and much wood. The breath of the Lord*, like a stream of brimstone, kindles within it.

Chapter 31

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for aid, who must rely on horses. Yes, they will put their trust in chariots, for there are many, and upon horsemen, for they are so numerous, but they will not give regard unto the Holy One of Israel, nor inquire of the Lord*.

2 But he is even wiser, and will bring about calamity, and will not retract his words, but will rise up against the house of those who do evil, and upon those who assist in deeds of wickedness.

3 And Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit, and so the Lord* will stretch out his hand, and he who assisted will stumble, and he who was assisted will fall, and all of them together will come to an end.

4 For thus says the Lord* to me, Such as the lion or the young lion will roar at his prey, when a multitude of shepherds are summoned against him, who will not be dismayed at their voice, nor will he respond to the crowd, in like manner the Lord* of hosts will go down to wage war over Mount Zion and over her hill.

5 Like birds that fly, thus will the Lord* of hosts defend over Jerusalem. Defending, also he will rescue her passing over, and he will deliver her.

6 Return to the one whom you sons of Israel have made so deep a rebellion.

7 For on that day, each one will reject his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, sin that your own hands have made for you.

8 Then Assyria will fall under the sword not of mankind. Yes, a sword not of man will consume them, and he himself will flee from the edge of the sword, and his young men will become slaves.

9 And he will pass through to his cliff from terror, and his captains will be dismayed about the sign, declares the Lord*, who has a flame in Zion, and a fire-pot in Jerusalem.

Chapter 32

Look for a king who will reign in righteousness, and rulers who will rule in justice,

2 Then a man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covering from the storm, like channels of water on parched ground, like the shade of a massive cliff in a weary land,

3 And the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, and the ears of those who hear will pay attention,

4 And the mind of those who are anxious will perceive understanding, and the tongue of those who are slow of speech will hasten to speak clearly.

5 No longer will the foolish man be called generous, and they will not say a charlatan is noble.

6 For a foolish man will speak foolishness, and in his heart he will do evil, practicing the unholy, and speaking to God in error, keeping the appetite of the hungry unfilled, and leaving a shortage of drink for the thirsty.

7 And a charlatan, his weapons are evil. He will plan devices to destroy the poor by words of deception, even when the poor speak for justice,

8 But the generous will plan generous acts and he will rise up through his generosity.

9 Wanton women, arise, hear my voice. Careless daughters, listen to my speech.

10 Days after a year, you will quiver, O careless ones, for the vintage is at an end. The harvest will not come.

11 Tremble, you wanton ones, quiver, you careless ones. Strip off your garments, and make yourselves bare, and bind on a girdle about the loins.

12 Weep upon the breasts, over the delightful fields, over the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people, thorn bushes with thorns will spring up, indeed, upon all the houses of exultation of the jubilant city.

14 For the citadel is forsaken, the crowd of the city has left. The mound and the watchtower serve as dens forever, the joy of wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks,

15 Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, then the wilderness will become a plantation, and the plantation will be esteemed as a forest,

16 And justice will abide in the wilderness, and righteousness will dwell in the plantation,

17 And the product of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness will be quietness and security forever.

18 For my people will dwell in a habitation of peace, and in secure dwelling places and safe resting places.

19 Though it may hail hailstones in the forest, and into humiliation the city may be humbled.

20 O, your bliss, you who sow by all the waters, who send forth the hooves of the ox and the donkey.

Chapter 33

Woe to the spoiler, though you have not been spoiled, and you who has dealt deceitfully, yet with whom they have not dealt deceitfully. When you are finished, spoiler, you will be spoiled. When you have gained by deceit, they will deal deceitfully with you.

2 Lord*, be gracious to us, we wait for you. Be our strength in the mornings, indeed, our salvation in time of distress.

3 At the sound of the roar, the people flee. At your rising up, the nations are scattered,

4 And your prey will be gathered, a gathering for the locust, as the rushing of locusts who will run about on it.

5 The Lord* is exalted, for he dwells on high, he fills Zion with justice and righteousness.

6 He will become the stability of your times, an abundance of help, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the Lord*, it is his treasure.

7 Behold their heroes. They cry out in the street. The messengers of peace will weep bitterly.

8 The highways are desolate. The passer-by along the road has stopped. He has broken the covenant. He has rejected cities. He has not considered mankind.

9 The land mourns, it has grown feeble. Lebanon displays shame, it has decayed. Sharon is like the steppe, and Bashan and Carmel have shaken off leaves.

10 Now I will rise up, says the Lord*. Now I will be exalted, now I will lift myself.

11 You will conceive chaff, you will bring forth stubble. Your breath of fire will consume you.

12 So the people will be as burnings of lime, as thorn bushes cut down, they are kindled in the fire.

13 Hear, you distant ones, what I have done, and you who are close by, experience my strength.

14 Sinners in Zion are in dread. Trembling takes hold of the godless. Who among us can dwell in a consuming fire? Who among us can dwell in a burning mass forever?

15 Those who walk in righteousness, and those who speak in uprightness, those who reject unjust gain of extortion, who has shaken out his palms from

grasping for a bribe, who stops up his ear from hearing of bloodshed, and who shuts his eyes from seeing evil.

16 He will dwell in high places. The strongholds of cliffs will be his retreat. His food will be provided. His water source will be made dependable.

17 Your eyes will gaze upon the king in his beauty. You will see a land of far expanse.

18 Your heart will ponder about the terror. Where is the scribe? Where is the one who weighs with the scales? Where is the one who accounts for the towers?

19 You will no longer see a barbarous people, a people deep in speech, far from comprehension, a stammering language that cannot be understood.

20 Behold Zion, the city of our appointed festivals. Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a secure habitation, a tent that will never be removed, its tent pins will not ever be pulled up, and all its cords will never be torn away.

21 For there we will have the majestic Lord*. It will be a place of rivers, canals broad on both sides, but a row boat will never go into it, and a majestic ship will not pass us by.

22 For the Lord* is our judge, the Lord* is our commander, the Lord* is our king, he saves us.

23 Your tackles are loosened. They will not be strong enough for the support of the mast. They will not spread out a sail. Then the still-abundant plunder will be divided. The lame will take the booty as spoil.

24 And an inhabitant will never say, I am sick. The people who dwell in her, their transgression has been forgiven.

Chapter 34

Draw near, you nations, to listen, and pay attention, you people. Let the earth hear, and all within her, the world and all her offspring.

2 For the wrath of the Lord* is upon all the nations, and rage upon all their host. He has devoted them to destruction, he has given them to the slaughter.

3 And their slain will be cast out, and their stench will ascend from their corpses, and the mountains will melt from their blood.

4 And all the celestial bodies of the heavens will disintegrate, for the heavens will be rolled up like a scroll, and all their celestial bodies will drop down like the withering of the leaf from the vine, and like the dropping from the fig tree.

5 For in the heavens, my sword is drunk, now it will descend upon Edom, and upon the people that I devote to destruction in the judgment.

6 The sword of the Lord* is full of blood. It is saturated with the blood from the best parts of male lambs and goats, from the best of kidneys of rams. For there is a sacrifice to the Lord* in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7 Wild oxen will go down with them, and young bulls with strong bulls, and their land will be drunk with blood, and their dust will be saturated with the choicest parts.

8 For it is a day of vengeance of the Lord*, a year of retributions for her strife against Zion.

9 Then her streams will be turned to pitch, and her dust to brimstone, and her land will be as burning pitch.

10 Nighttime and daytime, it will not be quenched, her smoke will go up for eternity, from generation to generation she will be desolate. Forever and ever, there is no one who will pass through her.

11 But the pelican and the porcupine will take possession of her, and the owl and the raven will rest in her, and he will stretch out upon her a tangled measuring line and an empty plummet.

12 She will have her nobles, but no one they can proclaim as royalty will be there, and all her princes will become of low esteem,

13 And thorns will sprout up in her citadels, thistles and briers in her fortresses, and it will be a habitation of jackals, an abode for the young of ostriches,

14 And wild beasts will have encounters with jackals, and a satyr will cry out to his companion. Surely Lilith makes repose there, yes, she will find a resting place for herself.

15 There the arrow snake makes a nest, and lays eggs, and hatches, and will gather them together in her shadow. Surely there the vultures will assemble, each one with her companion.

16 Inquire out of the book of the Lord* and read. Not one of them is lacking, none have sought her companion in vain. For by mouth, he himself commands them, and by his Spirit, he gathers them,

17 And he has assigned to them by lot, and his hand has appointed to them by measure. They will inherit her forever, from generation to generation they will dwell in her.

Chapter 35

The wilderness and desert will be in exultation for them, and the steppe will rejoice, and she will sprout up like meadow-saffron.

2 She will surely sprout up, indeed, with joy and a ringing cry. The glory of Lebanon is given to her, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord*, the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make steady the tottering knees.

4 Say to the anxious of heart, Be strong, do not fear. Now your God of vengeance will come, the recompense of God. He himself will come and be your salvation.

5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, yes the ears of the deaf will be opened up.

6 Then the lame will leap as a deer, and the tongue of him who is unable to speak will give a joyous shout, for the waters have broken through to the wilderness, and the streams to the steppe,

7 And the parched ground will become a muddy pool, yes, the thirsty ground as springs of water. Where she stretched out in the habitation of jackals, will be an abode for reeds and rushes,

8 And there will be a highway, yes a road, and it will be called the Holy Road. Nothing will pass over it unclean, for that is for him alone, who walks along the way, but the foolish will not wander about,

9 And there will be no lion there, and a violent beast will not go up, not a one will be found there, but the redeemed will walk about there,

10 And the ransomed of the Lord* will return, and enter into Zion with a ringing cry and everlasting joy upon their heads. They will attain exultation and joy, but sorrow and groaning will slip away.

Chapter 36

And it was in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, that Sennacherib, King of Assyria, came up upon all the fortified cities of Judah, and he seized them,

2 And the King of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem with a massive army to King Hezekiah. And he was standing on the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the fuller's field.

3 Then Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to him.

4 And Rabshakeh said to them, now say unto Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, what is this confidence by which you trust?

5 I say, Counsel and strength for war, is just lip talk. Upon whom are you trusting, that you rebel against me?

6 Now you trust the support of this crushed reed over Egypt. If one should support himself on it, it will enter into his hand and pierce it.

7 And you might say to me thus, We trust unto the Lord* our God. Is it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, In front of this altar you will bow down?

8 But now, kindly exchange pledges with my lord, the king of Assyria, and I will give you ten thousand horses, if you are able to set your riders upon them,

9 And how will you turn back the presence of one captain, the lowest officers of my lord, and put your trust upon Egypt for chariots and horsemen.

10 So do I now, apart from the Lord*, come upon this land to destroy it? The Lord* said to me, Go up to this land and destroy it.

11 Then said Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah to Rabshakeh. Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we can understand it, but do not speak to us in the Jewish language within the hearing of the people who are on the wall.

12 Then Rabshakeh said, Has my lord sent me to speak these words to your lord and to you, but not to the men who are sitting upon the wall, who will be eating their own dung and drinking their own urine with you?

13 And Rabshakeh stood up, and cried out in a loud voice in the Jewish language, and said, Listen to the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he is not able to rescue you,

15 And do not let Hezekiah place your trust in the Lord*, saying, The Lord* will surely deliver us. This city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Do not listen to Hezekiah. For thus says the king of Assyria, Make a treaty with me, and come out to me, and each man will eat from his own vine and fig tree, and drink the water of his own well.

17 Until I enter in and take you to a land like your own land, a land of corn and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 Beware lest Hezekiah allure you, saying, The Lord* will deliver us. Have the gods of the nations, even one, delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria.

19 Where were the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where were the gods of Sepharvaim? Is it so that they delivered Samaria from my hand?

20 Which of all the gods of the lands has delivered his land from my hand? So will the Lord* deliver Jerusalem from my hand?

21 But they remained silent and did not answer him a word, for it was the commandment of the king, saying, Do not answer him.

22 And Eliakim, son of Hilkiah, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with torn garments, and they reported the words of Rabshakeh to him.

Chapter 37

Then, after hearing this, King Hezekiah tore his garments, covered himself in sackcloth, and entered into the house of the Lord*,

2 And he sent Eliakim who was over the house, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, who were covered in sackcloth, to Isaiah, son of Amoz, the prophet.

3 And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress and rebuke and contempt, for the children have entered into the breach, and yet there is not enough strength to bear them.

4 Perhaps the Lord* your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh whose lord, the king of Assyria, sent to reproach the living God and will rebuke the words that the Lord* your God hears. So you must lift up a prayer while the remnant is still left.

5 Then the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus will you say to your master. Thus says the Lord*, Do not fear the affront of the words you heard by which the servants of the king of Assyria blaspheme me.

7 Now I will give to him a spirit, and he will hear a report, and he will return to his land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his land.

8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish,

9 And he heard this concerning Tirhakah, the king of Ethiopia, that said, He has come out to war against you. When he had heard it, then he sent out messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus you will say to Hezekiah, the king of Judah. Say, Do not let your God whom you are trusting in deceive you, saying Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Now you have heard for yourself what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands by exterminating them, and will you yourself be delivered?

12 Did the gods of the nations that my fathers destroyed deliver them: Gozan, or Haran, or Rezeph, or the inhabitants of Eden that were in Telassar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, or the king of Arpad, or the king of the city of Sepharvaim, or Hena, or Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah took the letters from the messengers, and read them, and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord*, and spread them out in the presence of the Lord*.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord*, saying,

16 O Lord* of hosts, God of Israel, who sits with the cherubim. You are the one, you alone are God to all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth.

17 Extend your ear, O Lord*, and listen, open your eyes, O Lord*, and see, yes, hear all the words of Sennacherib that he sent to reproach the living God.

18 Truly, O Lord*, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their land.

19 And cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but works of the hands of mankind, of wood and stone. So they destroyed them.

20 And now, Lord* our God, save us from his hand, so all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, only you, are the Lord*.

21 Then Isaiah, son of Amoz, sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the Lord* God of Israel, Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib, king of Assyria,

22 This is the word that the Lord* has spoken against him, The virgin daughter of Zion despises you, mocking you. The daughter of Jerusalem is behind you, head shaking.

23 Whom have you taunted and blasphemed, and against whom have you raised your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.

24 By the hand of your servants, you have taunted the Lord, and you have said, By the multitude of my chariots I have ascended the heights of the mountains, to the edges of Lebanon, and I will cut down the top of his cedars, and the finest of his fir trees, and I will enter the high places of his border, the forest of his plantation.

25 I have dug a well, and I have drunk water, and I have dried up, with the soles of my feet, all the streams of Egypt.

26 Have you not heard from long ago that I have appointed this? From ancient times that I have fashioned this? Now I bring it to pass, and it will happen: the crushing of fortified cities into heaps of ruins.

27 Yes, their inhabitants were feeble. They were dismayed and were ashamed. They were herbage of the field, and green shoots of grass, green grass on the rooftops, and a blight on the surface of standing grain.

28 But your resting place, and your going out, and your coming in, I have known, even your enraging yourself against me.

29 Because you have enraged yourself against me, and your arrogance has come up in my ears, thus will I set my hook in your nose,, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back along the road you came in.

30 And this to you will be the sign, eat for the year that which grows from spilled kernels of harvest, and in the second year that which grows of itself, and in the third year, sow and harvest, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit,

31 And those who have escaped of the house of Judah, the remnant, will again take root downward, and produce fruit upward.

32 For from Jerusalem a remnant will come forth, and fugitives from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord* of hosts will perform this.

33 Therefore, thus says the Lord* about the king of Assyria. He will not enter into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor confront it with shield, nor pile up a mound upon it.

34 Along the way that he came in, he will return, but into this city he will not enter, declares the Lord*.

35 And I will place a cover over this city to save it, for my sake, and for the sake of David, my servant.

36 Then an angel of the Lord* went out and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. And they rose up early in the morning, and behold, all of them, dead corpses.

37 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria departed and went away, then he returned, and resumed dwelling in Nineveh.

38 And it so happened that he was prostrating himself in the house of Nisroch, his god, and Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword, then they fled to the land of Ararat. Thus Esarhaddon, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 38

In those days, Hezekiah was sick unto death. Then came in Isaiah, son of Amoz, the prophet to him, and he said to him, Thus says the Lord*, Turn over the charge of your household, for you are dying, and you will not continue to live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord*,

3 And he said, Ah, Lord*, remember that I walked in your presence in truth, and with a full heart, and the good I have done in your eyes. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping.

4 And then came the word of the Lord* to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go in, and you will say to Hezekiah, thus says the Lord*, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Now I am adding to your days fifteen years.

6 For I have rescued you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will place a cover over this city,

7 And this will be a sign to you from the Lord*, that the Lord* will do this act that he spoke of.

8 Now I will turn back the shadow of the steps that have descended, of the steps of the sun-dial of Ahaz, ten steps backward. So the sun turned back ten steps, of the steps that it had descended.

9 From a writing of Hezekiah, king of Judah, when he was sick, but recovered from his sickness,

10 I said, At the end of my days I am walking into the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the rest of my years.

11 I said, I will not see Yah, Yah in the land of the living. I will not look upon mankind any more among the dwellers in the place of the dead.

12 My generation has been pulled up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent. I roll up my life like a weaver. He will sever me from the threads of the loom. From day until night, you will make an end of me.

13 I was resigned until morning, that as a lion, so would he shatter all my bones, from morning until night that you would make an end of me.

14 Like a twittering swallow, thus would I chirp, like a dove would I sigh. My eyes looked in distress to the heights. My Lord, oppression is upon me, take a pledge for me.

15 What can I say, when he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it? I should have walked deliberately all my years over the bitterness of my soul.

16 Those the Lord is upon, they will live, and in them all is the life of my spirit, and so you will restore me to health, and give life to me.

17 Behold, instead of peace, I had bitterness, bitterness, but you have embraced my soul away from the pit of destruction, for you have cast behind your back all my sin.

18 For Sheol will not give you thanks, nor will death praise you. Those that have descended into the pit will not place hope in your truth.

19 The living, the living, he will praise you, as I do today. The father will declare your truth to his sons.

20 The Lord* is delivering me, so my music we will strum all the days of our lives in the house of the Lord*.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a pressed cake of figs, and rub it upon the boil, and he will recover,

22 And Hezekiah had said, What is the sign that I will go up to the house of the Lord*?

Chapter 39

During that time, Merodach-Baladan, son of Baladan, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he was sick and had recovered.

2 And Hezekiah took pleasure over them, and he showed them his treasure house, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the fine oil, and his armory, and all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house and all his kingdom.

3 Then the prophet Isaiah came in to King Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say, and from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, From a distant land they came to me, from Babylon.

4 Then he said, What did they see in your house? And Hezekiah said, There was nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord* of hosts.

6 In the coming days, even all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day will be taken away to Babylon. There will remain nothing says the Lord*,

7 And some of your sons who will come forth from you, whom you will father, they will take away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord* that you have spoken, and he said, There will be peace and stability in my days.

Chapter 40

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry out to her, for her hard service has ended, for her punishment is accepted, for she has taken from the hand of the Lord* double for all her sins.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make clear the way of the Lord*. Make straight a highway for our God in the desert.

4 Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill brought low, and the steep land will become a plain, and the rough ground as level,

5 And the glory of the Lord* will be revealed, and all flesh together will see, for the mouth of the Lord* has spoken.

6 A voice says, Cry out, and someone says, What will I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness as a flower of the field.

7 Grass dries up, a flower fades, for the breath of the Lord* has blown upon it. Truly the people are grass.

8 Grass dries up, a flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

9 Get yourself upon a high mountain, you heralds of the glad tidings of Jerusalem. Exalt me, do not fear. Say in the cities of Judah, Your God is here.

10 Behold, the Lord God* in strength enters in, and his arm is ruling for him. Behold his reward is with him, and his work is in front of him.

11 Like a shepherd he tends his flock, with his arm he gathers the lambs, and he carries them in his bosom. He leads those giving suck to a watering place for rest.

12 Who has measured out the waters with the hollow of his hand, and has meted out the sky with the span, and has estimated the dust of the earth in a measure, and has weighed the mountains in a balance, and hills on scales?

13 Who has put restrictions on the Spirit of the Lord*, and taught him as his counselor?

14 With whom has he been advised, and gave him understanding, and instructed him in the way of justice, and taught him knowledge, and instructed him in the way of discernment?

15 See, the nations are as a drop from a bucket, they are esteemed as dust on scales. Behold, he is lifting up the islands like fine dust.

16 And Lebanon is not enough for burning, and his wild animals insufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing opposite him. From void and emptiness are they accounted by him.

18 But to whom will you liken God, or what likeness will you compare to him?

19 A graver casts the image, and a goldsmith overlays it in gold, and smelts chains of silver.

20 One that is poor in offerings will choose a tree that will not rot, he will seek for himself a skilled woodworker to make an idol that cannot be shaken.

21 Do you not know? Will you not listen? Was it not told to you from the beginning? Have you not understood the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he that sits upon the vault of the earth, and its inhabitants are like the locusts, he that stretches out heavens like a veil, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 It is he who brings rulers to nothing. He makes the judges of the land worthless.

24 Indeed, they are not planted. Indeed, they are not sown. Indeed, their stock has not taken root in the earth. Yes, he even blows upon them, and they dry up, and a storm-wind will sweep them away like chaff.

25 But to whom will you compare me, or am I like, says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who created all these. He leads forward their army in numbers. For all of them he calls by name, from an abundance of great strength, and mighty in power, not one is lacking.

27 What will you say, O Jacob, or will you speak, O Israel? My way is concealed from the Lord*, and my justice is passed over by my God?

28 Have you not known, have you not heard? The eternal God, the Lord*, who shaped the extremities of the earth, does not become faint, and does not grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding.

29 He is a giver of strength to the weary, and to the one without great strength, he will increase in might.

30 Even boys may become faint and grow weary, and young men may indeed stagger,

31 But those who wait for the Lord* will increase in power. They will ascend with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not become faint.

Chapter 41

Come silently unto me, O islands, and let the people increase in strength. Let them draw near, then will they say, Together for justice we will approach.

2 Who stirred up someone from the east, who will summon his every step in victory? He will set the nations in front of him. He will descend upon kings. He will set them like dust with his sword, and drifting chaff from his bow.

3 He will pursue them. He will pass through in peace, along a path that he has never gone before on foot.

4 Who has done this and performed this, calling out the future ages from the beginning? I am the Lord*, from the first one to the last one, I am he.

5 The islands see it and are afraid. To the ends of the earth they are trembling. They have drawn close, and they have come together.

6 Each one helps his companion, and says to his brother, Be strong,

7 And the metalworker supports the refiner, he that makes smooth with the forge hammer supports the striker of the anvil, saying, It is good for soldering, and he strengthens it with nails so that it cannot shake.

8 But you, Israel, are my servant, Jacob, you whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my friend.

9 You whom I have snatched up from the ends of the earth, and from its borders I have called you, and said to you, You are my servant. I have chosen you, and have not rejected you.

10 Fear not, for I am with you. Do not glance about anxiously, for I am your God. I strengthen you, yes, I come to your aid, yes, I support you with my righteous right hand.

11 Behold, all those that are angered by you will be ashamed, they will be confounded. They will be as nothing. Yes, those who contend with you will perish.

12 The men who strive with you, you may inquire about them, but you will not find them. The men who wage war against you will be as nothing and naught.

13 For I am the Lord* your God, who takes hold of your right hand, the one who says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.

14 Do not fear, O worm of Jacob, O men of Israel, I will help you, declares the Lord*, and your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Now I have placed you for a sharp new threshing tool, one with many edges. You will thresh mountains, and you will crush them, and you will set aside hills like chaff.

16 You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, and the tempest will scatter them. Then you will rejoice in the Lord*. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 The poor and afflicted are seeking water, but there is none. Their tongue is parched in thirst. I am the Lord*, I will respond to them. I, God of Israel, will not abandon them.

18 I will open up rivers upon barren places, and springs in the midst of valleys. I will transform the wilderness into a pool of water, and the land of drought into water sources.

19 I will put the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and wild olive tree into the wilderness. I will place the fir, pine, and the box tree together in the steppe,

20 In order that they may see, and know, and regard, and together they may consider that the hand of the Lord* has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has shaped it.

21 Approach with your argument, says the Lord*. Bring forward your defenses, says the King of Jacob.

22 Let them draw near, and declare to us what will happen, what former things they have foretold, and we will put it into our minds, that the outcome we may know, or inform us of the things to come.

23 Declare those things to come hereafter, then we will know that you are gods. Indeed, do good or do harm, and let us gaze among ourselves and observe together.

24 Behold, you are less than nothing and your work is less than naught. In you, one chooses an abomination.

25 I am arousing one from the north, and from the sunrise, he will come in. He will cry out in my name, and come down upon rulers like mortar, and trample clay like a potter.

26 Who has declared this from the beginning, so we would know, even from before, so we would say, That is right? Indeed, there was no one who reported it, yes, there was no one who proclaimed it. No one even heard what you said.

27 First to Zion: Now, behold them! Then to Jerusalem: I will bring a herald of good tidings.

28 Yet I could see that there was no one, and that there was no counselor among these, that I could ask them, and they would return a word.

29 Behold, all of them are idolatrous. Their works are worthless. There molten images are wind and emptiness.

Chapter 42

Behold, my servant, whom I will support, my chosen one, with whom my soul is pleased. I have placed my Spirit upon him. He will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not shout, nor will he raise or make his voice heard in the street.

3 A crushed reed he will not break, nor will he extinguish a dim wick. He will bring justice in truth.

4 He will not grow dim, nor will he be crushed out, until he has established justice on the earth, and the islands will wait for his instruction.

5 Thus says God, the Lord*, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its produce, who gave breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk on it,

6 I the Lord*, have called you in righteousness, and I will hold you up by your hand, and I will guard you, and I will give you as a covenant of people for a light to the nations,

7 To open blind eyes, to lead prisoners out of the dungeon, dwellers in darkness out of the prison.

8 I am the Lord*, that is my name, and my glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to idols.

9 Now the former events have come to pass, and the new ones I declare, before they emerge I will inform you.

10 Sing to the Lord* a new song, his song of praise from the ends of the earth, you who descend into the sea and its full expanse, you islands and their inhabitants.

11 Let the wilderness and its settlements raise it up, villages where the Kedar live. Let the cliff dwellers give a joyous shout. Let them cry for joy from the top of mountains.

12 Let them give glory to the Lord*, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The Lord* will go forth as a mighty man, like a man of war, he will stir up zeal. He will shout a war-cry, indeed, he will utter a roar. He will show himself strong upon his enemies.

14 I have been silent from long ago. I have been keeping quiet, and restraining myself. As one who gives birth, I will groan, pant, and gasp at the same time.

15 I will make mountains and hills desolate, and I will dry up all their herbage, and I will make rivers into islands, and dry up pools,

16 And I will bring along the blind by a way they do not know. In paths they do not know I will lead them. I will make darkness light in front of them, and crooked places level. These are the things I do for them, and I have not abandoned them.

17 They are backsliding, they will be humiliated, who trust in an idol, who say to a molten image, You are our god.

18 You who are deaf, listen, and you who are blind, look to the vision.

19 Who is as blind as my servant, and as deaf as the messenger I am sending? Who is as blind as one in a covenant of peace, and as blind as a servant of the Lord*?

20 Seeing many things, but he does not observe, opening his ears but he does not listen.

21 The Lord* desired, according to his righteousness, that he might magnify the Torah, and glorify it,

22 But those are people spoiled and plundered. All of them are ensnared in holes, or imprisoned in houses of confinement. They are for spoil, but there is no one to rescue them, for plunder, but there is no one to say, Return them.

23 Who among you will consider this, that will pay attention and listen from now on?

24 Who has given Jacob for a plunder, and Israel for a spoil? Is it not the Lord*, whom we have sinned against? Yes, for they were not willing to walk in his paths, nor were they obedient to his Torah.

25 Now he has poured out upon him the heat of his anger, and the fierceness of battle, and it has set him ablaze on every side, but he has not known it, and it has burned him, yet he has not placed it upon his heart.

Chapter 43

But now, thus says the Lord*, who created you, O Jacob, and who formed you, O Israel, Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are mine.

2 When you are crossing through water, I will be with you, even through the rivers, they will not engulf you. When you are walking through fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.

3 For I am the Lord* your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Sheba in exchange for you.

4 Because you were precious in my eyes, you were honored, and I have loved you, so I will give a man in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life.

5 Do not fear, for I am with you. From the east I will bring in your offspring, and from the west I will gather you.

6 I will say to the north, Give, and to the south, Do not withhold. Bring forth my sons from far away, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.

7 Everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, I have formed him, indeed, I have made him.

8 Bring out the people who are blind yet have eyes, and who are deaf yet have ears.

9 Let all the nations gather together, and let the people assemble. Who among them will announce this, that they will proclaim to us former things? Let them bring their witnesses that they may be justified, that they might hear it and say, This is truth.

10 You are my witnesses, declares the Lord*, and my servants that I have chosen, in order that you may know and believe, and you may understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, and there will be none after me.

11 I, yes I am the Lord*, and there is no savior apart from me.

12 I have declared that I have brought salvation, yes I have made a proclamation, and not some strange god among you, so you may be my witnesses, declares the Lord*, that I am God.

13 Indeed, before a day was, I am he, and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand. I have accomplished it, and who can turn it back?

14 Thus says the Lord*, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. For your sake, I am sending to Babylon, and I am bringing down all of the as fugitives, yes, the Chaldeans in the ships that they shout about.

15 I am the Lord*, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your king.

16 Thus says the Lord*, who made a way through the sea, and a path through strong waters,

17 Who drew out chariot and horse, an army and powerful men. They lay down together, and they will never rise up. They have been extinguished, quenched like a wick.

18 Remember not the former things, and let us not consider events of the past.

19 Here I am to do a new thing, now it will spring up. Do you not know it? Indeed, I will make a path through the wilderness, and rivers through the desert.

20 Wild animals, jackals, and ostriches, will glorify me, for I have put water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert to give drink to my people, my chosen ones,

21 The people which I have created for myself, that they may recount my praise.

22 But you have not called out for me, O Jacob, for you have grown weary of me, O Israel.

23 You have not brought a sheep to me of your burnt offerings, nor have you glorified me with your sacrifices. I have not made you labor for a grain offering, nor made you toil in frankincense.

24 You have not bought calamus for me in silver, nor have you satisfied me with the choice part of your sacrifices. Surely, you have made me labor in the midst of your sins, and made me weary with your transgressions.

25 I, yes, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my sake, and your sins I will not remember.

26 Bring me to remembrance, that we may plead together. Take account of this, so that you may be justified.

27 Your father, who was the first, did sin, and your mediators transgressed against me,

28 But I will defile the princes of the temple. I will give Jacob over to destruction, Israel also to derision.

Chapter 44

So listen now, O Jacob, my servant, and Israel, in whom I have chosen.

2 Thus says the Lord*, who made you, and formed you from the womb, who has helped you, Do not fear, O Jacob, my servant, and Jeshuron, in whom I have chosen,

3 For I will pour out water upon the thirsty land, and streams upon the dry land. I will pour out my Spirit upon your seed, and my blessings upon your offspring,

4 And they will spring up in the midst of green grass, as poplars along streams of water.

5 This one will say I belong to the Lord*, and this one will call himself by the name of Jacob, and another one will write with his hand To the Lord*, and give himself the name Israel.

6 Thus says the Lord*, king of Israel, yes, his redeemer, the Lord* of hosts, I am the first and I am the last. There is no God besides me.

7 But who is like me? Let him call out, and announce it, and lay it out in order for me, who ordained for myself an enduring people, and the future events, yes, that which will come, they will proclaim him.

8 Do not be in terror, and do not be afraid. Have I not told you from long ago, and declared it, and you are my witnesses? Is there any God except me? There is not even a rock that I do not know of.

9 Those who create an idol, all of them, are false, and the things that they delight in are of no benefit, but they are witnesses that cannot see or understand. On account of this they will be ashamed.

10 Who has formed a god, and molded an idol? It is profitable for nothing.

11 Behold, all its worshippers will be humiliated, for the woodworkers, they are of mortal men. They will assemble themselves so that all of them may stand still. They will be in terror, they will be humiliated as one.

12 The blacksmith has an axe, and he works it in glowing coals, and he shapes it with hammers. Yes, he made it by his strong arm. Surely he is hungry, and has no strength. He has not drunk water, and is faint.

13 The woodworker stretches out his rule, he traces it out with a stylus. In your view he crafts it with a scraping tool, and along the outside he traces it out. Yes, he has made it as a figure of a man, as the beauty of mankind, to remain in the house.

14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and he takes a cypress and an oak that he secures for himself from trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and rain will make it grow,

15 And it is for a man to burn, so he takes from it, and warms himself. Indeed, he will make a fire, and bake bread. But he will also make a god, and bow down to it, and make an idol, and prostrate himself to it.

16 One half he burns in its fire, upon this half he will eat flesh. He will roast a roast and have his fill, also he gets warm, and says, Aha, I have become warm, I have seen flame,

17 But the rest of it he makes into a god for his idol. He will prostrate himself to it, and bow down to it, and pray to it, and say Deliver me, for you are my god.

18 They do not know, and they cannot understand, for their eyes are clouded so that they cannot see things that give insight into their inner man,

19 And so he cannot recall it to his mind, for he doesn't have the knowledge or understanding to say, One half I have burned in fire, and I have even baked bread on its coals. I am roasting flesh, and eating it. Should I be making the rest of it into an abomination? Should I be prostrating myself to lumber?

20 It is a shepherd of ashes, a mind that is deceived has turned him away, for it will not deliver his soul, nor can he say, Is this not deception in my right hand?

21 Remember these things, O Jacob, as Israel, for you are my servant. I have created you, you are a servant to me. O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

22 I have wiped out your transgressions like a cloud, yes, your sins like a cloud mass. Return unto me, for I have redeemed you.

23 Give a ringing cry, O heavens, for the Lord* has done it. Raise a shout, you lowlands of the earth. Break forth in a joyful cry, you mountains, the forest and every tree in it, for the Lord* has redeemed Jacob, yes in Israel he has glorified himself.

24 Thus says the Lord*, your redeemer and your creator from the womb. I am the Lord*, who made everything, who stretched out the heavens alone, who spread out the earth by myself.

25 Who frustrates the omens of empty talkers, and makes a fool of diviners, who turns wise men about, and will make their understanding foolish,,

26 Who carries out the word of his servant, and will perform the counsel of his messengers, who says to Jerusalem, You will be inhabited, and to the cities of Judah, you will be rebuilt, and of her ruins, I will raise them up.

27 Who says to the ocean deep, Dry up, and I will make your rivers dry.

28 Who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and he will perform all my pleasure, and saying to Jerusalem, You will be rebuilt, and to the temple, You will be founded.

Chapter 45

Thus says the Lord* to his anointed one, to Cyrus, whose right hand I will strengthen to subdue nations in front of him as I ungird the loins of kings, to open the swinging gates of a city in front of him, so that the gates cannot be closed.

2 I will walk in front of you, and hilly places I will make level, gates of bronze I will break into pieces, and bars of iron I will cut in two,

3 And I will give to you storehouses in the darkness, and treasures hidden in secret places, so that you will know that I, the Lord*, who has called you by your name, am the God of Israel.

4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, yes Israel, my chosen one, I have even called for you by your name. I will give you a title of honor, even though you do not know me.

5 I am the Lord*, and there is no other. There is no God except me. I will gird you, even though you do not know me,

6 In order that they may know, from the rising of the sun, and from its setting place, that there is nothing apart from me. I am the Lord*, and there is none besides,

7 Who forms light, and who creates darkness, who makes shalom, and who creates distress. I am the Lord* who does all of these things.

8 Trickle, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds flow down righteousness, let the earth open up that they may be fruitful in salvation, and let it nourish righteousness in unison. I, the Lord*, have created it.

9 Will one strive with the potter, as a shard among earthen shards? Will the clay say to the potter, What are you making, or your work say, He has no hands.

10 Will one say to a father, What have you begotten, or to a wife, What have you brought forth?

11 Thus says the Lord*, the Holy One of Israel, and his creator, Should you be asking me of things to come, concerning my children, or be giving commands about the work of my hands?

12 I have made the earth, and created mankind upon it. I with my hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.

13 I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight. He will rebuild my city, and set free my exiles, but not for hire and not for a bribe, says the Lord* of hosts.

14 Thus says the Lord*, the produce of Egypt, and the traffic of Cush, and the Sebam, a people of stature, will come over to you, and be yours. They will walk behind you. They will come over to you in fetters, even unto you

they will bow down, unto you they will pray, Surely God is within you, and there are no other gods,

15 Surely you are a God who carefully hides himself, O God of Israel, Savior.

16 All of these feel ashamed and dishonored indeed: the engravers of images go into reproach together.

17 Israel will be saved by the Lord*, an everlasting salvation. You will neither be ashamed nor dishonored forever and ever.

18 For thus says the Lord*, creator of the heavens, he, the God who shaped the earth and made it, he who established it, who did not create it empty, who created it for a dwelling place, I am the Lord*, and there is no other.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I have not spoken empty words to the seed of Jacob that seek after me. I am the Lord*, who speaks righteousness, who reports accurately.

20 Assemble and enter, fugitives of the nations draw near to each other. Those that bear the wood for their idol, and worship unto a god who cannot save, do not understand.

21 Report and bring it forward, indeed let them take counsel together. Who declared this from ancient times? Who foretold it from long ago? Was it not I, the Lord*, and no other God besides me? A righteous God and a savior, there is none besides me.

22 Turn unto me and be saved, all you ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other.

23 I swear by myself, a word that goes out from my mouth in righteousness, and does not return, that to me every knee will bow down, and every tongue will take an oath.

24 Surely he that says, I have righteousness and strength in the Lord*, let him come unto him, and let those who are enraged against him be ashamed.

25 Let all the seed of Israel be justified and glory in the Lord*.

Chapter 46

Bel bows down, Nebo stoops, their idols are upon animals, even upon the cattle. Your things that were borne about in procession are being carried as a load by weary animals.

2 They stoop, they bow down together, they are unable to rescue the land, and so their existence goes on in captivity.

3 Listen unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who were carried by me from birth, you who were lifted up by me from the womb.

4 Even up to your old age, I am he, even to the time of your gray hair, I will bear your load. I have made it, and will lift it up, yes, I will bear the load and deliver it.

5 To whom would you liken me, or whom could you make like me, and whom would you compare me to, that we might be similar.

6 There are those that lavish gold out of a purse, and weigh silver on the scales. They will hire a goldsmith, and he will make of it a god. They will prostrate themselves, indeed they will bow down to it.

7 And they will lift it upon the shoulder, and they will carry it, then they will lay it down in its place, and there it stands. From its place, it will not leave. Indeed one may cry unto it, but it will not answer, and it will not save him from his distress.

8 Remember this, and show yourselves firm. Bring it back to mind, you rebels!

9 Remember the former things from ancient times, for I am God and there is no other. I am God and there is none like me.

10 Who has foretold the end from the beginning, and from ancient times those things that have not yet been done, saying, My counsel will stand, and all my desire I will perform.

11 Calling a hawk from the east, one under my counsel from a far away land. Yes, I have spoken, yes I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, yes I will do it.

12 Listen to me, you hard of heart, those far from righteousness.

13 I bring my righteousness near, it will not be far away, and my salvation will not delay, for I will grant salvation in Zion, to Israel, my glory.

Chapter 47

Come down and sit upon dry earth, O virgin daughter of Babylon. Sit on the ground, there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for never again will they call you tender and dainty.

2 Take a mill and grind meal. Remove your veil. Strip off the train. Uncover the leg. Cross over streams.

3 Your nakedness will be uncovered, also your shame will be seen. I will take vengeance, and not exchange greetings as a man.

4 Our redeemer, the Lord* of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit in silence, and enter into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for never again will they call you queen of kingdoms.

6 I was enraged against my people. I polluted my inheritance, yes, I gave them into your hands. You did not give money to them. You made your yoke very heavy upon the aged.

7 You have even said, I will be a queen unto eternity, but you have not placed these things upon your heart, nor have you brought her ultimate end to mind.

8 But now hear this, O voluptuous one, you who dwells securely, who says in her heart, I am, and there is no other. I will not dwell as a widow, nor will I know bereavement.

9 Yet these two things, bereavement and widowhood will come to you in a single day. They will come upon you according to their full measure, while your sorceries are many, while your spells are very abundant.

10 Yes, you have trusted in your evil things. You have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and understanding have led you astray, as you have said in your mind, I am, and there is no other.

11 So when distress comes upon you, you will not be able to pay ransom to cover it. When ruin suddenly comes upon you, you will not expect it.

12 Now stand by your spells, and by the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have toiled from your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit. Perhaps you will inspire awe.

13 You have wearied yourself with the multitude of your consultations, now let the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly fortune-tellers, stand up and deliver you from the things that will come upon you.

14 Behold, they are like chaff in the fire that is burning them. They will not rescue their lives out of the power of the flame. There will not be a coal left to become warm, a flame to sit in front of.

15 Therefore, they are to you as those you have labored with, your traders from your youth who wandered away each in his own direction. There is no one who will save you.

Chapter 48

Hear this, O house of Jacob, you who are called by the name Israel, and go out from the interior of Judah, you who swear an oath by the name of the Lord*, and of the God of Israel make mention, but not in truth or righteousness.

2 For they refer to themselves as from the holy city, and rest themselves upon the God of Israel, the Lord* of hosts is his name.

3 The former things, I foretold from long before, yes, they came forth from my mouth, and I declared them. Suddenly, I acted, and they came to pass.

4 I knew that you were stubborn, and your neck was a sinew of iron, and your brow was brass.

5 I announced it to you from long ago, before it came to pass, I declared it to you, lest you would say, my idol performed them, or my image or my molten god ordained them.

6 You have heard, Behold, all of it, but will you not announce it? I declare to you new things from now on and secret things, yet you do not understand them.

7 At last, they have taken shape, and not long ago, for before today you had not heard of them, lest you might say, See, I knew them.

8 Indeed, you have not listened, also you have not understood, also from times past it has not penetrated your ears, for I have known that you would surely act deceitfully, and be called rebellious from the womb.

9 For the sake of my name, I will postpone my anger, and for my praise, I will restrain it for you, so as not to destroy you.

10 Now I have refined you, but not as silver, I have tested you in a smelting pot of affliction.

11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I will do it, for how may it be profaned when I will not give my glory to another?

12 Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, you were called by me, I am he, I am the first, I am also the last.

13 Indeed my hand established the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens. I called to them, so that they would appear at the same time.

14 Gather together, all of you, and listen. Who among them has foretold these things? The Lord* loves him. He will perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his power will be against the Chaldeans.

15 I, even I, have spoken, indeed I have proclaimed him. I have brought him in, and his way brings prosperity.

16 Draw near unto me, hear this. From the beginning, I have not spoken in secret. From the time it came into being, I have been there, and now the Lord God*, and his Spirit, has sent me.

17 Thus says the Lord*, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. I am the Lord* your God who teaches you to gain profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

18 O, that you had paid attention to my commandments, then your peace had been like a river, and your righteousness like waves of the sea.

19 And then your seed had been like sand, and the offspring from within you like its grains. His name would not have been cut off, nor annihilated from my presence.

20 Come out from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans, in the sound of a ringing cry announce, proclaim this. Bring the word forth unto the ends of the earth. Say that the Lord* has redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 Yes, they were not thirsty as he brought them through dry lands. He caused water to flow from a rock for him. Yes, he cleaved the rock, and water gushed out.

22 There is no shalom, says the Lord*, for the wicked.

Chapter 49

Listen, O islands, to me, and pay attention, you people from far away. The Lord* has called me from the womb, from within my mother he has brought my name into remembrance.

2 And he has made my mouth as a sharp sword. In the shadow of his hand he has hidden me, and he has made me into a polished arrow. He has hidden me in his quiver.

3 And he has said to me, You are my servant, O Israel, by whom I will be glorified.

4 Although I have said, I have toiled for no worth, I have exhausted my strength for emptiness and vanity, in fact, my justice is with the Lord*, and my reward is with my God.

5 And now says the Lord*, who formed me from the womb for a servant to him, to restore Jacob unto him so that Israel could never be taken away, for I am glorified in the eyes of the Lord*, and my God has been my strength,

6 Now he said, It is a trivial thing that you are to be a servant to me, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the protected ones of Israel, for I have given you for a light to the nations to become my salvation to the ends of the earth.

7 Thus says the Lord*, the redeemer of Israel, is one who is thoroughly despised, regarded as an abomination by the nation, a servant of rulers. Kings will see him and rise up, princes will bow down to him, for the sake of the Lord*, the faithful one, the Holy One of Israel, and he has chosen you.

8 Thus says the Lord*, In the time of favor, I have answered you, and in the day of salvation, I have helped you, and I will protect you, and appoint you for a covenant of people to build up the land, to give as a possession the deserted inheritances,

9 Saying to those who are imprisoned, Go free, and to those in darkness,
Reveal yourselves. They will feed along the way, and in all their heights will
be their pastures.

10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, and the burning heat and the sun will
not beat down on them, because he who has mercy upon them will guide
them, and will lead them to springs of water,

11 And I will transform all my mountains into roads, and my highways will
be raised up.

12 Now these people are coming from far away, and now look at these
people from the north, and from seaward, even those from the land of the
Chinese.

13 Give a ringing cry, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth. The mountains are
bursting forth with a joyous shout, for the Lord* comforts his people, and he
will have mercy on his afflicted ones,

14 But Zion said, The Lord* has left me, yes, the Lord has forgotten me.

15 Will a woman forget her sucking child, beyond compassion for the child
of the womb? Even if all these should forget, yet I will not forget you.

16 Now upon both palms I have inscribed you. Your walls are in front of me
continually.

17 Your children come quickly, your destroyers, and those who made you
desolate, will depart from you.

18 Lift up your eyes round about and see. All of them are gathered together,
they come to you. As I live, declares the Lord*, surely you will be clothed
with all of them as ornaments, and you will bind them on as a bride.

19 Because of your ruins, and your desolate places, and your destroyed land,
surely now you will be cramped with inhabitants, but those who have
engulfed you will keep at a distance,

20 Until the children of your bereavement say, The place is too cramped for
me, move away for me, that I may dwell,

21 And you will say in your heart, Who has borne these to me, for I was
bereaved and barren, an exile and turned aside, but who has brought up
these? Look, I was left by myself. Where are these from?

22 Thus says the Lord God*, Now I will lift up my hand unto the nations,
and set up my standard unto the peoples, and they will bring in your sons in
the arms, and your daughters will be carried upon the shoulder,

23 And kings will be your guardians, and their queens will be your nurses.
They will bow down to you with nose to the earth, and they will lick up the
dust from your feet. Yes, you will know that I am the Lord*, for whoever
waits for me will not be ashamed.

24 Will the prey be taken away from the strong man, although the captive of the righteous man may escape?

25 For thus says the Lord*, Even the captive of the strong man will be taken away, and the prey of the terrorist will escape, but he who contends with you, I myself will contend with, and I myself will save your children,

26 And I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and, as sweet wine, they will become drunk on their own blood, then all flesh will know that I am the Lord*, your savior, and your redeemer, the strong one of Jacob.

Chapter 50

Thus says the Lord*, Where is the writ of divorcement of your mother, whom I have sent away, or which one of my creditors have I sold you to? Behold, you have been sold by your wrongdoing, and your mother has been sent away by your transgressions.

2 Why have I come in and there was no one, have I called and there was no one who answered? Is my hand indeed powerless for a ransom, and is there no strength in me to bring deliverance? Behold, when I have rebuked it, I dry up the sea, and I replace rivers with a wilderness. Their fish stink, for there is no water, and they die of thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens in darkness, and make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord God* has given to me the language of the disciples, for the knowledge to edify the weary with a word. He stirs me up morning by morning, he stirs up for me an ear to listen like the disciples.

5 The Lord God* has opened up an ear for me, and I have not been disobedient, nor have I turned back.

6 I have given my back to those who would strike it, and my cheeks to those who would pluck them bare. I have not kept my face hidden from insults and spittle.

7 And the Lord God* will give help to me, therefore I am not dishonored, therefore I have set my face as flint, and I know that I need not be ashamed.

8 He who declares me righteous is nearby. Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him approach unto me.

9 Now the Lord God* will give help to me, who is he that will condemn me? Even now all of them are becoming worn out like a garment. A moth will consume them.

10 Who among you fears the Lord*, listening to the voice of his servant? He who walks in darkness, and there is no brightness to him, let him trust in the name of the Lord*, and let him lean on his God.

11 Now all of you who kindle fire, who sustain the sparks, walk in the flame of your fire, and in the sparks you ignited. From my hand this comes to you, in a place of pain you will lodge.

Chapter 51

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord*. Look to the rock you were hewn out of, and to the hole of the pit you were dug from.

2 Look to Abraham, your father, and Sarah, who bore you, for he is the one I have called, and I have blessed him, and multiplied him.

3 For the Lord* comforts Zion. He takes pity on all her ruins, and makes her wilderness like Eden, and her steppe like the garden of the Lord*. Exultation and joy will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

4 Pay attention to me, my people, and listen to me, my public. For the Torah will go forth from me, and I will bring my justice to rest upon the people for light.

5 My righteousness is near, my salvation comes forth, and my arms will govern peoples. The islands will look eagerly to me, and wait for my arm.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth below. For the heavens, like smoke, will be dissipated, and the earth, like a garment, will become worn out, and those who dwell in it will die, but my salvation is forever, and my righteousness will not be abolished.

7 Listen to me, you who understand righteousness, a people with my Torah in their hearts. Do not fear the reproach of men, nor by their reviling words be dismayed.

8 For, like a garment, the waster will devour them, yes, like wool, the moth will devour them, but my righteousness will be eternal, and my salvation to each generation of generations.

9 Wake up, wake up! Put on strength, O arm of the Lord*. Wake up, as in ancient times, generations long ago. Are you not the one who hewed Rahab in pieces, who pierced the sea-monster.

10 Are you not the one who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep who made in the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over?

11 And so the ransomed of the Lord* will return, and enter into Zion with a ringing cry, and everlasting joy upon their heads. They will attain exultation and joy. Sorrow and groaning will slip away.

12 I, yes I am the one who comforts you. Who are you that you should fear one from mankind, who will die, or from a son of man, who will be given to the grass.

13 Yet you have forgotten the Lord* who made you, who spread out the heavens and who founded the earth. You also have been in great dread continually every day from the presence of the rage of the oppressor while he is poised to destroy, but where is the rage of the oppressor?

14 The slave is soon to be freed, and he will not die in the pit, nor be lacking in his food.

15 For I am the Lord* your God, who disturbs the sea and its waves roar. The Lord* of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in your mouth, and in the shadow of my hand I have covered you, spreading out the heavens, and founding the earth, and saying to Zion, You are my people.

17 Wake up, wake up, arise O Jerusalem! You who have drunk out of the hand of the Lord* the cup of his wrath. You drank the goblet of the cup of reeling. You drained out the last drop!

18 There is no one who will be a guide for her from all the children she has borne, and no one who will take hold of her hand among all the children she has brought up.

19 Both of these have befallen you. Who will lament you? The devastation and then the shattering, yes the famine and the sword.

20 Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of every street, like an antelope in a snare. They are full of the wrath of the Lord*, the rebuke of your God.

21 Therefore, please listen to this, you who are afflicted, and who has become drunk, but not from wine.

22 Thus says your Lord, the Lord* and your God who will plead the cause of his people. Now I have taken from your hand the cup of reeling, the goblet of the cup of my wrath. You will drink it no longer.

23 But I will put it in the hand of those who caused you to suffer, who said to you, Lay prostrate and let us pass over you, and you set your back as the ground, and as a street for those who would cross over.

Chapter 52

Wake up, wake up, put on your strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for the uncircumcised and the unclean will enter into you no longer.

2 Shake yourself free from the dust. Arise, you captives of Jerusalem. Open up the bonds around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus says the Lord*, You sold yourselves for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.

4 For thus says the Lord God*, My people went down to Egypt at first to sojourn there, and in the end Assyria oppressed them.

5 So now what is here for me, declares the Lord*, for my people have been taken for nothing. Those who rule over them boast, declares the Lord*, and continually, every day, my name is blasphemed.

6 Therefore, my people will know my name, yes, on that day that I am he, the one who is saying, Here am I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the herald who proclaims shalom, the good herald who proclaims salvation, saying to Zion, Your God rules.

8 The sound is of your watchmen that lift up a voice in unison. They are shouting for joy. For eye-to-eye they will see when the Lord* returns to Zion.

9 Burst forth, cry out joyfully together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord* has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The Lord* lays bare his holy arm to the eyes of all the nations, and all ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart! Depart! Come out from there. Do not touch an unclean thing. Come out from her midst. Purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord*.

12 For you need not come out in trepidation, and in flight you should not go, for he who goes in front of you is the Lord*, and your rear guard is the God of Israel.

13 Now my servant will prosper. He will be raised and lifted up, and be highly exalted.

14 In like manner that many were appalled at you, so the disfigurement in his appearance was more than any man, and in his form more than the sons of mankind.

15 Thus will he cause many nations to tremble. Kings will shut their mouths because of him. For that which was not reported to them, they see, and that which they did not hear, they comprehend.

Chapter 53

Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord* been revealed?

2 For he has grown like a sapling before him, and like a root away from dry land. He has no form or majesty. Indeed, we may look at him, but the appearance is not such that we would desire him.

3 He was despised and forsaken by men, a man of much anguish, and was acquainted with infirmity, and like one from whom faces are hidden, he was despised and we did not consider him.

4 Truly he carried our infirmities, and bore our pain, yet we considered him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted,

5 And he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our wrongdoing. The chastisement for our shalom was upon him, and by his stripes there is healing for us.

6 All of us, like sheep, have wandered off. We have, each one, turned to his own path, and the Lord* has laid the iniquity of all of us upon him.

7 He was treated harshly, and afflicted, but would not open his mouth. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and, like a ewe in front of her shearers, was speechless, yes he would not open his mouth.

8 Due to coercion and judgment he was taken off, and who will consider his generation? For he was cut off from the land of the living, an affliction to him because of the transgression of my people.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, although he did no wrong, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet the Lord* has desired his crushing, the wounding. Though you would make a trespass offering of his life, he will prolong his days, and the desire of the Lord* is that he will prosper by his hand.

11 Out of the trouble of his life, he will see light, he will be satisfied. Through his understanding, the righteous one, my servant, will bring righteousness to many, for he himself will bear their wrongdoing.

12 Therefore I will give a portion to him among many things, and he will give numerous ones a share of the spoil, in return for his life that he poured out unto death, for he was accounted with the transgressors, and he bore the sins of many, yes, for the transgressors he would intercede.

Chapter 54

Give a ringing cry, O barren woman, you who has not given birth. Burst forth with joyous shout, and cry shrilly, you that have not travailed with childbirth, for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the Lord*.

2 Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them spread out the curtains of your tabernacles. Do not refrain. Make your cords long, and your pegs strong.

3 For you will increase on the right hand and on the left hand, and your offspring will inherit nations, and they will cause deserted cities to be inhabited.

4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed, and do not be humiliated, for you will not bring shame, for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will no longer remember.

5 For your husband is the one who made you, the Lord* of hosts is his name, and your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. He will be acclaimed God of all the earth.

6 The Lord* has called you as a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, and as a wife from youth who would be rejected, says your God.

7 For a short moment I have left you, but in great compassion I will gather you.

8 In a flood of wrath I kept my face hidden from you, a moment, but in my unending kindness, I have given you mercy, says your redeemer, the Lord*.

9 For, to me, this is like the waters of Noah, in that I have sworn against flooding the waters of Noah ever again upon the earth, I have sworn against raging upon you, or rebuking you.

10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills may slip away, but my kindness will not depart from you, and my covenant of shalom will not slip away, says your compassionate one, the Lord*.

11 O afflicted one, you who are storm-tossed, not consoled, behold, I lay down your stones of antimony hue, and I will build your foundation in sapphires.

12 And I will set your pinnacles in ruby, and your gates in stones of fiery glow, and all of your boundary walls in delightful stones.

13 And all your children will be taught of the Lord*, and great will be the shalom of your children.

14 Keep distant from oppression, so that you need not fear it, and from terror, so that it does not approach you.

15 There will surely be stirring up of strife, but not from me. Who is stirring up strife with you? Let him fall prostrate on your account.

16 Look, I have created the worker in metal, who blows on a coal in the fire, and who forms a weapon for his business, indeed, I have created the destroyer to bring ruin.

17 Any weapon formed against you will not succeed, and every tongue that rises against you in judgment, you will condemn. This is the inheritance of servants of the Lord*, and their righteousness comes from me, declares the Lord*.

Chapter 55

Hey, all you thirsty ones, go to the waters, even you who have no money!
Go, buy grain and eat without money, and wine and milk, but not for a price.

2 Why do you weigh out silver for that which is not bread, and your produce for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat that which is good, then your soul will take great delight in the abundance.

3 Extend your ear and come to me. Listen, and your soul will live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, kindnesses to David made sure.

4 Behold, I have made him a witness to the people, a leader and commander of the people.

5 Soon you will summon a nation that you do not know, and nations that do not know you will run to you, on account of the Lord* your God, and the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek out the Lord* while he can be found. Call upon him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked depart from his path, and a man of iniquity from his devices, let him turn to the Lord*, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly forgive.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways, declares the Lord*.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain and snow descend from the heavens, and do not return back there, but saturates the earth instead, and causes it to produce, and causes it to sprout up, so that it gives seed to the sower, and bread for the one who would eat it.

11 So will my word come to pass that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me without effect. For as it performs that which I have desired, then it will bring to success that for which I sent it.

12 For in joy you will go forth, and in shalom you will be led along. The mountains and hills will burst forth before you with a joyous shout, and all the trees of the field will clap hands.

13 Instead of the thorn bush, a cypress will grow, instead of the desert plant, a myrtle will grow, and it will be to the Lord* for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

Chapter 56

Thus says the Lord*, Maintain justice and act in righteousness, for soon is my salvation to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who will do this, and the son of man who will take hold of it, who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and keeps his hand from all evil deeds,

3 And do not let a foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord* say, The Lord* will surely separate me from his people, and do not let the eunuch say, Here I am, a tree that is dried up.

4 For thus says the Lord*, to the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, and have chosen that in which I have desired, and who have taken hold of my covenant.

5 I will also give a monument and a name to them in my house and within my walls, better than sons and daughters. I will give to him an everlasting name that will not be cut off.

6 And the foreigners who have joined themselves to the Lord*, to minister to him, and to love the name of the Lord*, to be to him as servants who keep the Sabbath without profaning it, and who take hold of my covenant,

7 I will bring them also to my holy mountain, and bring them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable upon my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

8 The Lord God*, who gathers together exiles to Israel, declares, I will gather together still more than those that have been gathered to him.

9 All you beasts of the field, come to eat, all you beasts of the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind, none of them understand. All of them are dumb dogs that are not able to bark, dreamers who lie down, who love to slumber.

11 But the dogs fierce of appetite will not know satisfaction, and these shepherds cannot know discernment. All of them have turned to their own way, each one to unjust gain by violence from all sides.

12 Come, I will get wine, and let us imbibe strong drink, and tomorrow will be as today, very great in abundance.

Chapter 57

The righteous one perishes, but there is no one who has placed it upon the heart, yes, men of kindness are those taken away for lack of understanding, for the righteous are taken away from the face of evil.

2 He will enter into shalom. They all will rest in their burial places, those who walk in integrity.

3 But you, approach now, you sons of a sorceress, you offspring of an adulterous woman, and a prostitute.

4 Over whom will you make sport, against whom will you open wide the mouth, stick out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, an offspring of falsehood?

5 You who comfort yourselves with Baals under every flourishing tree, and slaughter the children in the streams, beneath the clefts of the cliffs.

6 Among the smooth stones of a brook is your portion. They, they are your lot. Even to them you have poured out a drink offering, you have offered up a grain offering. Upon these things will I be consoled?

7 On a mountain high and lifted up you have placed your bed. Even there you went up to slaughter a sacrifice.

8 And behind the door and the doorpost, you placed your phallic symbol. For away from me, you exposed yourself, and you climbed up, for you made your bed wide, and made a covenant with them. You made love in their bed, when you saw the symbol.

9 You also journeyed to Molech with oil, and made great your perfumeries, and sent your messengers to a place far away, you even lowered yourself into Sheol.

10 In the length of your journey, you grew weary, yet you did not cry Despair! You found renewal of your strength, therefore you do not feel weak.

11 And who did you dread or did you fear, that you lied, and you have not kept me in remembrance, nor placed this upon your heart? Is it not that I have kept silent, and for a long time, and so you do not fear me?

12 I alone may declare your righteousness, but your works, no, they will not avail you.

13 When you cry out, let your heaps of idols deliver you, yet the wind will carry off every one of them, a breath will take them away, but he who seeks refuge in me will take the land as a possession, and inherit my holy mountain,

14 And say, Lift it up, lift it up! Make the way clear! Raise up the stumbling block out of the way of my people!

15 For thus says the one who is high and lifted up, who abides forever, and holy is his name, I will abide in a high and holy place, but with the contrite and lowly in spirit, to renew the spirit of the lowly, and to renew the heart of the contrite.

16 For I will not contend forever, nor will I be angry into perpetuity, for the spirit would faint before me, yes, those that take breath whom I have made.

17 I was angry with the iniquity of his unjust gain, so I chastised him, then hiding, for I was angry, yet he went on as an apostate in the way of his heart.

18 His ways have I observed, but I will heal him, and I will guide him, and restore comfort to him, and to his mourners.

19 Who brings forth this fruit from the lips, Shalom, shalom to those far away, and those nearby, says the Lord*, For I will heal him.

20 But the wicked are like the sea that is tossed, so that it cannot remain calm, and its waters cast up mire and mud.

21 There is no shalom, says my God, for the wicked.

Chapter 58

Cry out from the throat, do not hold back. Lift up your voice as the shofar, and declare to my people their transgressions, and to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yes, they seek me day by day and desire knowledge of my ways, like a nation that performed righteousness and did not abandon the justice of its God. They inquire of my righteous judgments. They desire to approach God.

3 Why have we fasted and you do not see, afflicted ourselves and you do not know? Look, in the day of your fasting you find pleasure, but you drive all your workers hard.

4 Now you are fasting for strife and contention, and to strike with a wicked fist. You must not fast as you do today, to make your voice heard on high.

5 Is it a fast like this that I should choose, a day for a man to afflict his soul, to bend down his head like a rush, and spread out a sackcloth and ashes? Is it for this that you call a fast, even an acceptable day to the Lord*?

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen, to loosen the bond of wickedness, to unfasten the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you should pull off every yoke.

7 Is it not to break your bread for the hungry, and that you would let the wandering poor into the house, that you would see the naked and clothe them, and not hide yourself from your own relatives.

8 Then your light will break through as the dawn, and your restoration will spring up quickly, also your righteousness will go forth in front of you. The glory of the Lord* will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call out, and the Lord* will answer. You will cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you will remove the yoke from your midst, pointing the finger, and speaking wickedness,

10 And let your living provide for the hungry, and you would bring satisfaction to the afflicted soul, then your light would rise up in the darkness, and your darkness will be as noon,

11 And the Lord* will guide you continually, and he will satisfy your soul in the scorched regions. He will also brace up your bones, and you will be like a watered garden, and like a water source whose waters do not fail,

12 And from among you they will build up ruins from long ago. You will raise up foundations from generation to generation, and you will be called masons of the breach, who repair paths to the dwelling place.

13 If you will draw back your foot from the Sabbath, doing your own pleasure on my holy day, and you will call the Sabbath an exquisite delight, to the Holy One, the Lord*, who should be honored, and will glorify him, apart from doing your own ways, or finding your own pleasure, or conversation.

14 Then you will delight yourself in the Lord*, and I will cause you to ride upon the heights of the earth, and feed you the inheritance of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord* has spoken.

Chapter 59

Now the hand of the Lord* is not too short to save, and his ear is not too heavy to listen,

2 But your iniquities have been divisions between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, apart from hearing.

3 For your palms are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood, and your tongue utters injustice.

4 There is no one calling for righteousness, and no one pleading for truth. There is trusting in vanity and speaking empty words, conceiving trouble and bringing forth iniquity.

5 They will hatch the eggs of a snake, and weave the threads of a spider. Those who eat of their eggs will die, and of those that are pressed under foot, a viper will be hatched out.

6 Their webs will not be for clothing, for they should not cover themselves in their deeds. Their deeds are deeds of iniquity, yes, the work of violence in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they hasten to pour out innocent blood. Their plans are plans of iniquity, devastation and shattering are along their highways.

8 They do not know the way of shalom, and there is no justice in their course of action. They have twisted their own paths in life, no one who travels along it, knows shalom.

9 Therefore justice is far away from us, and righteousness cannot reach us. We wait eagerly for the light, but, look, darkness; for brightness, yet we walk in gloom.

10 Let us feel the wall with the hand as the blind, and since we have no eyes, let us grope about. We have stumbled at noon like it was twilight, among the stout, like those who are dead.

11 We growl like bears, all of us, and we sigh deeply, like doves. We look eagerly for justice, but there is none, for a salvation that is far away from us.

12 For our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us, for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities,

13 Transgressing and acting deceptively against the Lord* and turning ourselves away from our God, speaking oppression and apostasy, conceiving and uttering false words from the heart.

14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness must stand at a distance. For truth has staggered in the open forum, and honesty is not able to enter.

15 Yes, the truth has been lacking, and he who turns away from evil is the one who is plundered. But the Lord* saw this, and it was displeasing to his eyes, for there was no justice.

16 And he saw that there was no man, yes, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene, so his arm delivered him, and his righteousness supported him.

17 And he put on righteousness as the breastplate, and the helmet of salvation upon his head, and he put on garments of vengeance as clothing, and he wrapped himself with ardor as a robe.

18 According to what is due, he will repay them accordingly, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies. He will repay the islands what is due.

19 Then they will fear the name of the Lord* from the place of sunset, and his glory from the place of sunrise, for it will enter in like a narrow river, the breath of the Lord* drives it along.

20 Yes, the redeemer will enter into Zion, but to those among Jacob who turn away from transgression, declares the Lord*.

21 And I, the Lord* says, This is my covenant with them, my Spirit that is upon you, and the words that I place in your mouth, they will not depart from your mouth, or the mouth of your offspring, or from the mouth of the offspring of your offspring, says the Lord*, from now unto eternity.

Chapter 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come in, and the glory of the Lord* has risen upon you.

2 For now the darkness must cover the earth, and a heavy cloud over the people, but the Lord* will rise upon you, and his glory will appear upon you,

3 And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

4 Lift up your eyes all around and see. All of them are gathered together, they come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters will be carried by a nurse on the hip.

5 Then you will see, and you will beam, and your heart will be in awe and extend out, for the abundance of the sea will turn toward you. The wealth of the nations will come to you.

6 An abundance of camels will cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah. All from Sheba will come, they will carry in gold and frankincense, and herald the good news in songs praising the Lord*.

7 All the sheep of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of the Nebaioth will serve you. They will ascend up with favor upon my altar, and I will make my glorious house beautiful.

8 Who are these that fly like a cloud mass, and like doves into their lattices?

9 For the islands will be collected for me, and the ships of Tarshish in front, to bring in your sons from far away, their silver and gold with them, to the name of the Lord* your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you,

10 And foreigners will build your walls, and their kings will serve you, for in my wrath I have chastised you, but in my favor I have given mercy to you.

11 So your gates will be open continually, and they will not be shut day or night, to bring in to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led in procession.

12 For the nation or the kingdom that will not serve you will perish, yes, those nations will surely be destroyed.

13 The beauty of Lebanon will come in upon you, the fir, elm, and box tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, for I will glorify the place of my feet.

14 And the sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing down to you, and all those who spurned you will prostrate themselves at the soles of your feet, and call you the city of the Lord*, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Instead of your being hated and abandoned, and no one passing through, now I will establish you as an everlasting excellency, a joy from generation to generation.

16 Then you will suck the milk of nations, and at the breast of monarchs you will nurse, then you will know that I am the Lord*, your savior, and your redeemer, the strong one of Jacob.

17 In place of bronze, I will bring in gold, and in place of iron, I will bring in silver, and in place of wood, bronze, and in place of stones, iron. I will even make shalom your magistrates, and righteousness your rulers.

18 Violence will never again be heard in your land, nor devastation and destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

19 You will no longer have the sun for light by day, nor will the moon give light to you for brightness, but you will have the Lord* for your light forever, and your God for your glory.

20 Your sun will not set anymore, nor will your moon withdraw itself, because you will forever have the Lord* for light, and the days of your mourning will be over.

21 Then your people, all of them, will be righteous, forever they will inherit the earth, the sprout of my plantation, the work of my hands to glorify myself.

22 The small one will become a thousand, and the little one a mighty nation. I, the Lord*, will hasten it in the proper time.

Chapter 61

The Spirit of the Lord God* is upon me. He has anointed me to herald the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to open the eyes of those in bondage,
2 To proclaim the year of acceptance to the Lord*, and the day of vengeance for our God, to console all who mourn.

3 Appointing for the mourners of Zion to give them glory instead of ashes, oil of rejoicing instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, and who proclaims them lofty trees of righteousness, a plantation of the Lord* to glorify himself.

4 And they will rebuild old ruins. They will raise up formerly deserted places, and they will renew ruined cities that have been deserted from generation to generation.

5 And strangers will appear, and will pasture your sheep, and foreigners will be your plowmen and vineyard keepers.

6 And you will be called priests of the Lord*, it will be said that you are ministers of our God. You will consume the wealth of nations, and you will boast in their glory.

7 In place of shame, will come a double inheritance, and of insult, a joyous shout they will give for their territory, and so they will possess a double inheritance in their land, and they will have everlasting joy.

8 For I am the Lord*, who loves justice, who hates plunder taken in injustice, so I will faithfully give their repayment, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their descendants will be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the people. All those who see them will recognize them, for they are the descendants who are blessed of the Lord*.

10 I must surely show joy in the Lord*. My soul will rejoice in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, and he has covered me in a robe of righteousness, like a bridegroom who acts priestly in a turban, and like a bride who adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the ground will bring forth sprouting, and as a garden will cause its seeds to grow, so the Lord God* will bring about the growth of righteousness and praise before all the nations.

Chapter 62

For the sake of Zion, I will not be silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness bursts forth as brightness, and her deliverance burns like a torch,

2 And the nations see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, who will also call you a new name, that the mouth of the Lord* will designate.

3 Yes, you will be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord*, and a royal turban in the palm of your God.

4 It will no longer be said about you, Abandoned, and it will no longer be said about your land, Deserted, for you will be called Hephzibah [my delight is in her], and your land, Beulah [married], for the delight of the Lord* is in you, and your land that you will be married in.

5 As a young man will marry a virgin, your restorer will marry you, and, rejoicing as a bridegroom over a bride, your God will rejoice over you.

6 Upon your walls, O Jerusalem. I have appointed watchmen. All the day and all the night, they will never be silent. You who keep the Lord* in remembrance, do not be quiet.

7 Do not give even a pause to him, until he establishes and makes Jerusalem the praise of the earth.

8 The Lord* has sworn by his right hand and his strong arm, Surely I will no longer give your corn to your enemies for food, nor will foreigners drink up the new wine that you have toiled for.

9 For those who gather it will eat it, and those who collect it will drink it within my holy courts.

10 Pass through, pass through the gates! Clear the way of the people! Lift up, lift up the highway, free it from stones! Raise up a banner above the peoples!

11 Now the Lord* declares to the ends of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, Here comes your salvation! Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense is before him,

12 And they will call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord*, and you will be called, Sought after, a city not deserted.

Chapter 63

Who is this coming from Edom, whose garments are red, from Bozrah? This one, adorned in his attire, marching forward in the abundance of his strength? It is I, who speaks in righteousness to bring salvation to many.

2 Why are you red in your attire, and your garments like one who is treading in a winepress?

3 I tread the winepress alone, and from the peoples there is no one with me, yet I must tread them down in my anger, and trample them in my wrath, and their blood is spattering upon my garments, and I am staining all my attire.

4 For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come.

5 Yet I look around, and there is no helper. Yes, I should be appalled that there is no one who provides support, but my arm gives me victory, and my wrath, it supports me.

6 So I will tread down peoples in my anger, shatter them in my wrath, and send down their blood to the ground.

7 The kindness of the Lord*, I will bring to remembrance, the praises of the Lord*, as concerning all that the Lord* has bestowed upon them, according to his mercies and the abundance of his kindness.

8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that would not deceive, and he was a savior to them.

9 In all their distress, he was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and his compassion, he redeemed them, and lifted them up, and carried them every day for a long time,

10 But they were rebellious, and vexed his Holy Spirit, so he turned against them for an enemy, and he waged war against them,

11 And he remembered the days of long ago, of Moses and his people saying, Where is he who brought them up from the sea, with the one who tended his flock. Where is the one who placed his Holy Spirit close to him?

12 Who led at the right hand of Moses, by his glorious arm? Who divided the waters in front of them to make a name for himself forever?

13 Who led them through the deep, like a horse in the wilderness, so that they would not stumble?

14 As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord* will give rest to it, so have you guided your people to make a glorious name for yourself.

15 Look down from the heavens and see, from the high abode of your holiness and your glory. Where is your zeal and your strength? Let the abundance of your sympathy and compassion be unrestrained.

16 Surely you are our father, although Abraham may not know us, and Israel may not recognize us. You, the Lord*, are our father. Our Redeemer for all time is your name.

17 Why would you cause us to stray from your paths, that you would harden our hearts from the fear of you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

18 Your holy people have possessed it for only a little while. Our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary.

19 We came into being long ago. You have not ruled over them. Your name has not been bestowed upon them.

Chapter 64

O when you tear open the heavens and descend, the mountains shake in your presence,

2 As fire kindles brushwood, causes water to boil, so to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations would quake in your presence.

3 While you performed wonderful works that we did not expect, you came down. The mountains shook in your presence,

4 And from long ago, no one has heard or perceived with the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides you, who provides for those longing for him.

5 You have greeted the joyful one, and those who do what is right, who keep you in mind as to your ways. Now you have been angry, for we have always sinned in them, yet we should be free.

6 Yes, we are as the unclean, all of us, and all of our righteousness is like a garment with stains. Yes, all of us have faded like a leaf, and our iniquities like wind, have carried us away.

7 And there is no one who is calling on your name, who stirs himself up to take strength in you. For you have hid your presence from us, and you have caused us to melt under the severity of our iniquities.

8 But after all, O Lord*, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter, and all of us are the work of your hand.

9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord*, and do not continue to remember our iniquity. Now please look upon your people, all of us.

10 Your holy cities are a desert. Zion is a desert. Jerusalem is a devastation.

11 Our holy and glorious house that our fathers gave you praise in, is for burning by fire, and everything we desire is for destruction.

12 Because of these events, will you restrain yourself, O Lord*? Will you be silent, or will you afflict us even more?

Chapter 65

I was sought after by those who had not asked, I was found by those who had not desired me. I said, Here I am, here I am, to a nation not calling on my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day long to a people who are rebellious, those who walk down the road of no good, after their own devices.

3 The people who provoke me to anger continually in my presence, those who sacrifice in groves, and who send up offerings in smoke upon bricks.

4 Those who dwell in burial sites, and lodge in secret places, those who eat swine flesh, and fragments of unclean flesh are in their vessels,
5 Those who say, Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am set apart from you. These are the smoke in my nostrils, a fire that is kindled all day.
6 Now the writing is in front of me. I will not keep silent, for when I repay it, I repay it into their bosom,
7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers at the same time, says the Lord*, who have sent up smoke on the mountains, and have taunted me on the hills. Yes, I will mete out their former works into their bosom.
8 Thus says the Lord*, For as the new wine may be found in a cluster of grapes, and someone says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it, thus will I do for the sake of my servants, I will not destroy them all.
9 For I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah those who will inherit my mountains, yes, my chosen ones will inherit it, and my servants will dwell there,
10 And Sharon will become an abode of sheep, and the valley of Achor for cattle to lie down, for my people who seek after me.
11 But you who have abandoned the Lord*, those who have forgotten my holy mountain, and those who arrange a table for Gad, and those who pour out mixed drink for Meni,
12 Even so do I appoint you to the sword, and all of you will fall down to the slaughter, because I called you and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not listen, and you did evil in my sight, and chose that which I did not desire.
13 Therefore, thus says the Lord God*, now my servants will eat, but you will be famished, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty, my servants will be joyful, but you will be ashamed.
14 Now my servants will give a joyous shout from a good heart, but you will cry out from a distressed heart, and you will wail from a broken spirit.
15 And you will leave your name for a curse to my elect, for the Lord God* will put you to death, and he will call his servants by another name.
16 Whoever blesses himself in the land, will bless himself by the God of truth, and he who takes an oath in the land, will take an oath by the God of truth, For the former troubles are forgotten, and are hidden from my eyes.
17 For behold, I will be creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former ones will not be remembered; they will not even come to mind.
18 So then, be joyful and rejoice continually over what I will create, for behold, I will create Jerusalem as a joyous place, and her people an exultation.
19 Yes, I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and take joy in my people, and there will no longer be heard in her the sound of weeping, nor the sound of crying out.

20 For a young child will not be there only for days, nor an old man who is not filled with his days, for young is the one who dies a hundred years old, yet the sinner, being a hundred years old, will be cursed.

21 They will build houses and dwell in them, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They will not build, and another dwell in it, and they will not plant, and another eat it, for the days of my people will be as the days of a tree, and my elect will fully use the work of their hands.

23 They will not toil in vain, nor bear children for sudden death, for this progeny is blessed of the Lord*, so their offspring will be with them.

24 Even before they call, I will answer. While they are still speaking, then will I hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb will feed as one, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and the serpent will have dry earth for his food, and they will not cause harm nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord*.

Chapter 66

Thus says the Lord*, The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where, then, is the house that you are building for me, and where is the place for me to rest?

2 All of these things my hand has made, and all these have come to pass, declares the Lord, yet I will show regard to this one: to the afflicted, and the contrite in spirit, and the one who trembles at my word.

3 The one who slaughters a bull is like the one who slays a man; one who sacrifices sheep is like one who break's a dog's neck; one who offers up a grain sacrifice, it is like the blood of swine; one who makes a memorial sacrifice of frankincense, is like one who blesses an idol. Indeed, they have chosen their paths, for there soul delights in their detestable things.

4 So I will also make a choice because of their wanton nature, and I will bring it to them in their terror, because I called, and no one answered; I spoke, and they did not listen. Instead, they did evil in my sight, and they chose that which I did not desire.

5 Hear the word of the Lord*, you who tremble at his word! Your brothers who have hated you, who have excluded you for the sake of my name, have said, Let the Lord* be glorified, but they will see your joy, and they will be ashamed.

6 The sound of an uproar from the city, a voice from the temple, the voice of the Lord*, who repays his enemies in full.

7 Before she would have travailed, she has given birth, before pain would have come to her, she has brought forth a male child.

8 Who has heard of something like this? Who has seen anything like these events? Was the earth born in one day? Will a nation be conceived at once? For as she became sick with anguish, Zion has indeed given birth to her children.

9 Would I bring to the breach, and not give birth? If it is I who is causing the birth, would I then restrain it, says your God.

10 Be glad along with Jerusalem, and rejoice in her, all you who love her. Rejoice with her in exultation, all you who have mourned over her,

11 So that you may suck and be satisfied from her comforting breasts, that you may drain out the last drop, and take exquisite delight from the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus says the Lord*, Here am I, who will spread out upon her like a river of shalom, and flood glory on the nations, and you will nurse on it. You will be carried on the hip, and upon the knees you will be bounced.

13 As one whose mother comforts him, so will I comfort you, and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 Then you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will flourish like grass. Then the hand of the Lord* will be known among his servants, but he will be indignant with his enemies.

15 For soon the Lord* will enter with fire, and from his chariots like a storm-wind, to make recompense in the wrath of his anger, for his rebuke will be with flames of fire.

16 For the Lord* will judge by fire, and his sword will be among all flesh, and there will be many slain by the Lord*.

17 Those who have sanctified themselves and purified themselves by the groves, anyone in the midst of them, those who eat swine meat, or the detestable thing, even the mouse, will come to an end at the same time, declares the Lord*,

18 And because of their deeds and devices, I am coming to assemble all the nations and the languages, and they will come and see my glory.

19 Then I will place a mark on them, and send those who escape from them into the nations: Tarshish, Pul and Lud, who draw the bow; Tubal and Javan; the distant islands that have not heard what is reported about me, nor have seen my glory, but they will proclaim my glory to the nations.

20 Then they will bring in all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord* on horses, in chariots and covered wagons, and on mules and dromedaries up to my holy mountain of Jerusalem, says the

Lord*, as the children of Israel bring in the grain offering in a cleansed vessel into the house of the Lord*,

21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites, says the Lord*.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make will continue on in my presence, declares the Lord*, so will your offspring and your name continue on,

23 And from new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh will come to bow down in worship before me.

24 When they go out, they will look upon the corpses of those who rebelled against me, for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be extinguished, and they will be an object of abhorrence to all flesh.